Synthesis of Oxazolo[5,4-*d*][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrimidines as a New Class of Heterocyclic Compounds

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{1) N}_2\text{H}_4\\ \text{2) R}^2\text{C(OEt)}_3 \end{array}$$

Several new derivatives of oxazolo[5,4-d]pyrimidine (**3a-h**) have been synthesized through the reaction of 2,4-dichloro-6-methyl-5-nitropyrimidine (**2**) with aryl carboxylic acids in refluxing POCl₃. Further treatment of compounds (**3a-h**) with hydrazine hydrate gave the hydrazine derivatives (**4a-h**) that were subsequently cyclized into a novel heterocyclic system, oxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidine (**5a-p**) and (**7a-d**) on treatment with triethylorthoesters or carbondisulfide and alkylhalides, respectively.

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INTRODUCTION

The oxazole-containing heterocyclic structures are important compounds because they can be considered as structural analogues of purines, in which the imidazole moiety is replaced by a 1,3-oxazole ring system. These compounds encountered in various biological compounds either in natural products [1,2] or synthetic small molecules [3–7]. Oxazolopyrimidine derivatives have also been described as anti-inflammatory [8], analgesic [9], antimicrobial [10], and anticoagulant agents [11]. On the other hand, certain oxazolo[5,4-d]pyrimidines have been reported to be potent as brain A_{2A} adenosine receptor antagonists [12], immunosuppressive [13], receptor tyrosine kinase [14], and HGPRTase inhibitors [15].

An endeavor in the literature revealed that only a few synthetic procedures for the preparation of oxazolo[5,4-d] pyrimidines are reported. Examples include condensation of 5-amino-4,6-dihydroxypyrimidine with acid anhydrides at elevated temperature [12], chemoselective acylation of 5-amino-4-hydroxy-pyrimidine with acyl halides and treatment with POCl₃ [16] and the intramolecular copper-catalyzed C–O bond formation of the corresponding amidopyrimidines [17].

Moreover, triazolopyrimidines are another important class of heterocyclic compounds that have been reported as active as antimycobacterial [18], herbicidal [19,20],

antitumor [21] and anti-inflammatory [22]. They are also used as CXCR2 receptor [23] and adenosine A_{2a} receptor antagonist [24]. Some of the recently chemical syntheses of various derivatives of triazolopyrimidines have also been reported via treatment of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole with ethylacetoacetate under acidic conditions [25] or the reaction of 5-amino-3-morpholino-1H-1,2,4-triazole with diethyl ethoxymethylenemalonate in glacial acetic acid [26]. The intramolecular cyclization of 4-aryl-1-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidinyl)thiosemicarbazides in the presence of methyl iodide is another published method [27].

Regarding these points and as part of our ongoing studies dealing with the synthesis of various fused pyrimidines [28–34], herein, we wish to report on the synthesize of oxazolo[5,4-d] [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidine (5a–p) as members of a novel heterocyclic system that may be of use in designing new, potent and effective pharmacologically active compounds.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The starting material 2,4-dichloro-6-methyl-5-nitropyrimidine (1) could be easily obtained from the reaction of thiourea and ethylacetoacetate by a four-stage method [35]. Reduction of compound (1) with iron powder in boiling acetic acid afforded the 2,4-dichloro-6-methylpyrimidin-

5-amine (2). Compound (2) was further treated with various arylcarboxylic acids in refluxing POCl₃ and gave the new heterocyclized derivatives of oxazolo[5,4-d]pyrimidine (3a-h) in quantitative yields. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound (3a) shows a singlet signal at δ 3.85 ppm indicating the presence of CH₃ group of pyrimidine ring, a multiplet signal at δ 7.70–8.35 ppm that are corresponded to the hydrogen signals of phenyl moieties and the removal of the broad singlet signal at δ 3.95 ppm as a result of NH₂ group of the precursor (2). In IR spectrum, the disappearance of stretching vibration bands of NH₂ group at 3470 and 3449 cm⁻¹ also confirm the ring closure step.

