

Synthesis of Novel 2,3-Disubstituted 1,4-Naphthoquinone Derivatives Containing Indole, Quinoline, Thiazole and Imidazole Moieties

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The present work describes one-pot multicomponent synthesis in which Michael addition-elimination reactions of the precursors 2-chloro-3-(2-arylhydrazinyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione, 2-amino-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]indole-3-carbonitrile and 2-amino-4-aryl-5,10-dioxo-5,10-dihydrobenzo[*g*]quinoline-3-carbonitrile with carbon disulphide, followed by intramolecular cyclization in the presence of pyridine or sulphuric acid or hydrazine have led to formation of the corresponding 3-arylamino-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-naphtho[2,3-*d*]thiazole-4,9-dione, 2-thioxo-2*H*-benzo[*f*]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]indole-5-10(3*H*,4*H*)-dione, 2-mercapto benzo[*f*]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]indole-5-10(1*H*,4*H*)-dione, 11-aryl-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[*g*]thiazolo [4,5-*b*]quinoline-5,10-dione and 1-amino-11-aryl-2-mercapto-1*H*-benzo[*g*]imidazo[4,5-*b*] quinoline-5,10-dione. The synthesized compounds have been identified and their structures are in confirmation with various spectroscopic techniques including IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectra.

Key Words: 2,3-Dichloro-1,4-naphthoquinone, Michael addition-elimination, Intramolecular cyclization.

INTRODUCTION

The chemistry of quinone annulated heterocycles is highly dependent on the substituents at the quinonic or the adjacent rings^{1,2}. Among various classes of heterocyclic quinones, naphthofluoroquinones have attracted extensive interest owing to their presence in natural products and their versatile pharmacological activities. In this regard, many naphthofluoroquinones are identified as natural products exhibiting a broad spectrum of biological activity³⁻⁶.

Furthermore, as a result of their redox properties, hetero-1,4-naphthoquinones have shown potent biological affinity towards viral⁷, molluscidal⁸, malarial⁹, leishmanial¹⁰, cancer¹¹, bacterial and fungal diseases^{12,13}.

Structure-activity relationship studies on heterocyclic quinonoid compounds revealed that ring number and the position of the nitrogen or sulfur atoms in the heterocyclic ring play important role in manipulating the physiological and biological activities¹⁴⁻¹⁶ of these compounds.

Thus, in order to study the effect of different heterocyclic (*e.g.* indole, quinoline, thiazole and thione) quinonoid on the antibacterial and antifungal activities, we have carried out the synthesis, reactions and biological applications of a series of 2,3-disubstituted-1,4-naphthoquinone derivatives *via* utilization of 2,3-dichloro-1,4-naphthoquinone substrate in presence of the strong nucleophiles.

EXPERIMENTAL

All synthetic procedures were undertaken *via* Schlenk technique with dried solvents. Most reagents were purchased from Across, Sigma Aldrich and Merck. All synthesized compounds gave satisfactory elemental analysis for C, H and N. Flash chromatography was carried out using a glass column with silica gel (particle size 0.035-0.07 mm, pore diameter *ca.* 6 nm). Solvent systems were determined *via* initial TLC analysis (Merck, silica gel 60F254).

Melting points were determined using an electrothermal's IA9000 series digital capillary melting point apparatus and used without correction. IR spectra were obtained, as KBr discs, a 1000-Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrophotometer. Spectroscopic data were recorded as follows: ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were acquired on a JEOL ECP-600 NMR in CDCl₃ (or DMSO-*d*₆) using TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are given in δ ppm. Mass spectra were collected using a direct inlet system (70 eV) with a VL detector (ES, 4000 V).

Synthesis of 2-chloro-3-(4-arylhydrazinyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione: A mixture of 2,3-dichloro-1,4-naphthoquinone **1** (0.4 g, 0.88 mmol) and aryl hydrazine **2a-d** (0.88 mmol) in ethanol (15 mL) was stirred in ice-bath for 1-4 h; the solid product was filtered off and washed with ethanol. Flash chromatography on silica gel using methanol/chloroform (1:4) as eluent gave 2-chloro-3-(2-arylhydrazinyl)-

63 naphthalene-1,4-dione (**3a-d**) as a solid crystals with different
64 colours as shown below.

65 **2-Chloro-3-(2-phenylhydrazinyl)naphthalene-1,4-**
66 **dione (3a):** Red needles, yield: (80 %); m.p. 191-193 °C; IR
67 (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3376 and 3213 (NH), 1659 and 1579 (C=O
68 of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm 3.65 (bs, 1H, NH),
69 7.33-7.46 (m, 3H, phenyl), 7.52-7.57 (m, 2H, Phenyl), 7.85-
70 8.06 (m, 2H, C5-H and C8-H), 8.13-8.18 (m, 2H, C6-H and
71 C7-H); 9.75 (bs, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR: 113.16, 113.84, 121.69,
72 122.65, 124.18, 125.95, 127.45, 128.53, 129.13, 137.9, 142.2,
73 156.2 (sp^2 carbons), 179.71 and 187.45 (C=O); Mass (M^+):
74 298.05; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$: C, 64.41; H, 3.69;
75 N, 9.39. Found (%): C, 64.18; H, 3.68; N, 9.27; Beilstein test¹⁷:
76 Cl positive.

77 **2-Chloro-3-[4-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinyl]naph-**
78 **thalene-1,4-dione (3b):** Yellow needles, yield: (65 %); m.p.
79 220-123 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3379 and 3214 (NH), 1658
80 and 1586 (C=O of quinone) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ
81 ppm 3.65 (bs, 1H, NH), 6.92-7.03 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl), 7.85-
82 8.06 (m, 2H, C5-H and C8-H), 8.12-8.17 (m, 2H, C6-H and
83 C7-H); 8.21-8.27 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl), 9.45 (bs, 1H, NH);
84 ^{13}C NMR: 113.16, 113.84, 121.69, 122.65, 124.18, 124.61,
85 125.95, 127.45, 128.53, 129.13, 137.7, 148.2, 156.2 (sp^2
86 carbons), 179.61 and 187.42 (C=O); mass (M^+): 343.81; anal.
87 calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Cl}$: C, 55.84; H, 2.90; N, 12.24.
88 Found (%): C, 55.53; H, 2.60; N, 12.07; Beilstein test¹⁷: Cl
89 positive.

