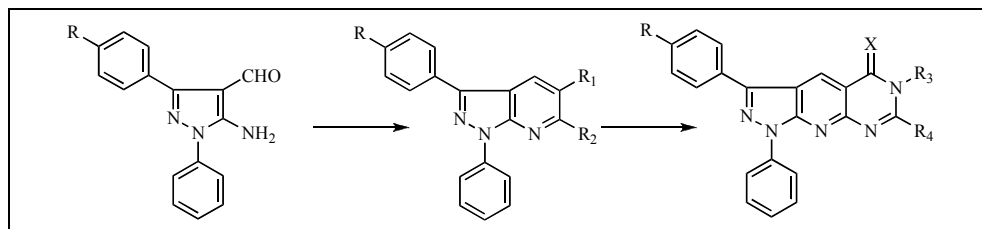


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A series of pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridines has been synthesized by *Friedländer* condensation of 5-amino-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde **1** with active methylene compounds in basic medium. Pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido-[2,3-*d*]pyrimidines have been synthesized from pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridines using substituted urea and acetic anhydride.

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Pyrazolo-annulated heterocycles have demonstrated wide spectrum of agriculture and pharmacological activities [1,2]. We have extensively studied two major classes of pyrazolo-annulated heterocycles which include pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridines and pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido-[2,3-*d*]pyrimidines. Pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridines are promising candidates in organic synthesis due to their significant medicinal activities, such as diagnosis of brain disorders [3], treatment of coronary heart disease [4], viral diseases [5], central nervous system diseases [6] and show pharmacological efficacy [7]. Pyrazolopyridopyrimidines showed wide spectrum applications such as anticonvulsant agents [8], colorants [9], spectrochemical absorption agents [9], heat/moisture resistant agents [10] thermal transfer printing agent [10], photographic couplers [11]. We have recently reported [12] the use of 5-aminopyrazole-4-carbaldehyde **1** as a key component for the synthesis of fused heterocycles which prompted us to evaluate its potential applications in the preparation of various pyrazolo-annulated heterocycles, namely, pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine and pyrazolopyridopyrimidine derivatives.

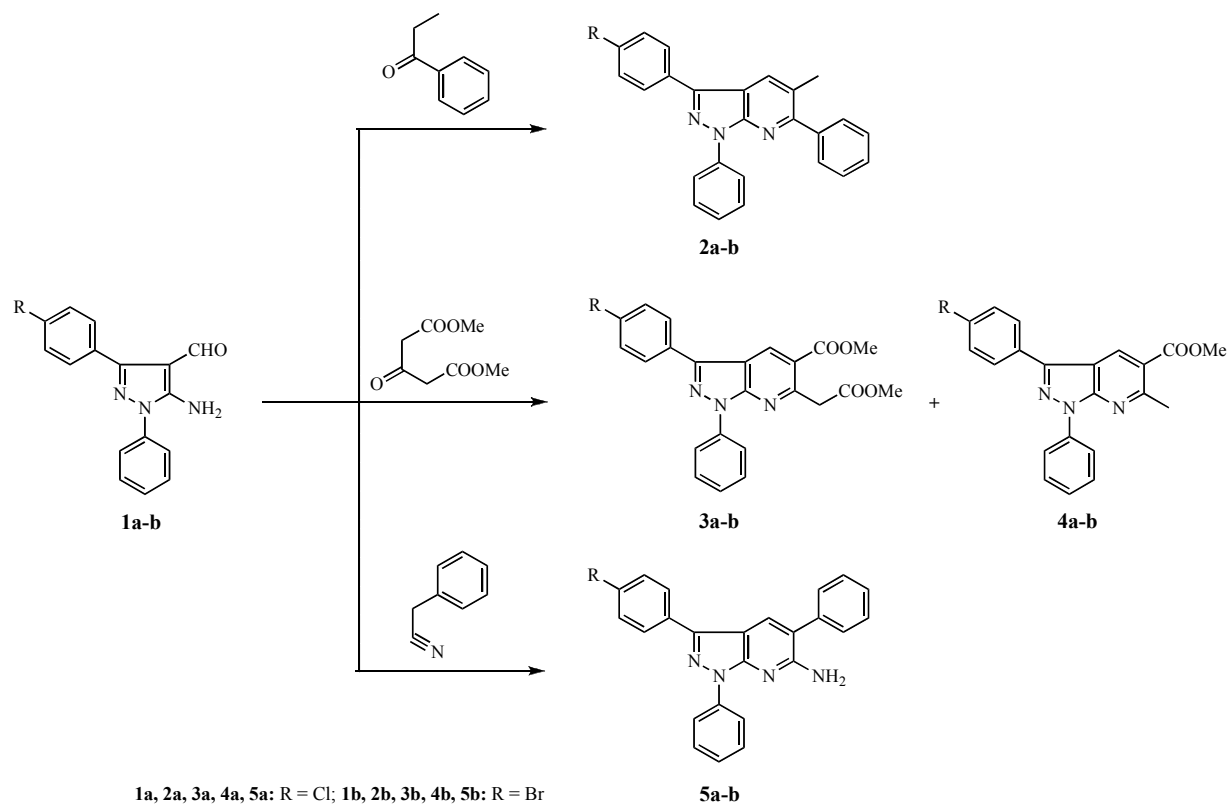
The *Friedländer* condensation of 5-aminopyrazole-4-carbaldehyde **1** with propiophenone in refluxing ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution afforded 3-(4-aryl)-5-methyl-1,6-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine derivatives **2**. Analog condensation of **1** with dimethyl 1,3-acetonedicarboxylate yielded mixtures of compounds **3** and **4**. This mixture of compound **3** and **4** was separated by column chromatography using toluene/hexane as the