The subsequent reaction of the synthesized compounds (3a-h) with hydrazine hydrate gave the hydrazino derivatives (4a-h). The spectral and microanalytical data of the synthesized compounds (4a-h) were summarized in the experimental section.

Treatment of compounds (**4a–h**) with triethylorthoformate and triethylorthoacetate in boiling acetic acid furnished the corresponding new oxazolo[5,4-*d*][1,2,4] triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrimidines (**5a–p**) in good to excellent yields. All the newly synthesized compounds (**5a–p**) were characterized by their physical, chemical and spectral data. For example, the IR spectrum of compound (**4a**) showed the presence of characteristic absorption NH and NH₂ stretching vibration bands around 3300 and 3295 cm⁻¹.

Also, ¹H NMR spectrum of compound (**4a**) showed two D₂O exchangeable peaks at δ 4.31 and 8.63 ppm, while the IR and ¹H NMR spectra of compound (**5a**) revealed the absence of NH and NH₂ signals and also showed a molecular ion peak at m/z = 251 (M⁺) in the mass spectrum confirming the desired structure (Scheme 1).

The successful cyclization of products (5a-p) prompted us to use compound (4a) as a starting material for the synthesis of other analogous of the new tricyclic system derivatives (7a-d). Thus, heating under stirring of the compound (4a) with carbon disulfide in dry pyridine gave the title compound (6) that was further alkylated regioselectively through the treatment with various alkylhalides in boiling CH_3CN (Scheme 2).

Beside the correct values of the elemental analysis, the spectral data of compounds (7a-e) are in agreement with the assigned structures. The IR spectrum of compound (6) displays the stretching vibration band of NH group at $3320\,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ that was absent after the alkylation has occurred. The 1H NMR spectrum of product (7d), as an example, shows a singlet signal at $4.10\,\mathrm{ppm}$ as a result of the methylene protons, a singlet peak at $3.13\,\mathrm{ppm}$ corresponding to methyl group and a multiplet signal around $7.39-8.12\,\mathrm{ppm}$ as a result of the phenyl groups of the product. The mass spectrum of (7d) shows a molecular ion peak at m/z = 373 (M^+) related to the molecular formula of $C_{19}H_{13}N_5OS$.

Scheme 1

H₂NHN N O CS₂ Pyridine HN N N O Et₃N, MeCN
$$\mathbb{R}^3$$
S Me (4a) (6) \mathbb{R}^3 S Me (7a-d)
$$7a: \mathbb{R}^3 = Me$$
 7b: $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R$

Table 1

Physical, spectral and microanalytical data of compounds (3a-h).