90 **2-Chloro-3-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazinyl)naph-**
91 **thalene-1,4-dione (3c):** Yellow needles, yield: (75 %); m.p.
92 205-207 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3381 and 3223 (NH), 1657
93 and 1596 (C=O of quinone) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ
94 ppm 3.55 (bs, 1H, NH), 6.62-6.72 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.61-
95 7.67 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.85-7.06 (m, 2H, C5-H and C8-
96 H), 8.12-8.17 (m, 2H, C6-H and C7-H); 9.55 (bs, 1H, NH);
97 ^{13}C NMR: 113.16, 113.84, 121.69, 122.65, 124.18, 124.61,
98 125.95, 127.45, 128.53, 129.13, 136.8, 140.2, 156.2 (sp^2 car-
99 bons), 179.61 and 187.42 (C=O); mass (M^+): 333.41; anal.
100 calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_2$: C, 57.65; H, 3.00; N, 8.40. Found
101 (%): C, 57.23; H, 2.98; N, 8.07; Beilstein test¹⁷: Cl positive.

102 **2-Chloro-3-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazinyl)naph-**
103 **thalene-1,4-dione (3d):** Greenish yellow needles, yield: (80
104 %); m.p. 198-202 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3481 and 3323
105 (NH), 1658 and 1593 (C=O of quinone) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR
106 (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm 3.50 (bs, 1H, NH), 3.67 (s, 3H, OCH_3),
107 6.52-6.62 (m, 2H, methoxyphenyl), 6.91-7.07 (m, 2H,
108 methoxyphenyl), 7.85-8.06 (m, 2H, C5-H and C8-H), 8.12-
109 8.17 (m, 2H, C6-H and C7-H); 9.25 (bs, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR:
110 58 (CH_3), 113.16, 113.84, 118.53, 119.13, 121.69, 122.65,
111 124.18, 124.61, 125.95, 127.45, 134.8, 150.2, 156.2 (sp^2 car-
112 bons), 179.11 and 187.62 (C=O); Mass (M^+): 329.55; anal.
113 calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$: C, 61.90; H, 3.95; N, 8.49. Found
114 (%): C, 61.79; H, 3.78; N, 8.38; Beilstein test¹⁷: Cl positive.

115 **Synthesis of 3-arylamino-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-**
116 **naphtho[2,3-d]thiazole-4,9-dione:** A mixture of 2-chloro-3-
117 (4-arylhydrazinyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione **3a-d** (0.01 mol) and
118 carbon disulfide (0.05 mol) in pyridine (10 mL) was heated in
119 oil-bath for 12-16 h. After cooling, ethanol was added and the
120 precipitated solid was collected by filtration, purified *via* column
121 chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:4)

as eluent to give 3-arylamino-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-naphtho-
[2,3-d]thiazole-4,9-dione **4a-d** as yellow powders.

3-Phenylamino-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-naphtho[2,3-
d]thiazole-4,9-dione (4a): Yellow powder, yield: (60 %); m.p.
230-233 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3423 (NH), 1656 and 1586
(C=O of quinone), 1190 (C=S of thiazole); ^1H NMR (DMSO-
 d_6): δ ppm 4.12 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.31-7.45 (m, 3H, phenyl), 7.52-
7.57 (m, 2H, phenyl), 7.85-8.06 (m, 2H, C5-H and C8-H),
8.13-8.18 (m, 2H, C6-H and C7-H); ^{13}C NMR: 113.16, 113.84,
114.09, 122.65, 124.18, 125.95, 127.45, 128.53, 129.13, 137.9,
142.2, 166.2 (sp^2 carbons), 179.71 and 187.45 (C=O), 190.12
(C=S); mass (M^+): 338.47; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$:
C, 60.27; H, 2.96; N, 8.27. Found (%): C, 60.08; H, 2.62; N,
7.99.

3-(4-Nitrophenyl)amino-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-
naphtho[2,3-d]thiazole-4,9-dione (4b): Greenish yellow
powder, yield: (55 %); m.p. 262-264 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}):
3479 (NH), 1658 and 1586 (C=O of quinone), 1196 (C=S of
thiazole); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 4.65 (bs, 1H, NH),
6.92-7.03 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl), 7.85-8.06 (m, 2H, C5-H and
C8-H), 8.12-8.17 (m, 2H, C6-H and C7-H); 8.21-8.27 (m, 2H,
nitrophenyl), 9.45 (bs, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR: 113.16, 113.84,
114.18, 121.69, 122.65, 124.61, 125.95, 127.45, 128.53,
129.13, 137.7, 148.2, 166.32 (sp^2 carbons), 179.61 and 187.42
(C=O); 190.12 (C=S); mass (M^+): 383.44; anal. calcd. (%) for
 $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 53.20; H, 2.35; N, 10.97. Found (%): C, 52.98;
H, 2.03; N, 10.63.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)amino-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-
naphtho[2,3-d]thiazole-4,9-dione (4c): Greenish yellow
powder, yield: (57 %); m.p. 250-253 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}):
3483 (NH), 1657 and 1596 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR
(DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 6.62-6.72 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.61-
7.67 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.85-7.06 (m, 2H, C5-H and C8-
H), 8.12-8.17 (m, 2H, C6-H and C7-H); 9.55 (bs, 1H, NH);
 ^{13}C NMR: 113.16, 113.84, 114.18, 121.69, 122.65, 124.61,
125.95, 127.45, 128.53, 129.13, 136.8, 140.2, 166.2 (sp^2
carbons), 179.61 and 187.42 (C=O); 190.10 (C=S); mass
(M^+): 373.34; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2\text{Cl}$: C, 54.70;
H, 2.41; N, 7.50. Found (%): C, 54.45; H, 2.23; N, 7.29.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)amino-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-
naphtho[2,3-d]thiazole-4,9-dione (4d): Greenish yellow
powder, yield: (68 %); m.p. 239-242 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}):
3483 (NH), 1657 and 1596 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR
(DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 3.67 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 6.52-6.62 (m, 2H,
methoxyphenyl), 6.91-7.07 (m, 2H, methoxyphenyl), 7.85-
8.06 (m, 2H, C5-H and C8-H), 8.12-8.17 (m, 2H, C6-H and
C7-H); 9.25 (bs, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR: 58 (CH_3), 113.16, 113.84,
114.18, 118.53, 119.13, 121.69, 122.65, 124.61, 125.95,
127.45, 134.8, 150.2, 166.2 (sp^2 carbons), 179.11 and 187.62
(C=O), 190.10 (C=S); mass (M^+): 369.49; anal. calcd. (%) for
 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$: C, 58.54; H, 3.25; N, 7.58. Found (%): C, 58.38;
H, 3.06; N, 7.32.

