Boric acid catalyzed one-pot synthesis of [1,2,4] triazolo quinazolinone Derivatives

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Abstract: We present a rapid, efficient one pot synthesis of [1,2,4]triazolo [5,1-b]quinazolin- 8(4H)-one derivatives by condensation of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole with aldehydes and dimedone in the presence of boric acid (5 mmol%) as a catalyst. This protocol corresponds in short reaction time, low cost, high reaction yield, no need of chromatographic separation with green aspects by using water soluble catalysts. **Keywords:** aldehyde, 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole, dimedone, boric acid.

I. Introduction

Multicomponent reactions(MCRs) in which three or more reactants are combined to form a product containing substantial elements of all reactants^{1,2}. One pot MCR process have an efficient and powerful tool for the construction of complex molecules^{3,4}. One pot MCR provides many chemical reactions which attributes such as minimization of use of silica gel for chromatographic purification of intermediate compounds, use of solvent⁵. MCR's have been exploited as a powerful tool for the assembly of large library of biologically active molecules⁶.Nitrogen containing heterocyclic, triazolo quinazolinone ring system exhibit biological activities such as antihypertensive⁷, antihistamic⁸, analgesic, anti-inflammatory⁹, anticancer¹⁰ and anti-HIV activities^{11a}. More over many naturally occurring and synthetic compounds containing triazole derivatives scaffold also posses interesting diverse pharmaceutical, agrochemical properties. Some important drugs which are present in market such as terconazole, alperazolame, triazolame and rizatriptan^{11b} (**figure 1**)contains 1,2,4 Triazole nucleus. A three component condensation of a substituted aldehyde, dimdone and 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole as an amine source is well known. An important existing procedure for the synthesis of 1,2,4-triazolo[5,1-b]quinolin-8(4H)-one derivatives have been carried out by refluxing starting compounds in DMF^{12a,b}, using sulphamic acid in acetonitrile as a solvent and reflux condition¹³, ionic liquids¹⁴, hetero polyacids¹⁵, molecular iodine¹⁶.

However some of these methodologies have many limitations of harsh reaction condition, use of expensive catalysts, long reaction time and tedious work up, low yield. Hence the development of rapid, simple, efficient, clean, high yielding, environmentally benign protocol using new catalyst for the synthesis of this compound is desirable. Boric acid is a water soluble inexpensive, stable, readily available, easy to handle catalyst and has been found effective in various transformations such as synthesis of aza Michael¹⁷, thia Michael¹⁸, transesterification of ethylacetoacetate¹⁹, synthesis of α -hydroxyamides²⁰, bromination, oxidation of sulphides²¹, beginelli reaction²¹, 1,5- benzodiazepine derivatives²², 2-amino,3-5 dicarbonitrile-6-thio-pyridene²³. It is therefore important to examine the behavior of boric acid as a catalyst in the synthesis of 1,2,4-triazolo quinolinone derivatives.



Scheme : Synthesis of 1,2,4-triazolo[5,1-b]quinolin-8(4H)-one derivatives

To determine the optimum concentration of the boric acid catalyst, we investigated model reaction at it's different concentrations. The product was formed in 91.2%, 98.2%, 96.1%, 89.7% and 83.5% (Table 1)

yield by using concentration of boric acid catalyst i.e. 3, 5, 10, 15, 20 mmol% respectively. These result shows 5mol% of boric acid is sufficient to carry out the reaction smoothly. Herein we report a synthesis of 1,2,4-triazolo[5,1-b]quinolin-8(4H)-one derivatives.



Figure 1

II. Experimental

All solvents and chemicals which are used in this reaction are of commercial grade quality without any purification and were produced from Merck(Germany). Silica gel coated aluminium sheets (merck product) were used for thin layer chromatography to monitor progress of the reaction. Melting points were measured by an open capillary tube method and are uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were carried out on a SpectronicGenesys - 2 Spectrophotometer 300MHz in DMSO-d6 solvent. IR spectra recorded from KBr disk in the range of 4000-200 cm⁻¹ on the Shimadzu FTIR spectrometer (Model no. 8400). MASS spectra were obtained on Polaris-Q Thermospecific GC-MS.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of [1,2,4]triazolo [5,1-b]quinazolin- 8(4H)-one derivatives.

The mixture of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole 3 (1mmol), p-nitro benzaldehyde (1mmol), dimedone 2 (1mmol) and 5mmol% boric acid was taken in an agate mortar and pestle set and ground it for 2 minutes. Then 5ml ethyl acetate was added to the mixture. After evaporation of the solvent product was separated out and washed with water then dried at low pressure to obtain the crude product. Completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The product was purified by recrystallization by using ethyl alcohol as a solvent to get expected product 4a-k. All the compounds were synthesized and characterized using their data in literature.

Entry	Table 1 Effect of the catalyst concentration ' Boric Acid (mmol%)	Yield ^b	
1	3	91	
2	5	98	
3	10	96	
4	15	89	
5	20	83	

Note: Bold values indicate optimized condition

^a Reaction condition: 1a(1mmol), 2(1mmol) and 3(1mmol) ground in agate mortar, rt

^b Isolated yield.