				Physical, spectral and microanalytical data of compounds (3a-h).			
Entry	R^1	Yield (%)	mp (°C)	Spectral data ^a	C% (Calcd)	H% (Calcd)	N% (Calcd)
3a	н	08	220–221	¹ H NMR: δ 3.85 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 7.50–7.70 (m, 3H, phenyl), 8.20–8.35 (m, 2H, phenyl); ¹³ C NMR: δ 165.7, 163.5, 161.2, 152.3, 140.9, 124.9, 129.1, 125.3, 124.9, 21.4; IR: 3005, 2920, 1610, 1550, 1005 cm ⁻¹ ; ms. m/τ 246 (M ⁺).	57.41 (57.67)	3.27 (3.28)	17.62 (17.50)
3b	3-C1	8	235–236	¹ H NMR: δ 3.16 (x, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 7.50 (t, J =7.6, 1H, 3-thlorophenyl), 7.58 (t, J =7.6, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 8.09 (d, J =6.8, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 8.26 (s, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl); ¹³ C NMR: δ 165.5, 162.4, 160.9, 154.8, 135.5, 133.4, 133.2, 130.1, 129.1, 127.5, 126.6, 20.1; IR: δ 30.8, 30.13, 165.0, 10.6, δ 30.14, δ 30.0, δ 30	51.41 (51.36)	2.49 (2.47)	14.07 (14.01)
3c	2-C1	82	220–221	¹ H NMR (CDCI ₃): δ 2.89 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 7.45 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.4 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 7.53 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.4 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 7.58 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 8.14 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 8.14 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 13.C NMR (CDCI ₃): δ 165.2, 162.7, 160.7, 155.2, 134.1, 133.2, 132.1, 131.7, 130.5, 127.2, 124.4, 19.8; IR: 3020, 2990, 156.2, 101.5 cm ⁻¹ , 200.0 M ⁺ .	51.38 (51.33)	2.49 (2.46)	15.08 (15.03)
3d	3-NO ₂	78	148–149	¹ H NMR (CDCI ₃): 53.27(s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 8.06 (t, <i>J</i> =8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.19 (d, <i>J</i> =8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.19 (d, <i>J</i> =8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.73 (s, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl); ¹³ C NMR (GDCI ₃): 5 166.7, 162.4, 162.2, 160.1, 148.7, 140.9, 136.8, 133.3, 129.2, 125.7, 120.6, 2.13. IR: 3.02, 200, 208.5, 152.7, 107.5, 200, 7M ⁺).	49.52 (49.50)	2.41 (2.43)	19.21 (19.17)
36	4-NO ₂	80	143–144	¹ H NMR(CDCI ₃): 3.35 (s, 3H, CH ₃) of pyrimidine), 8.24 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 4-nitrophenyl), 8.39 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 4-nitrophenyl); ¹³ C NMR (CDCI ₃): δ 166.1, 162.5, 160.7, 155.5, 148.1, 141.4, 132.1, 125.1, 124.5, 50.4. IR: 30.11.2803, 166.4, 156.9, 1010.cm ⁻¹ . ms. m/2 200. M* ⁺)	49.50 (49.46)	2.39 (2.35)	19.19 (19.16)
3£	3-0Me	75	185–186	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃): 5 2.81 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine, 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 7.23 (d, 2H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.54 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.65 (s, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.57 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.65 (s, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl); 1.3C NMR (CDCl ₃): 8 165.1, 163.1, 163.7, 161.3, 153.7, 131.5, 130.6, 130.5, 125.1, 118.8, 109.3, 55.8, 19.3; IR: 3015, 2954, 2852, 1642, 1550, 1052 cm ⁻¹ ; mer. m.f. 756. NM ⁺ .	56.67 (56.60)	3.64 (3.62)	15.19 (15.17)
38	4-OMe	78	190–191	¹ H NMR (CDCI ₃): δ 2.84 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 3.92 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 7.05 (d, 1 = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-methoxyphenyl), 8.18 (d, 1 = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-methoxyphenyl), 8.18 (d, 1 = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-methoxyphenyl); ¹³ C NMR (CDCI ₃): δ 165.5, 163.5, 162.9, 160.9, 154.1, 131.2, 130.1, 117.6, 114.7, 55.6, 19.7; IR: 3060, 2986, 2949, 2847, 1674.Cm ⁻¹ , ms. m/2 776 (M ⁺)	56.61 (56.57)	3.62 (3.59)	15.17 (15.12)
3h	4-Br	85	180–182	¹ H NMR (CDCI ₃): δ 2.86 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 7.71 (d, J =8.8 Hz, 2H, 4-bromophenyl), 8.10 (d, J =8.8 Hz, 2H, 4-bromophenyl); ¹³ C NMR (CDCI ₃): δ 165.4, 162.1, 161.9, 154.9, 132.6, 130.9, 129.4, 128.1, 124.2, 19.7; IR: 3043, 2865, 1643, 1582, 1022 cm ⁻¹ ; ms: mt_2 325 (M ⁺)	44.35 (44.30)	2.13 (2.09)	12.87 (12.82)

^aThe solvent for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR is CDCl₃, and the chemical shifts are in ppm.

Physical, spectral and microanalytical data of (4a-h).