Synthesis of 2-amino-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1H-
benzo[f]indole-3-carbonitrile (5): A mixture of 2,3-dichloro-
1,4-naphthoquinone **1** (0.8 mmol) and malonitrile (0.8 mmol)
in absolute ethanol was heated under reflux for 5 h in the pres-
ence of ammonium acetate (4 mmol). The reaction mixture
was then cooled, filtered off, then washed with absolute ethanol
and air dried. Recrystallization from chloroform afforded 180

2-amino-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[f]indole-3-carbonitrile (**5**) as a violet powder. Violet powder, yield: (85 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3270 (NH), 3155 and 3033 (NH₂), 2169 (CN), 1672 and 1595 (C=O of quinone) cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm: 2.49 (bs, NH₂), 6.52 (bs, NH), 7-7.20 (m, 1H, C5-H), 7.64-7.76 (m, 2H, C6-H and C7-H); 7.89-7.91 (m, 1H, C8-H); ¹³C NMR: 113.16 (CN), 121.40, 125.34, 126.27, 131.43, 131.85, 132.83, 134.26, 144.35 (*sp*² carbons), 171.97 and 182.645 (C=O); mass (*M*⁺): 237.39; anal. calcd. (%) for C₁₃H₇N₃O₂: C, 65.82; H, 2.95; N, 17.72. Found (%): C, 65.68; H, 2.64; N, 17.58.

Synthesis of potassium 3-cyano-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[f]indol-2-ylcarbamodithioate (6**):** A mixture of compound **5** (0.4 mmol) and carbon disulphide (0.44 mmol) together with potassium hydroxide (0.4 mmol) in absolute ethanol was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. Dry ether was then added and the precipitated solid was collected by filtration, thereby obtaining the corresponding potassium 3-cyano-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[f]indol-2-ylcarbamodithioate (**6**).

Synthesis of 2-thioxo-2*H*-benzo[f]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]indole-5-10(3*H*,4*H*)-dione (7**):** An aqueous solution of potassium 3-cyano-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[f]indol-2-ylidithiocarbamate **6** (0.04 mmol) was added dropwise with constant stirring to concentrated sulphuric acid (98 %, 15 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. The mixture was cautiously added to crushed ice, stirred for 1 h, refrigerated for 2 h and the precipitated solid was filtered off and purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:4) as eluent to give a green solid of the title compound 2-thioxo-2*H*-benzo[f]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]indole-5-10(3*H*,4*H*)-dione (**7**). Green powder, yield: (60 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3428 (NH), 1656 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm: 4.43 (bs, NH), 7-7.20 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.64-7.76 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H); 7.89-7.91 (m, 1H, C9-H), 9.85 (bs, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR: 121.40, 125.34, 126.27, 131.43, 131.85, 132.83, 134.26, 164.35 (*sp*² carbons), 171.97 and 182.645 (C=O), 184.52 (C=S); mass (*M*⁺): 286.56; anal. calcd. (%) for C₁₃H₆N₂O₂S₂: C, 54.54; H, 2.09; N, 9.79. Found (%): C, 54.28; H, 1.98; N, 9.54.

Synthesis of 2-mercaptobenzo[f]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]indole-5-10(1*H*,4*H*)-dione (8**):** A mixture of compound **5** (0.04 mmol) and 98 % hydrazine hydrate (10 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 h. After cooling, water was added and the mixture was neutralized with 10 % hydrochloric acid. The separated crude product was then filtered off and purified *via* column chromatography using methanol/chloroform (1:4) as eluent to yield compound **8** in 25 %. Gray powder, yield: (55 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3328 (NH), 3155 and 3033 (NH₂), 2560 (SH), 1656 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm: 4.43 (bs, NH), 6.66 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7-7.20 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.64-7.76 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H); 7.89-7.91 (m, 1H, C9-H), 12.05 (s, 1H, SH); ¹³C NMR: 121.40, 125.34, 126.27, 131.43, 131.85, 132.83, 134.26, 164.35 (*sp*² carbons), 171.97 and 182.645 (C=O); mass (*M*⁺): 284.81; anal. calcd. (%) for C₁₃H₈N₄O₂S: C, 54.93; H, 2.82; N, 19.72. Found (%): C, 54.75; H, 2.56; N, 19.53.

2-Arylidene malononitrile (9a-d): All these compounds were prepared as reported²³⁻²⁵.

Synthesis of 2-amino-4-aryl-5,10-dioxo-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinoline-3-carbonitrile: A mixture of 2,3-dichloro-1,4-naphthoquinone (0.3 mmol) 1, 2-arylidene malononitrile **9a-d** (0.3 mmol) and ammonium acetate (1.2 mmol) in ethanol (15 mL) was heated under reflux for 4-7 h. The solid product was filtered, washed with ethanol, dried and recrystallized from chloroform to yield compounds **10a-d** as violet powders.

2-Amino-5,10-dioxo-4-phenyl-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinoline-3-carbonitrile (10a): Yield: (86 %); m. p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3250 and 3138 (NH₂), 2171 (CN), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm: 5.51 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7.09-7.18 (m, 1H, phenyl), 7.27-7.35 (m, 2H, phenyl), 7.46-7.52 (m, 2H, phenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H); ¹³C NMR: 112.40 (CN), 93.6, 120.59, 124.53, 125.45, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 133.45, 143.60, 153, 156.3, 164.60 (*sp*² carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O); Mass (*M*⁺): 325.35; anal. calcd. (%) for C₂₀H₁₁N₃O₂: C, 73.84; H, 3.38; N, 12.92. Found (%): C, 73.55; H, 3.18; N, 12.73.