eluent. Structures of **3a** and **4a** were confirmed by ¹H nmr which indicated that **3a** showed two methoxy singlets at 3.79 and 3.89 ppm together with singlet of methylene at 4.48 ppm, whereas **4a** showed one methyl singlet at 3.01 ppm due to the decarboxylation of CO₂CH₃ group at position 6. All other signals of aromatic protons are nearly identical. Similarly, the structures of bromo derivatives **3b** and **4b** were confirmed.

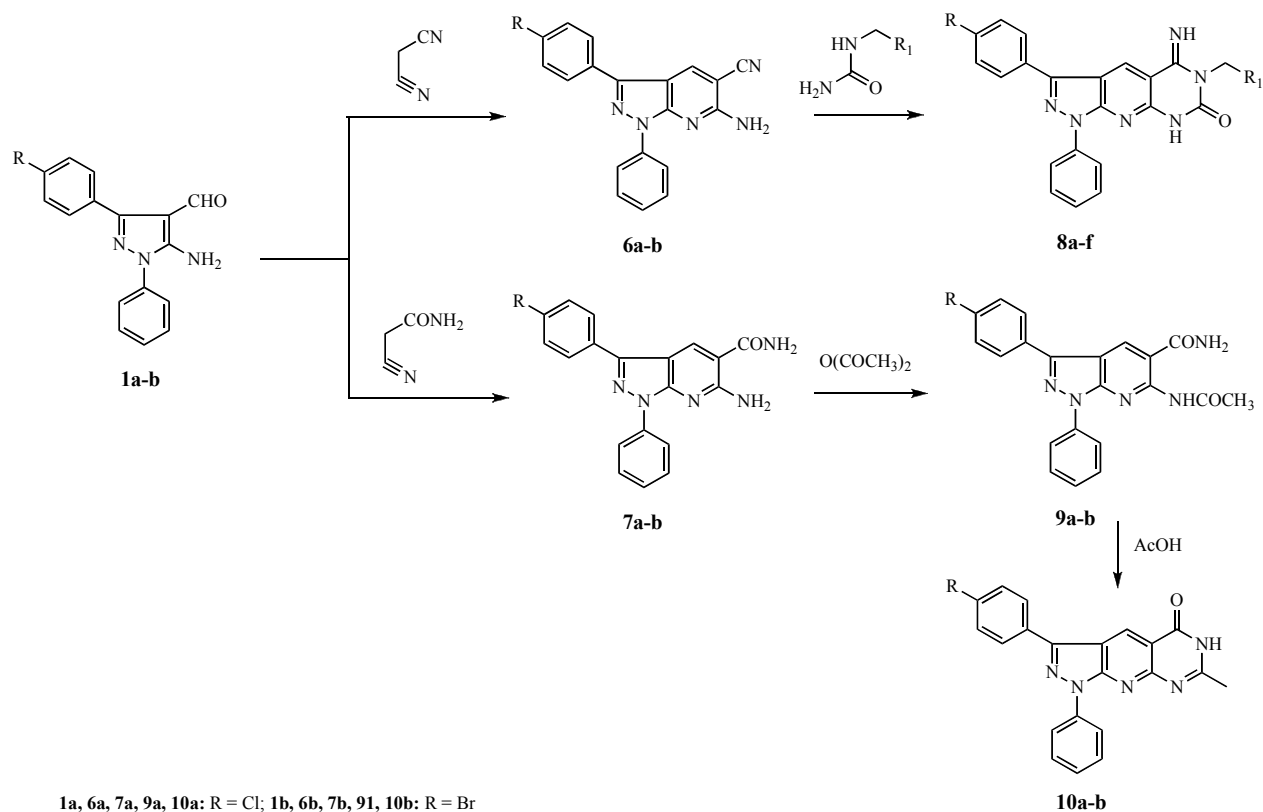
Cyclocondensation of compound **1** with methylene active nitriles such as phenylacetonitrile was carried out using strong base such as sodium ethoxide in ethanol to furnish 3-(4-halophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-6-amine derivatives **5**, (Scheme 1) while piperidine was used as base for the condensation with malononitrile and cyanoacetamide in ethanol which gave 6-amino-3-(4-halophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carbonitrile derivatives **6**, and 6-amino-3-(4-halophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxamide derivatives **7**, respectively (Scheme 2). Various synthetic methodologies using ortho-aminocarbonitriles and ortho-aminocarboxamides as starting materials for the synthesis of pendant and fused heterocycles have been extensively studied [13-22], which prompted us to evaluate the synthetic utility of compounds **6** and compound **7** for the design and synthesis of novel fused heterocycles.

Thus, the reaction of compound **6** with *N*-substituted ureas at 260-270 °C gave 3-(4-halophenyl)-5-imino-6-alkyl-1-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetrahydro-7*H*-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-7-one derivatives **8**. Long range

Scheme 1



Scheme 2



coupling observed between imino and *N*-methyl or *N*-benzyl substituted compounds. Reaction of compound **7** with acetic anhydride in acetic acid within 15 minute furnished open chain compound 6-(acetylamino)-3-(4-halophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxamide derivatives **9**, which was cyclized using acetic acid to 3-(4-halophenyl)-7-methyl-1-phenyl-1,6-dihydro-5*H*-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]-pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-5-one derivatives **10** (Scheme 2).