Entry 4a 4b	. Н 2-СІ	Yield (%) 85 87	mp (°C) 242–244 237–238	Spectral data ^a ¹ H NMR (DMSO- <i>d</i> _o): δ 2.57 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 4.31 (br s, 2H, NH ₂ , D ₂ O exchangeable), 7.52–7.69 (m, 3H, phenyl), 8.06–8.08 (m, 2H, phenyl), 8.63 (br s, 1H, NH, D ₂ O exchangeable); ¹³ C NMR (DMSO- <i>d</i> _o): δ 166.3, 162.9, 161.1, 155.2, 133.1, 132.2, 131.9, 131.8, 128.2, 125.6, 122.2, 19.9; IR: 3300, 3295, 3050, 2985, 1665 cm ⁻¹ ; ms: <i>mlz</i> 241 (M ⁺). ¹ H NMR (DMSO- <i>d</i> _o): δ 2.95 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 4.34 (br s, 2H, NH ₂ , D ₂ O exchangeable), 7.49 (t, <i>J</i> =7.6 Hz, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl),	C% (Calcd) 59.71 (59.67) 52.24 (52.20)	H% (Calcd) 4.58 (4.54) 3.64 (3.60)	N% (Calcd) 28.95 (28.90) 25.35 (25.31)
	3-CI	82	241–242	3-chloropheny), 8.36 (s, 1H, 3-choropheny), 8.11 (u, y - 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3-chloropheny), 8.36 (s, 1H, 3-choropheny), 8.65 (br s, 1H, MH, D ₂ O exchangeable); ¹³ C NMR (DMSO-d ₆); δ 166.4, 162.7, 160.7, 157.2, 131.2, 130.8, 130.2, 127.5, 127.2, 126.3, 20.6; IR: 3333, 3257, 3166, 3060, 1637 cm ⁻¹ ; ms: m/z 276 (M ⁺). ¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆): δ 2.95 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 4.35 (br s, 2H, NH ₂ , D ₂ O exchangeable), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 8.69 (br s, 1H, NH, D ₂ O exchangeable); ¹³ C NMR (DMSO-d ₆): δ 167.8, 162.9, 152.1, 137.5, 131.6, 130.8, 129.3, 127.3, 21.4; IR: 3332, 3239, 3048, 2929, 1644 cm ⁻¹ ; ms: m/z 276 (M ⁺). ¹⁴ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆): δ 2.55 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 4.23 (br s, 2H, NH ₂ , D ₂ O exchangeable), 7.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-methoxynhenyl), 8.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 2H, 2Hz, 2Hz, 2Hz, 2Hz, 2Hz, 2	52.30 (52.28)	3.63 (3.59)	25.36 (25.32)
	3-0Me	98	255–256	(br. s, 1H, NH, D ₂ O exchangeable), ¹³ C NMR (DMSO-d ₀); δ 166.4, 162.4, 159.7, 152.9, 129.1, 122.7, 118.9, 115.2, 55.9, 19.8; ir. 3317, 3242, 3211, 3154, 2970 cm ⁻¹ ; ms: <i>m</i> /z 271 (M ⁺). ¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₀): δ 2.95 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 3.73 (s, 3H, OCH ₃), 4.30 (br. s, 2H, NH ₂ , D ₂ O exchangeable), 7.24 (d, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.52 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.59 (t, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 0.85 (s, 1H, 3-methoxyph	57.58 (57.55)	4.80 (4.78)	25.78 (25.75)
	3-NO ₂	77	250-252	8.48 (or s, 1H, NH, D ₂ O exchangeable); C NMK (DMSO-d ₆): \(\delta\) 104.9, 162.8, 162.7, 160.7, 133.2, 130.6, 125.4, 118.9, 109.3, 55.8, 20.6, IR: 3317; 3258, 3174, 2937, 1644 cm ⁻¹ ; ms: m/z 271 (M ⁺). ¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆): \(\delta\) 2.95 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 3.62 (br s, 2H, NH ₂ , D ₂ O exchangeable), 7.96 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.13 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.29 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.85 (br s, 1H, NH, D ₂ O exchangeable); ¹³ C NMR (DMSO-d ₆): \(\delta\) 164.39, 155.91, 153.24, 140.90, 133.76, 133.31, 129.26, 128.61, 128.34, 125.38, 13.36; IR: 3300, 3295, 3150, 2852, 1110 cm ⁻¹ , ms: m/z 286 (M ⁺).	50.33 (50.30)	3.48 (3.45)	29.29 (29.26)