2-Amino-5,10-dioxo-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinoline-3-carbonitrile (10b): Yield: (80 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3245 and 3123 (NH₂), 2168 (CN), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm: 5.51 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7.56-7.60 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H), 8.27-8.35 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl); ¹³C NMR: 112.40 (CN), 93.6, 120.59, 124.53, 125.45, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 140.45, 148.4, 153.0, 156.3, 164.60 (*sp*² carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O); mass (*M*⁺): 370.25; anal. calcd. (%) for C₂₀H₁₀N₄O₄: C, 64.86; H, 2.70; N, 20.74. Found (%): C, 64.52; H, 2.47; N, 20.51.

2-Amino-5,10-dioxo-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinoline-3-carbonitrile (10c): Yield: (84 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3255 and 3133 (NH₂), 2170 (CN), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm: 5.51 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7.29-7.35 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.53-7.58 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H); ¹³C NMR: 112.40 (CN), 93.6, 120.59, 124.53, 125.45, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 134.4, 136.65, 153.0, 156.3, 164.60 (*sp*² carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O); mass (*M*⁺): 359.85; anal. calcd. (%) for C₂₀H₁₀N₃O₂Cl: C, 66.85; H, 2.78; N, 11.70. Found (%): C, 66.65; H, 2.43; N, 11.47.

2-Amino-5,10-dioxo-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinoline-3-carbonitrile (10d): Yield: (87 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3233 and 3123 (NH₂), 2170 (CN), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm: 3.63 (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.51 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7.09-7.15 (m, 2H, methoxyphenyl), 7.43-7.48 (m, 2H, methoxyphenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H); ¹³C NMR: 56.8 (CH₃), 112.40 (CN), 93.6, 114.4, 120.59, 124.53, 125.45, 130.64, 130.95, 131.03, 132.04, 153.0, 156.3, 160.14, 164.60 (*sp*² carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O); mass (*M*⁺): 355.85; anal. calcd. (%) for C₂₁H₁₃N₃O₃: C, 70.98; H, 3.66; N, 11.83. Found (%): C, 70.75; H, 3.48; N, 11.59.

Synthesis of potassium 4-aryl-3-cyano-5,10-dioxo-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinolin-2-ylcarbamodithioate (11a-d): A mixture of compound **10a-d** (0.4 mmol) and carbon disulphide

(0.44 mmol) together with potassium hydroxide (0.4 mmol) in absolute ethanol was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. Dry diethyl ether was then added and the precipitated solid was collected by filtration to give the corresponding potassium 4-aryl-3-cyano-5,10-dioxo-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinolin-2-ylcarbamodithiate **11a-d**.

Synthesis of 11-aryl-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[g]thiazolo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione: A solution of potassium 4-aryl-3-cyano-5,10-dioxo-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinolin-2-ylcarbamodithiate (**11a-d**) (0.04 mmol) was added dropwise to a conc. sulphuric acid (15 mL, 98 %) and then stirred for 24 h. The mixture was cautiously added to crushed ice, stirred for 1 h, refrigerated for 2 h and the separated precipitate was filtered off and purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:4) as eluent to afford 11-aryl-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[g]thiazolo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione.

11-Phenyl-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[g]thiazolo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (12a): Green powder, yield: (55 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3350 (NH), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 4.49 (bs, H, NH), 7.09-7.18 (m, 1H, phenyl), 7.27-7.35 (m, 2H, phenyl), 7.46-7.52 (m, 2H, phenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H); ^{13}C NMR: 119.40, 120.59, 124.53, 125.45, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 133.45, 143.60, 148.7, 150.6, 161.60 (sp^2 carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O), 185.41 (C=S); mass (M^+): 374.40; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 64.17; H, 2.67; N, 7.48. Found (%): C, 63.94; H, 2.38; N, 7.27.

11-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[g]thiazolo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (12b): Green powder, yield: (50 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3345 (NH), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 4.49 (bs, H, NH), 7.56-7.60 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H), 8.27-8.35 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl); ^{13}C NMR: 124.53, 125.45, 126.09, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 134.23, 140.45, 142.3, 144.0, 148.4, 161.60 (sp^2 carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O), 185.41 (C=S); mass (M^+): 419.40; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 57.28; H, 2.14; N, 10.02. Found (%): C, 57.04; H, 1.95; N, 9.84.

11-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[g]thiazolo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (12c): Green powder, yield: (56 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3455 (NH), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 4.49 (bs, H, NH), 7.29-7.35 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.53-7.58 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H); ^{13}C NMR: 124.53, 125.45, 127.59, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 134.4, 135.02, 136.65, 140.13, 148.4, 161.60 (sp^2 carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O), 185.41 (C=S); mass (M^+): 408.80; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 58.88; H, 2.20; N, 6.86. Found (%): C, 58.52; H, 1.98; N, 6.55.

11-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[g]thiazolo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (12d): Green powder, yield: (51 %); m.p. > 300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3433 and 3343 (NH₂), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 3.63 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.49 (bs, H, NH), 7.09-7.15 (m, 2H, methoxyphenyl), 7.43-7.48 (m, 2H, methoxyphenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H,

C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H); ^{13}C NMR: 56.8 (CH₃), 112.40 (CN), 93.6, 114.4, 124.53, 125.45, 127.59, 130.64, 130.95, 131.03, 132.04, 143.0, 146.3, 148.4, 161.60 (sp^2 carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O), 185.41 (C=S); Mass (M^+): 404.26; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$: C, 62.37; H, 2.97; N, 6.93. Found (%): C, 62.14; H, 2.69; N, 6.71.

Synthesis of 1-amino-11-aryl-2-mercapto-1H-benzo[g]imidazo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (13a-d): A mixture of compound **11a-d** (0.04 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (10 mL, 98 %) was heated under reflux for 3 h. After cooling, water was added and the mixture was neutralized with 10 % hydrochloric acid. The separated crude product was then filtered off and purified by column chromatography using methanol/chloroform (1:4) as eluent to yield compounds **13a-d**.

1-Amino-2-mercapto-11-phenyl-1H-benzo[g]imidazo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (13a): Gray powder, yield: (46 %); m.p. >300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3320 and 3310 (NH₂), 2550 (SH), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 4.49 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7.09-7.18 (m, 1H, phenyl), 7.27-7.35 (m, 2H, phenyl), 7.46-7.52 (m, 2H, phenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H), 12.05 (s, 1H, SH); ^{13}C NMR: 120.59, 122.40, 124.53, 125.45, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 133.45, 136.01, 138.7, 143.60, 148.7, 152.6, 153.60 (sp^2 carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O); Mass (M^+): 372.65; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 64.51; H, 3.22; N, 15.05. Found (%): C, 64.22; H, 3.03; N, 14.89.