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a Shimadzu IR-408 and Shimadzu FTIR spectrophotometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-300 (300 MHz) spectrometer in DMSO-*d*₆ and CDCl₃ using TMS as an internal standard and chemical shifts are expressed in δ (ppm) values. Elemental analyses were carried out on Hosli CH-Analyser and are within ± 0.4 of the theoretical percentages. All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography, carried out on 0.2 mm silica gel 60 F-254 (Merck) plates using UV light (254 and 366 nm) for detection. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (SD Fine Chemicals, 60-80 mesh). Common reagent-grade chemicals are either commercially available and were used without further purification or prepared by standard literature procedures.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-(halophenyl)-5-methyl-1,6-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine (2**).** A mixture of (2 mmol) of (**1**) in propiophenone (0.38 ml, 2 mmol) was refluxed under stirring in ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution (10 ml, 2%) for one hour. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, the separated solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed with ethanol, dried and recrystallized.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1,6-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine (2a**).** This compound was obtained as white prisms (ethyl acetate), 0.65 g (82%), mp 201-202°C; ir (potassium bromide): 2341, 1598, 1550 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.53 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.25-7.67 (m, 10H, Ph-H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.21 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₅H₁₈ClN₃: C, 75.84; H, 4.58; N, 10.61. Found: C, 75.92; H, 4.66; N, 10.83.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-methyl-1,6-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine (2b**).** This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethyl acetate), 0.71 g (81%), mp 210-211°C; ir (potassium bromide): 2285, 1598, 1550 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.53 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.46 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.65 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.21 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₅H₁₈BrN₃: C, 68.19; H, 4.12. Found: C, 68.23; H, 4.27.