Table 2: Boric acid catalyzed synthesis of Triazolo quinazolinones-

Entry	Aldehydes(1)	Product(4)	% Yield ^a	M.P. (°C)		
				Found	literature	
4a	CHO NO2		9 8	304-306 >300 ¹⁶		

4b	СНО	90	>300	>300 ¹⁶
4c	CHO	96	303-305	304-306 ¹⁶
4d	СНО	85	291-293	289-290 ¹⁶
4e	СНО ОН	82	301-303	
4f	СНООН	83	294-296	
4g	СНО	83	249-251	250-252 ¹⁶
4h	сно он	91	287-290	
4i		94	272-275	290-293 ¹⁴
4j	CHO N	93	288-291	285-287 ¹⁴
4k	CHO OCH ₃	92	227- 229	228-230 ¹⁶

6,6-Dimethyl-9-(4-nitro-phenyl)-5,6,7,9-tetrahydro-4H-1,2,4-triazolo[5,1-b]quinazolin-8-one (4a): Pale yellow solid, Yield- 98.2%, M.P.=304- 306°C, IR- 2962, 1645, 1568, 1354, 1250, 720 cm-1; ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d6, 300MHz): 8H 1.02 (s, 3H,CH3), 1.10 (s, 3H, CH3), 2.10 (d, J=16.20 Hz,2H), 2.30 (d, J=16.40 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (d, J=16.20,2H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, J=8.2Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J=8.2Hz, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 11.03 (s, 1H, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 190.32, 155.21, 132.11, 130.11, 120.47, 112.42, 68.72, 66.46, 25.19, 17.21. MS m/z (ESI); 340 [M+H]⁺.

6,7-dihydro-9-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[5,1-b]quinazolin-8(4H,5H,9H)one(4e): Pale yellow solid, Yield- 82.7%, M.P.=301- 303°C, IR- 3090, 2941, 1643, 1610, 1438, 1261,839 cm-1; ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d6, 300MHz): δ H 0.99 (s, 3H, CH3), 1.09 (s, 3H, CH3), 2.08 (q, J = 14.17, 23.03 Hz, 2H, -CH2), 2.49 (s, 2H, -CH2), 6.48 (s, 1H, -CH), 7.22-7.31 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.59 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 10.92 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 161.39, 141.86, 129.47, 125.12, 123.35, 110.18, 60.52, 59.48, 15.71, 13.11. MS m/z (ESI); 327 [M+H]⁺.

6,7-dihydro-9-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[5,1-b]quinazolin-8(4H,5H,9H)-one (4f): Pale yellow solid, Yield- 83.7%, M.P.=294-296°C, IR- 3089, 2938, 1663, 1567, 1342, 1260, 788 cm-1; ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d6, 300MHz): δ H 1.02 (s, 3H, CH3), 1.09 (s, 3H, CH3), 2.09 (q, J = 11.92, 16.89 Hz, 2H, -CH2), 2.35 (s, 2H, -CH2), 6.87 (s, 1H, -CH), 7.30-7.38 (m, H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.31 (m, H, Ar-H), 7.11 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.31 (m, H, Ar-H), 7.11 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.31 (m, H, Ar-H), 7.11 (m, H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.31 (m, H, Ar-H) H), 7.53 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.31 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.05 (s, 1H, NH);

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 162.87, 142.33, 130.76, 126.94, 123.31, 112.23, 60.89, 58.51, 14.83, 12.72. MS m/z (ESI); 311 [M+H]⁺.

6,7-dihydro-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[5,1-b]quinazolin-8(4H,5H,9H)-one (4h): Pale yellow solid, Yield- 91.4%, M.P.=287-290°C, IR- 3081, 2968, 1655, 1589, 1375, 1242, 764 cm-1; ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d6, 300MHz): δH 1.01 (s, 3H,CH3), 1.08 (s, 3H, CH3), 2.11 (q, J = 13.62, 22.79 Hz, 2H, -CH2), 2.43 (s, 2H, -CH2) 3.70 (s, 3H, -OCH3), 6.71 (s, 1H, -CH), 7.11-7.20 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.37 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.49 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.21 (s, 1H, NH) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 189.74, 157.46, 155.83, 149.44, 146.57, 133.12, 131.77, 126.51, 122.48, 101.17, 49.33, 48.10, 30.72, 27.56, 25.37. MS m/z (ESI); 341 [M+H]⁺.

III. Conclusion

In conclusion we have developed an environmentally benign protocol for the synthesis of 1,2,4triazolo[5,1-b] quinolin-8(4H)-one derivatives by using 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole, benzaldehydes and dimedone in the presence of 5mmol% Boric acid as a catalyst. The catalyst was found to catalyze reaction at room temperature. The advantages of this procedure are short reaction time, low cost, high reaction yield, no need of chromatographic separation use of water soluble catalyst.

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