1-Amino-2-mercapto-11-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-benzo[g]imidazo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (13b): Gray powder, yield: (43 %); m.p. >300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3350 and 3310 (NH₂), 2552 (SH), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 4.49 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7.56-7.60 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H), 8.27-8.35 (m, 2H, nitrophenyl), 12.05 (s, 1H, SH); ^{13}C NMR: 120.59, 122.40, 124.53, 125.45, 126.6, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 136.60, 145.45, 148.7, 152.0, 153.60 (sp^2 carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O); Mass (M^+): 417.56; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$: C, 57.55; H, 2.63; N, 16.78. Found (%): C, 57.21; H, 2.63; N, 16.55.

1-Amino-2-mercapto-11-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-benzo[g]imidazo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (13c): Gray powder, yield: (48 %); m.p. >300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3455 and 3437 (NH₂), 2549 (SH), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 4.49 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7.29-7.35 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.53-7.58 (m, 2H, chlorophenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H), 12.05 (s, 1H, SH); ^{13}C NMR: 122.40, 124.53, 125.45, 128.4, 129.69, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 134.4, 136.65, 137.0, 148.7, 152.0, 153.60 (sp^2 carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 (C=O); Mass (M^+): 406.81; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{SCl}$: C, 59.11; H, 2.71; N, 13.79. Found (%): C, 58.92; H, 2.54; N, 13.51.

1-Amino-2-mercapto-11-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-benzo[g]imidazo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione (13d): Gray powder, yield: (48 %); m.p. >300 °C; IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3433 and 3393 (NH₂), 2553 (SH), 1676 and 1586 (C=O of quinone); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ ppm: 3.63 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.49 (bs, 2H, NH₂), 7.09-7.15 (m, 2H, methoxyphenyl), 7.43-

417 7.48 (m, 2H, methoxyphenyl), 7.62-7.67 (m, 1H, C6-H), 7.72-
 418 7.77 (m, 1H, C9-H); 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H, C7-H and C8-H), 12.05
 419 (s, 1H, SH); ^{13}C NMR: 56.8 (CH_3), 114.4, 124.53, 125.45,
 420 129.19, 130.64, 130.95, 131.03, 132.04, 153.0, 148.7, 152.0,
 421 153.60, 160.14 (sp^2 carbons), 171.17 and 181.85 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$); Mass
 422 (M^+): 402.23; anal. calcd. (%) for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$: C, 62.68; H,
 423 3.48; N, 13.93. Found (%): C, 62.47; H, 3.26; N, 13.65.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

424 It is clearly established that 2,3-dichloro-1,4-naphtho-
 425 quinone **1** reacts with nucleophiles and, depending on their
 426 strength, it may undergo substitution of one or both chlorine
 427 atoms²¹. Based on the reactivity of **1**, we have studied its
 428 reaction with different phenyl hydrazine, malononitrile,
 429 arylmalononitrile and carbon disulphide *via* undertaking of
 430 nucleophilic substitution and Michael addition-elimination
 431 reactions.

432 When 2,3-dichloro-1,4-naphthoquinone **1** was stirred with
 433 aryl hydrazine **2a-d** (1 equiv.) in ethanol using ice-bath, mono
 434 substituted products; 2-chloro-3-(2-arylhydrazinyl)naphtha-
 435 lene-1,4-dione **3a-d** were obtained in a good yield. The reaction
 436 of compounds **3a-d** with carbon disulphide in dry pyridine
 437 was refluxed for 12-16 h to yield 3-arylamino-2-thioxo-2,3-
 438 dihydro-naphtho[2,3-*d*]thiazole-4,9-dione **4a-d** (Scheme-I).
 439 The latter products were synthesized according to a known
 440 method²² with minor modification.

441 The spectroscopic analysis using IR, NMR and MS
 442 conformed the structure of compounds **4a-d**. For instance, IR
 443 spectra of compound **4a** revealed the presence of vibration
 444 bands for NH at 3300 and 3250 cm^{-1} , carbonyl groups at 1672
 445 and 1596 cm^{-1} , as well as thione group at 1190 cm^{-1} . More-
 446 over, ^{13}C NMR spectrum for compound **4a**, showed the signals
 447 of both $\text{C}=\text{O}$ groups at δ 171 and 181 ppm, while that for $\text{C}=\text{S}$
 448 appeared at δ 184 ppm.

449 We also conducted a reaction of 2,3-dichloronaphtho-
 450 quinone **1** with malonitrile or arylmalononitrile in the presence
 451 of ammonium acetate. The generated precursor is then used
 452 for the preparation of naphthoquinones containing indole,
 453 quinoline, thiazole and imidazole fragments.

454 In this context, reaction of naphthoquinone **1** with
 455 malonitrile and ammonium acetate in ethanol afforded 2-amino-
 456 4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]indole-3-carbonitrile **5**
 457 (Scheme-II). The method used for the synthesis of compound