General procedure for the synthesis of Methyl-3-(4-halophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine (3**) and (**4**).** A mixture of (2 mmole) of (**1**) in dimethyl 1,3-acetonedicarboxylate (0.30 ml, 2 mmole) was refluxed under stirring in ethanolic potassium hydroxide solution (10 ml, 2%) for one hour. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature and the separated colorless solid product was

collected by filtration then dried. The product showed two compounds on TLC analysis (*R_f* values: 0.85 and 0.71 in toluene). The product was dissolved in acetone and separated by column chromatography using toluene/cyclohexane 5:100 as an eluent. The elution volume for (**3**) was 230-250 ml and for (**4**) was 430-450 ml. The TLC analysis showed pure products.

Methyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxylate (3a**).** This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethyl acetate), 0.22 g (26%), mp 146-147°C; ir (potassium bromide): 1738, 1715, 1595, 1556 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.00 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.48 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.29-7.41 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.08 (s, 1H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈ClN₃O₄: C, 63.38; H, 4.16; N, 9.64. Found: C, 63.51; H, 4.34; N, 9.86.

Methyl-3-(4-bromophenyl)-6-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxylate (3b**).** This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethyl acetate), 0.24 g (25%), mp 158-159°C; ir (potassium bromide): 1742, 1720, 1592, 1554 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.01 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.49 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.30-7.63 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.10 (s, 1H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈BrN₃O₄: C, 57.51; H, 3.78; N, 8.75. Found: C, 57.63; H, 3.94; N, 8.87.

Methyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxylate (4a**).** This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethyl acetate), 0.39 g (52%), mp 162-163 °C; ir (potassium bromide): 1724, 1593, 1552 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.01 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.98 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.34-7.57 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.93 (s, 1H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₃O₂: C, 66.76; H, 4.27; N, 11.12. Found: C, 66.92; H, 4.48; N, 11.27.

Methyl-3-(4-bromophenyl)-6-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxylate (4b**).** This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethyl acetate), 0.43 g (51%), mp 174-175 °C; ir (potassium bromide): 1722, 1595, 1556 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.02 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.97 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.38-7.55 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.95 (s, 1H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆BrN₃O₂: C, 59.73; H, 3.82; N, 9.95. Found: C, 59.86; H, 3.97; N, 9.82.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-(Aryl)-1,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-6-amine (5**).** A mixture of (2 mmol) of (**1**), phenylacetoneitrile (0.23 ml, 2 mmol) and sodium ethoxide (0.2 g) in ethanol (10 ml) was refluxed under stirring in for one hour. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, the separated solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed with ethanol, dried and recrystallized.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-6-amine (5a**).** This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethyl acetate), 0.58 g (74%), mp 205-206°C; ir (potassium bromide): 3471, 1592, 1552 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 4.98 (bs, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.29-7.57 (m, 10H, Ph-H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.98 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₇ClN₄: C, 72.63; H, 4.32; N, 14.12. Found: C, 72.76; H, 4.56; N, 14.38.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-6-amine (5b**).** This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethyl acetate), 0.63 g (72%), mp 216-217°C; ir (potassium bromide): 3470, 1595, 1551 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃):

δ 4.96 (bs, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.29-7.62 (m, 10H, Ph-H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.94 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₇BrN₄: C, 65.32; H, 3.88; N, 12.69. Found: C, 65.58; H, 3.97; N, 12.84.