4-NO ₂	82	255–257	¹ H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 2.95 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 3.52 (br s, 2H, NH ₂ , D ₂ O exchangeable), 8.25 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H, 4-nitrophenyl), 8.33 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H, 4-nitrophenyl), 8.83 (br s, 1H, NH, D ₂ O exchangeable); ¹³ C NMR (DMSO- d_6):	50.31 (50.28)	3.50 (3.48)	29.31 (29.28)
			δ 164.7, 162.8, 162.7, 158.9, 147.5, 136.50, 128.6, 125.4, 124.6, 20.8; IR: 3320, 3295, 3170, 1653, 1110 cm ⁻¹ ; ms: m/z 286 (M ⁺).			
4-Br	87	255-257	¹ H NMR (DMSO- d_0): δ 2.95 (s, 3H, CH ₃ of pyrimidine), 4.47 (br s, 2H, NH ₂ , D ₂ O exchangeable), 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, 4-bromophenyl), 8.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, 4-bromophenyl), 8.73 (br s, 1H, NH, D ₂ O exchangeable); ¹³ C NMR (DMSO- d_0): δ 164.39, 163.5, 162.7, 160.4, 132.5, 131.8, 129.2, 126.3, 125.6, 21.4; IR: 3342, 3246, 3154, 3051, 2917 cm ⁻¹ ; ms: mtz 320 (M ⁺).	45.11 (45.02)	3.13 (3.11)	21.78 (21.75)

^aThe solvent for ¹H nmr and ¹³C nmr is DMSO- d_6 , and the chemical shifts are in ppm

conclusion

In conclusion, we have developed a novel and efficient synthetic method for the preparation of oxazolo[5,4-*d*] pyrimidines (3a-h) and oxazolo[5,4-*d*][1,2,4]triazolo[4, 3-*a*]pyrimidines (5a-p) and (7a-d). The oxazolo[5,4-*d*] pyrimidine ring formation could be carried out through the treatment of aminopyrimidine (2) with various carboxylic acids in refluxing POCl₃. The reaction of the synthesized oxazolopyrimidines (3a-h) with hydrazine hydrate and then with triethylorthoesters or CS₂ and alkyl halides eventually gave the desired novel derivatives of oxazolo [5,4-*d*][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrimidine (5a-p) and (7a-d), respectively. Further investigation in expanding the scope of this cyclization for the construction of other novel heterocyclic ring systems is underway in our laboratory.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were recorded on an Electrothermal type 9100 melting point apparatus. The IR spectra were obtained on Avatar 370 FT-IR Thermo Nicolet, and only noteworthy absorptions were listed. The ¹H NMR (400 MHz) and the ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DRX-400 Fourier transformer spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm downfield from TMS as internal standard. The mass spectra were scanned on a Varian Mat CH-7 at 70 eV. Elemental analyses were performed on a Thermo Finnigan Flash EA microanalyzer.

Synthesis of 2,4-dichloro-4-amino-6-methyl-pyrimidine (2). To a stirring mixture of 2,4-dichloro-6-methyl-5-nitropyrimidine (1) (48 mmol, 10 g) in acetic acid (20 mL), iron powder (10 g) was added at room temperature. The mixture was moderately heated at 80-90°C for 2 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC using chloroform: methanol (30:1). Then, the reaction mixture was cooled and filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Water was added to the resulting residue and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na2SO4 and recrystallized from ethanol. The precipitate was obtained as brown powder. Yield = 60%; mp 122–124°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.2 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 3.95 (br s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 164.2, 151.2, 142.9, 141.6, 20.9; IR: 3470, 3449, 2856, 1615 cm^{-1} ; ms: m/z 177 (M⁺), 179 (M⁺ + 2); Anal. Calcd. for C₅H₅Cl₂N₃ (%): C, 33.73; H, 2.83; N, 23.60. Found: C, 33.68; H, 2.00; N, 23.54.