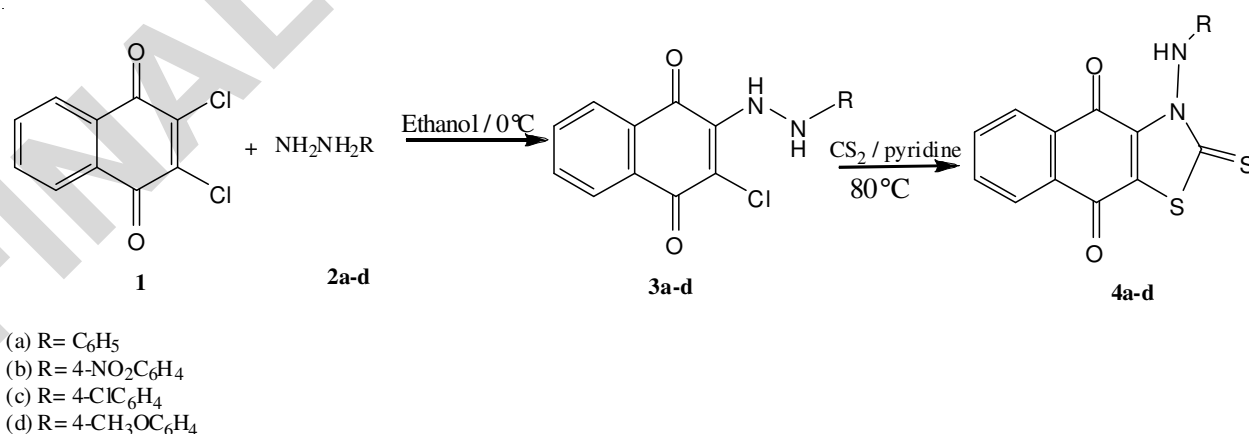
5 is shown in Scheme-II. Furthermore, we have adopted 458
 one-pot multicomponent reactions for 2-amino-4,9-dioxo-4,9- 459
 dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]indole-3-carbonitrile synthesis. The 460
 outcome of this synthetic approach is significant when noting 461
 that Chung-KyuRyu *et al.*²³ have prepared the structurally and 462
 conceptually related 2-amino-1-alkyl and aryl-4,9-dioxo-4,9- 463
 dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]indole-3-carbonitriles in two steps. 464

The Hantzsch-type reaction, performed in this study, 465
 furnished 2-amino-3-cyano-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]indole- 466
 4,9-dione in very good yields, in spite of the number of steps 467
 involved. This reaction was carried out under metal-free 468
 conditions and in the presence of ammonium acetate, a soft 469
 Bronsted acid, which served as a reactant and a catalyst as 470
 well. The catalytic role of ammonium acetate in this reaction 471
 is evident by noting that the reaction did not take place when 472
 ammonia is used instead of the ammonium acetate. 473

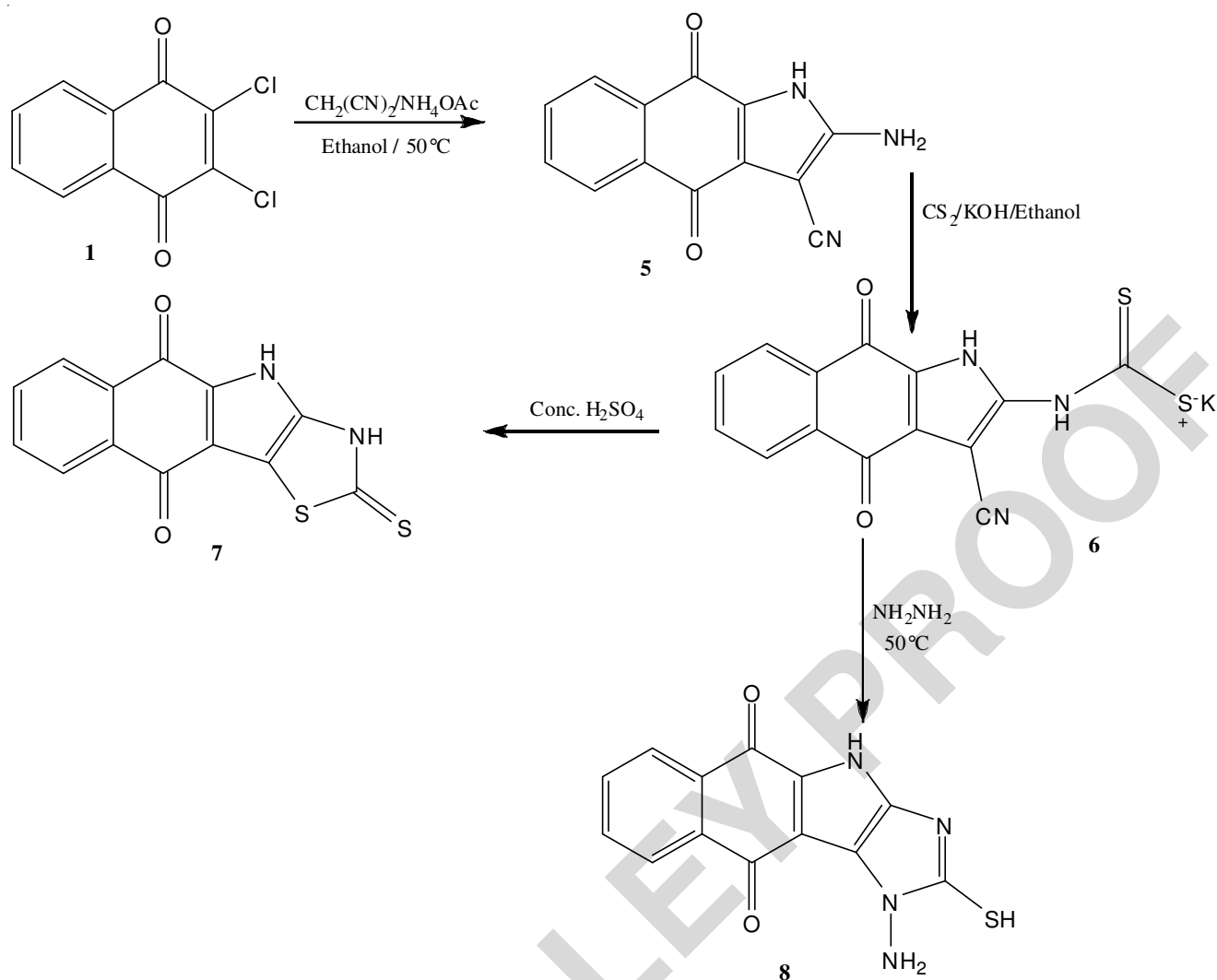
We have also synthesized 2-Amino-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro- 474
 1*H*-benzo[*f*]indole-3-carbonitrile **5** by nucleophilic substitution 475
 of both Cl using Michael addition-elimination reactions, in 476
 the presence of activated methylene group and ammonia 477
 solution. 478