General procedure for the synthesis of 6-Amino-3-(halophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carbonitrile (6). A mixture of (2 mmol) of (1) in malononitrile (0.13 g, 2 mmol) was refluxed under stirring in ethanol (10 ml) and piperidine (0.5 ml) for one hour. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, the separated solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed with ethanol, dried and recrystallized.

6-Amino-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carbonitrile (6a). This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethanol:DMF), 0.47 g (68%), mp 201-202 °C; ir (potassium bromide): 3476, 1592, 1554 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 5.42 (bs, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.33-7.54 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.38 (s, 1H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₂ClN₅: C, 66.00; H, 3.50; N, 20.25. Found: C, 66.14; H, 3.78; N, 20.56.

6-Amino-3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carbonitrile (6b). This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethanol:DMF), 0.51 g (66%) mp 258-259 °C; ir (potassium bromide): 3473, 1593, 1552 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 5.42 (bs, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.33-7.67 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.38 (s, 1H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₂BrN₅: C, 58.48; H, 3.10; N, 17.95. Found: C, 58.24; H, 3.34; N, 18.12.

General procedure for the synthesis of 6-Amino-3-(halophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxamide (7). A mixture of (2 mmol) of (1) in cyanoacetamide (0.1 g, 2 mmol) was refluxed under stirring in ethanol (10 ml) and piperidine (0.5 ml) for one hour. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, the separated solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed with ethanol, dried and recrystallized.

6-Amino-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxamide (7a). This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethanol:DMF), 0.50 g (69%), mp 250-251 °C; ir (potassium bromide): 3473, 3417, 3354, 3305, 1592, 1556 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.76 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.17 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.28 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.36 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.72 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.12 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.63 (s, 1H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₄ClN₅O: C, 62.73; H, 3.88; N, 19.25. Found: C, 62.95; H, 4.17; N, 19.56.

6-Amino-3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxamide (7b). This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethanol:DMF), 0.55 g (67%) mp 270-271 °C; ir (potassium bromide): 3417, 3419, 3315, 3363, 1594, 1554 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.76 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.17 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.28 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.36 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.72 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.12 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.63 (s, 1H, Ar-H). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₄BrN₅O: C, 55.90; H, 3.46; N, 17.15. Found: C, 56.08; H, 3.64; N, 17.34.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-(4-halophenyl)-5-imino-6-(alkyl/aryl)-1-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetrahydro-7H-pyrazo-

lo[4',3':5,6]-pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-7-one (8). A mixture of (1 mmol) of (6) in substituted urea (2 mmol) was heated at 250-260 °C for 30 minutes. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, the separated solid product was suction filtered, washed with ethanol, dried and recrystallized.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-imino-6-methyl-1-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetrahydro-7H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-7-one (8a). This compound was obtained as yellow prisms (DMF), 0.514 g (64%), mp < 300 °C dec.; ir (potassium bromide): 3338, 3219, 1631, 1502 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.15 (d, J = 20.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 7.35-7.66 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.75 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.23 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.28 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₅ClN₆O: C, 62.61; H, 3.75; N, 20.86. Found: C, 62.81; H, 3.89; N, 20.98.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-ethyl-5-imino-1-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetrahydro-7H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-7-one (8b). This compound was obtained as yellow prisms (DMF), 0.27 g (65%) mp < 300 °C dec.; ir (potassium bromide): 3338, 3220, 1602, 1550 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 3.92 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 7.18-7.45 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.55 (s, 1H, NH), 9.06 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.10 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₇ClN₆O: C, 63.38; H, 4.11; N, 20.16. Found: C, 63.54; H, 4.32; N, 20.38.