General procedure for the preparation of 2-aryl-5-chloro-7-methyl-oxazolo[5,4-d]pyrimidines (3a-h). To a stirring solution lof the appropriate arylcarboxylicacids (8 mmol) in POCl₃ (5 mL), 2,4-dichloro-6-methylpyrimidin-5-amine (2) (5 mmol, 0.89 g) was added at several portions. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 2 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture was carefully poured to an ice-water bath and neutralized by 5% NaOH_(aq) solution. The resulting precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and crystallized from ethanol (refer to Table 1).

General procedure for the preparation of 2-aryl-5-hydrazinyl-7-methyl-oxazolo[5,4-d]pyrimidines (4a-h). To a solution of appropriate 2-aryl-5-chloro-7-methyl-oxazolo[5,4-d]pyrimidine (3a-c) (4 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL), hydrazine hydrate (2 mL) was

added and the solution was refluxed for 5 h. After the completion of the reaction, the solution was cooled and the resulting precipitate was filtered off, washed with water $(2 \times 20 \text{ mL})$ and recrystallized from ethanol (refer to Table 2).

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-substituted-7-aryl-5-methyl-oxazolo[4,5-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidines (5a-i). To a solution of 2-aryl-5-hydrazino-7-methyl-oxazolo[5,4-d]pyrimidine (4a-c) (1 mmol) in HOAc (2 mL), the corresponding triethyl-orthoester (1 mmol) was added. The reaction solution was heated under reflux for 4 h. After the completion of the reaction that was monitored by TLC using chloroform: methanol (9:1), the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Water (5 mL) was added, and the mixture was neutralized by saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The collected solid was recrystallized from ethanol

5-Methyl-7-phenyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidine (5a). White powder; yield = 65%; mp 255–227°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.21 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.59–7.71 (m, 3H, phenyl), 8.03–8.33 (m, 2H, phenyl), 8.54 (s, 1H, triazol); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 164.4, 155.9, 153.2, 140.9, 133.8, 133.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 125.4, 13.8; IR: 3092, 2978, 2917, 2843, 1668 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 251 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₉N₅O: C, 62.15; H, 3.61; N, 27.87. Found: C, 62.11; H, 3.60; N, 27.81.

3,5-Dimethyl-7-phenyloxazolo[*5,4-d*][*1,2,4*]*triazolo*[*4,3-a*]*pyrimidine* (*5b*). White powder; yield = 72%; mp 225–226°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.71 (s, 3H, CH₃ of triazol), 3.16 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.55–7.70 (m, 3H, phenyl), 8.26–8.34 (m, 2H, phenyl); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 166.1, 163.9, 161.9, 153.4, 140.3, 133.1, 129.2, 128.2, 125.5, 124.9, 15.3, 13.4; IR: 3043, 2970, 2929, 2855, 1659 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 265 (M⁺); *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₅O: C, 63.39; H, 4.18; N, 26.40. Found: C, 63.34; H, 4.15; N, 26.37.

7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5c). White solid; yield = 65%; mp 230–231°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.21 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.46 (t, J=7.6, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 7.62 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 8.10 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 8.28 (s, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 9.01(s, 1H, triazol); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 161.9, 161.1, 141.3, 135.8, 135.3, 135.2, 131.9, 130.8, 130.1, 127.5, 126.6, 13.8; IR: 2993, 2930, 2923, 2868, 1665 cm $^{-1}$; ms: m/z 285 (M $^+$), 287 (M $^+$ +2); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₈ClN₅O: C, 54.65; H, 2.82; N, 24.51. Found: C, 54.60; H, 2.80; N, 24.47.