Description of the method employed for the synthesis of 479
 potassium 3-cyano-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]indol- 480
 2-ylcarbamodithioate **6** is depicted in Scheme-II. The synthesis 481
 was performed following the method developed by El-Emam 482
*et al.*²⁴, where the reaction of 2-amino-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro- 483
 1*H*-benzo[*f*]indole-3-carbonitrile **5** is allowed to react with 484
 carbon disulphide in ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution. 485
 The resultant product is identified as potassium 3-cyano-4,9- 486
 dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]indol-2-ylcarbamodithioate **6**. 487
 Additionally, the cyanide group in **6** was hydrolyzed by concen- 488
 trated sulphuric acid to the corresponding carboxylic acid 489
 (COOH) group. Nucleophilic substitution of the COOH group 490
 by SH yielded the new target compound 2-thioxo-2*H*- 491
 benzo[*f*]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]indole-5-10(3*H*,4*H*)-dione **7**. Compound 492
7 was also prepared by intramolecular cyclization of comp- 493
 ound **6** in the presence conc. H_2SO_4 , by adopting the same 494
 procedure reported as in literature^{24,25} followed by purification 495
 by column chromatography to produce a green solid in 60 % 496
 yield. 497

Spectral characterization of compound **7** *via* IR, ^1H NMR 498
 and ^{13}C NMR confirmed its existence in the thione form. Care- 499
 ful inspection of the IR spectra of this compound showed the 500



Scheme-I



Scheme-II

501 absence of cyanide peak and the presence of the common
 502 characteristic absorption peaks at 3428 cm^{-1} for (NH), as well
 503 as 1656 and 1586 cm^{-1} for (C=O of quinone). The ^1H NMR
 504 spectrum displayed the nitrogen proton as singlet at $\delta 4.43$ (1H)
 505 and the aromatic protons as different multiples from $\delta 7$ to
 506 7.91 ppm. In addition, the ^{13}C NMR spectrum showed the sp^2
 507 carbons at $\delta 121.40, 125.34, 126.27, 131.43, 131.85, 132.83,$
 508 134.26 and 164.35 , the C=O at $\delta 171.97$ and 182.645 and the
 509 C=S at $\delta 184.52$ ppm.

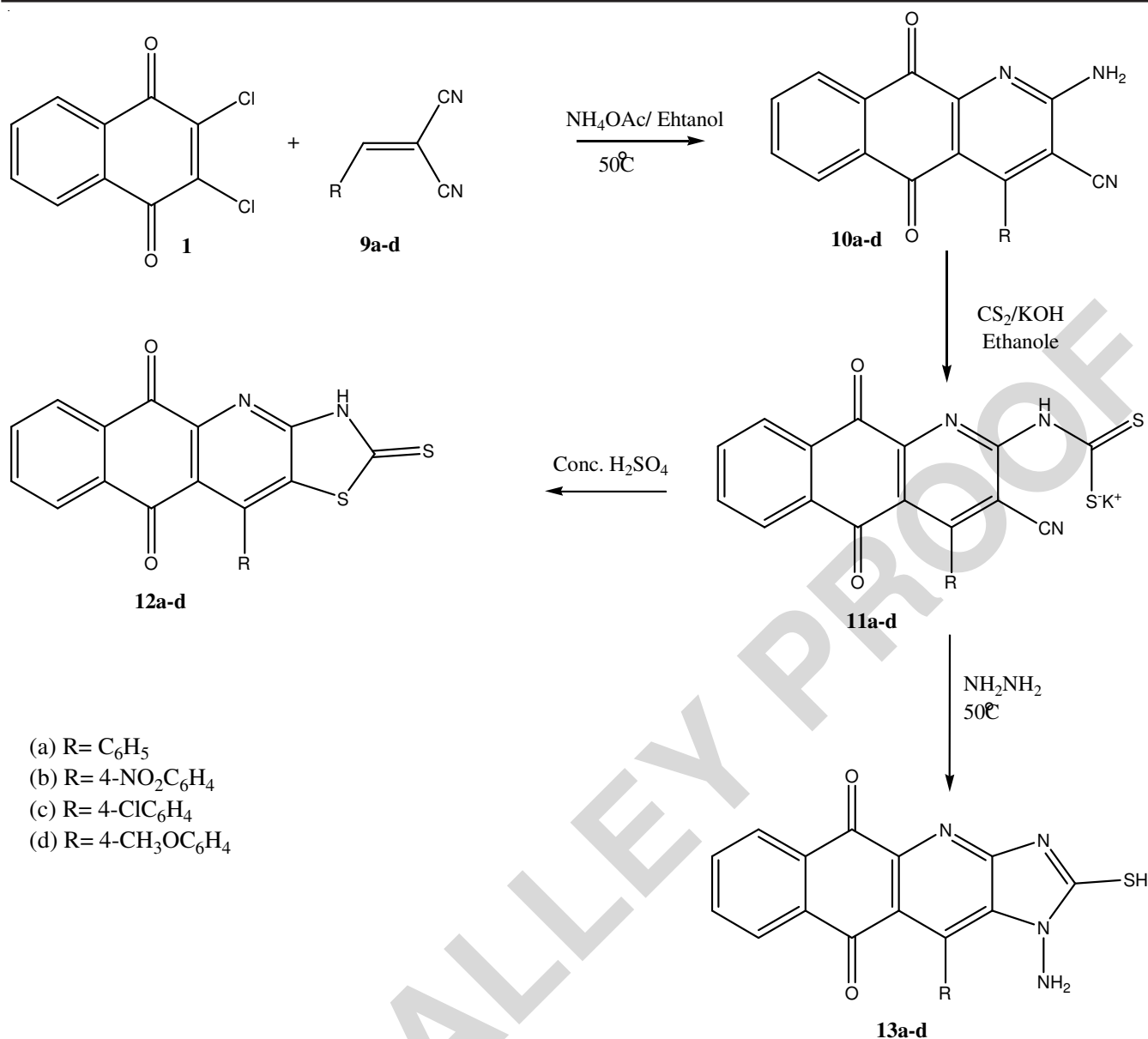
510 On the other hand, when potassium 3-cyano-4,9-dioxo-
 511 4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[f]indol-2-ylcarbamodithioate **6** was
 512 heated with hydrazine hydrate, it gave rise to 1-amino-2-
 513 mercaptobenzo[f]imidazo[4,5-*b*]indole-5-10(1*H*,4*H*)-dione **8**
 514 as the major product.