6-Benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-imino-1-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetrahydro-7H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-7-one (8c). This compound was obtained as yellow prisms (DMF), 0.31 g (65%) mp < 300 °C dec.; ir (potassium bromide): 3352, 3227, 1614, 1556 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 4.83 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 7.20-7.36 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.11 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.35 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.16 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₇H₁₉ClN₆O: C, 67.71; H, 4.00; N, 17.54. Found: C, 67.86; H, 4.29; N, 17.82.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-imino-6-methyl-1-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetrahydro-7H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-7-one (8d). This compound was obtained as yellow prisms (DMF), 0.28 g (62%) mp < 300 °C dec.; ir (potassium bromide): 3338, 3219, 1631, 1502 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.17 (d, J = 20.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 7.34-7.83 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.78 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.28 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.31 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₅BrN₆O: C, 56.39; H, 3.38; N, 18.79. Found: C, 56.61; H, 3.58; N, 18.93.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-6-ethyl-5-imino-1-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetrahydro-7H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-7-one (8e). This compound was obtained as yellow prisms (DMF), 0.29 g (63%) mp < 300 °C dec.; ir (potassium bromide): 3338, 3220, 1602, 1550 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 3.96 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 7.33-7.73 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.76 (s, 1H, NH), 9.33 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.29 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₂H₁₇BrN₆O: C, 57.28; H, 3.71; N, 18.22. Found: C, 57.52; H, 3.94; N, 18.37.

6-Benzyl-3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-imino-1-phenyl-1,5,6,8-tetrahydro-7H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-7-one (8f). This compound was obtained as yellow prisms (DMF), 0.34 g (65%) mp < 300 °C dec.; ir (potassium bromide): 3352, 3227, 1614, 1556 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 4.80 (d, J = 4.8

Hz, 2H, CH₃), 7.28-7.41 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.56-7.81 (m, 5H, h-H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.29 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 9.39 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.39 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₇H₁₉BrN₅O: C, 61.96; H, 3.66; N, 16.06. Found: C, 62.14; H, 3.87; N, 16.28.

General procedure for the synthesis of 6-Acetylamino-3-(halophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-5-carboxamide (9). A mixture of (1 mmol) of (7) in acetic anhydride (1.5 ml) and acetic acid (1.5 ml) was refluxed under stirring for 15 minutes. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, the separated solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed with ethanol, dried and recrystallized.

6-Acetylamino-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-5-carboxamide (9a). This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (ethanol:DMF), 0.35 g (86%) mp 228-229 °C; ir (potassium bromide): 3361, 3253, 3203, 1645, 1606 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-d₆): δ 2.41 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.28-7.52 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.93 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.62 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.98 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 12.14 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₅O₂: C, 62.15; H, 3.97; N, 17.26. Found: C, 62.33; H, 4.21; N, 17.54.

6-(Acetylamino)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-5-carboxamide (9b). This compound was obtained as white prisms (ethanol:DMF), 0.37 g (84%) mp 237-238 °C; ir (potassium bromide): 3327, 3166, 1674, 1593 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-d₆): δ 2.39 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.34-7.60 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.92 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.61 (bs, 1H, NH), 8.97 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.91 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆BrN₅O₂: C, 56.01; H, 3.58; N, 15.55. Found: C, 56.28; H, 3.76; N, 15.76.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-(4-halophenyl)-7-methyl-1-phenyl-1,6-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-5-one (10). A mixture of (1 mmol) of (9) in acetic acid (5 ml) was refluxed under stirring for 7 hours. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, the separated solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed with ethanol, dried and recrystallized.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyl-1-phenyl-1,6-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-5-one (10a). This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (DMF), 0.28 g (74%), mp < 300 °C dec.; ir (potassium bromide): 3325, 3170, 1674, 1593 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-d₆): δ 2.46 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.36-7.62 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.19 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 12.57 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₄ClN₅O: C, 65.04; H, 3.64; N, 18.06. Found: C, 65.26; H, 3.81; N, 18.34.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-7-methyl-1-phenyl-1,6-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo[4',3':5,6]pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-5-one (10b). This compound was obtained as colorless prisms (DMF) 0.31 g (72%) mp < 300 °C dec.; ir (potassium bromide): 3326, 3173, 1672, 1596 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO-d₆): δ 2.47 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.36-

7.59 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.37 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.21 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 12.58 (bs, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₄BrN₅O: C, 58.35; H, 3.26; N, 16.20. Found: C, 58.61; H, 3.49; N, 16.42.

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