515 The structure of compound **8** was predicted on the basis
 516 of its IR, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and mass spectral data. The IR
 517 spectra of this compound showed the characteristic absorption
 518 bands for (NH) at 3328 cm^{-1} , NH_2 at 3155 and 3033 cm^{-1} , SH
 519 at 2560 cm^{-1} , as well as quinone C=O at 1656 and 1586 cm^{-1} .
 520 Moreover, the ^1H NMR spectra of the compound revealed the
 521 presence of the nitrogen protons as two singlet at $\delta 4.43$ and
 522 6.66 and the aromatic carbons as a different multiples from δ
 523 7 to 7.91 , while the SH proton appears as a singlet at $\delta 12.05$

524 ppm. The ^{13}C NMR spectra for compound **8** gave evidence for
 525 the aryl and diazole carbon atoms at $\delta 121.40, 125.34, 126.27,$
 526 $131.43, 131.85, 132.83, 134.26$ and 164.35 along with the
 527 C=O peaks at $\delta 171.97$ and 182.64 ppm.

528 One-pot multicomponent reactions have been also adopted
 529 for the synthesis of the 2-amino-4-aryl-5,10-dioxo-5,10-
 530 dihydrobenzo[g]quinoline-3-carbonitrile **10a-d**, following the
 531 reflux method for a mixture 2-arylidene malononitrile **9a-d** and
 532 2,3-dichloro-1,4-naphthoquinone **1** in the presence of ammonium
 533 acetate (Scheme-III). The structures of synthesized compounds
 534 **10a-d** were confirmed on the basis of their spectroscopic
 535 results.

536 After structural characterizations the compounds **10a-d**
 537 were allowed to react at room temperature with carbon
 538 disulphide in the presence of potassium hydroxide in ethanol,
 539 to generate the corresponding potassium 4-aryl-3-cyano-5,10-
 540 dioxo-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinolin-2-yl-carbamodithiate
 541 **11a-d** compounds. Importantly, cyclization of the resultant
 542 products (**11a-d**) by using concentrated sulphuric acid, at room
 543 temperature yielded the new products 11-aryl-2-thioxo-2,3-
 544 dihydrotbenzo[g]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]quinoline-5,10-dione **12a-d**
 545 as illustrated in Scheme-III. Formation of compounds **12a-d**
 546 is probably occurs by acid hydrolysis of the CN group in the



Scheme-III

precursors potassium 4-aryl-3-cyano-5,10-dioxo-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinolin-2-ylcarbamodithiate **11a-d** to yield the carboxylic acid (COOH) derivatives. The final products (**12a-d**) were accomplished by nucleophilic substitution of SH on the COOH group followed by intramolecular cyclization.

Careful analysis of the spectral data obtained for compounds **12a-d** disclosed their existences as thione forms. For instance the IR spectra of the compound **12a** showed the presence of the characteristic absorption bands at 3350 cm⁻¹ (NH), 1656 and 1586 cm⁻¹ (C=O of quinone). The ¹H NMR spectrum showed the nitrogen proton as singlet at δ 4.49 (1H) and the aromatic protons as different multiples from δ 7.09 to 7.91 ppm. The ¹³C NMR spectrum attested for the presence of the sp² carbons at δ 119.40, 120.59, 124.53, 125.45, 128.4, 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 133.45, 143.60, 148.7, 150.6, 161.60 ppm, the two C=O at δ 171.17 and 181.85 ppm and the C=S at δ 185.41 ppm.

Moreover, potassium 4-aryl-3-cyano-5,10-dioxo-5,10-dihydrobenzo[g]quinolin-2-ylcarbamodithiate compounds

11a-d were heated with hydrazine hydrate, very good yields of 1-amino-11-aryl-2-mercapto-1H-benzo[g]imidazo[4,5-b]quinoline-5,10-dione derivatives (**13a-d**) were obtained. Similarly, the proposed mechanism for formation of compounds **13a-d** involves initially nucleophilic substitution of S by NH₂ followed by another nucleophilic substitution of CN by NH.

Consistent with other derivatives, spectral data obtained for compounds **13a-d** confirmed their existence in the thiol form. This is clearly evidenced *via* IR data of the parent compound **13a**, which revealed the presence of the vibration bands of NH₂ at 3320 and 3310 cm⁻¹, along with a carbonyl group at 1676 and 1586 cm⁻¹. Additionally, the ¹H NMR results are consistent with the presence of nitrogen protons as a singlet at δ 4.49 (bs, 2H, NH₂) and the aromatic protons as different multiples from δ 7.09 to 7.91, whereas, the SH proton appeared as a singlet at δ 12.05 ppm. The ¹³C NMR data also lend additional support concerning identification of **13a** structure. The obtained spectrum showed the presence of the aryl and the diazole carbons at δ 120.59, 122.40, 124.53, 125.45, 128.4,

585 130.64, 131.03, 132.04, 133.45, 136.01, 138.7, 143.60, 148.7,
586 152.6, respectively, together with a 153.60 ppm peak for sp^2
587 carbons the characteristic peaks for C=O are detected at 171.17
588 and 181.85 ppm.

589 Conclusion

590 In the present work, we reported one-pot multicompo-
591 nent synthesis of 2-amino-4,9-dioxo-4,9-dihydro-1*H*-benzo-
592 [f]indole-3-carbonitrile **5** and 2-amino-4-aryl-5,10-dioxo-5,10-
593 dihydrobenzo[g]quinoline-3-carbonitrile (**10a-d**). We have
594 also demonstrated the feasibility of the the Mickael addition-
595 elimination reaction of compounds **3a-d**, **5** and **10a-d** with
596 carbene disulphide in presence of pyridine or conc. H_2SO_4 or
597 hydrazine hydrate gives respectively the compounds 3-
598 arylamino-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-naphtho[2,3-*d*]thiazole-4,9-
599 dione (**4a-d**), 2-thioxo-2*H*-benzo[f]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]indole-5-
600 10(3*H*,4*H*)-dione (**7**), 2-Mercaptobenzo[f]thiazolo[4,5-
601 *b*]indole-5-10(1*H*,4*H*)-dione (**8**), 11-aryl-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-
602 tobenzo[g]thiazolo[4,5-*b*]quinoline-5,10-dione (**12a-d**) and
603 1-amino-11-aryl-2-mercapto-1*H*-benzo[g]imidazo[4,5-
604 *b*]quinoline-5,10-dione **13a-d**. Structural elucidation of the
605 target compounds was fully demonstrated by various spectral
606 data.

607 The biological activities concerning the antibacterial and
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