7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3,5-dimethyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5d). Creamy solid; yield = 69%; mp 0254–256°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.73 (s, 3H, CH₃ of triazol), 3.19 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.55 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 7.63 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 8.19 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl), 8.32 (s, 1H, 3-chlorophenyl); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 166.5, 162.5, 161.8, 153.6, 140.9, 135.5, 133.1, 130.6, 128.1, 127.2, 126.2, 124.7, 15.6, 13.6; IR: 3010, 2950, 2942, 2875, 1648 cm $^{-1}$; ms: m/z 299 (M $^+$), 301 (M $^+$ +2); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₀ClN₅O: C, 56.10; H, 3.36; N, 23.37. Found: C, 56.03; H, 3.33; N, 23.33.

7-(2-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5e). Yellow solid; yield = 70%; mp 224–226°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.23 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.51 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 7.58 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 8.24 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 8.57 (s, 1H, triazol); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 161.9, 156.2, 152.9, 134.4, 133.4, 132.1, 131.9, 130.5, 129.2, 128.4, 127.2, 124.4, 13.5; IR: 3113, 3095, 2921, 2853,1649 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 285 (M⁺), 287 (M⁺+2); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₀ClN₅O: C, 54.65; H, 2.82; N, 24.51. Found: C, 54.60; H, 2.79; N, 24.48.

7-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3,5-dimethyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5f). Light brown solid; yield = 69%; mp 220–222°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.81 (s, 3H, CH₃ of triazol), 3.19 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.46 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 7.56 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 7.61 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl), 8.17 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-chlorophenyl); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 162.3, 156.8, 153.5, 145.4, 133.9, 133.1, 132.3, 130.7, 129.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 15.9,13.7; IR: 3068, 2974, 2913, 2887, 1650 cm $^{-1}$; ms: m/z 299 (M $^+$), 301 (M $^+$ +2); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₈ClN₅O: C, 56.10; H, 3.36; N, 23.37. Found: C, 55.98; H, 3.31; N, 23.33.

7-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5g). White solid; yield = 72%; mp 262–264°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.15 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.08 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-methoxyphenyl), 8.17 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-methoxyphenyl), 9.01(s, 1H, triazol); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 163.5, 163.1, 161.5, 139.9, 139.4, 130.5, 128.5, 118.7, 117.4, 55.5, 13.2; IR: 3085, 3039, 2985, 2974, 1665 cm $^{-1}$; ms: m/z 281 (M $^{+}$); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₅O₂: C, 59.78; H, 3.94; N, 24.90. Found: C, 59.75; H, 3.90; N, 24.82.

7-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,5-dimethyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5h). Creamy solid; yield = 75%; mp 267–268°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.69 (s, 3H, CH₃ of triazol), 3.12 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 3.93 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.07 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-methoxyphenyl), 8.23 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-methoxyphenyl); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 166.1, 163.9, 163.6, 162.1, 153.5, 139.4, 130.2, 125.1, 117.8, 114.7, 55.6, 15.3, 13.2; IR: 3096, 3076, 3002, 2978, 1658 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 295 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₅O₂: C, 61.01; H, 4.44; N, 23.72. Found: C, 60.98; H, 4.43; N, 23.69.

7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5i). Gray solid; yield = 76%; mp 284–287°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.16 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.49 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.56 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.65 (s, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 9.05 (s, 1H, triazol); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 163.3, 163.1, 162.5, 153.1, 138.8, 135.4, 131.1, 129.7, 122.5, 118.7, 111.1, 55.7, 13.5; IR: 3080, 3019, 2970, 2843, 1668 cm $^{-1}$; ms: m/z 281 (M $^{+}$); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₅O₂: C, 59.78; H, 3.94; N, 24.90. Found: C, 59.70; H, 3.91; N, 24.85.

7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-3,5-dimethyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo [4,3-a]pyrimidine (5j). Light brown solid; yield = 65%; mp 222–224°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.53 (s, 3H, CH₃ of triazol), 3.12 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 3.73 (s, 3H, CH₃ of OCH₃), 7.27 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1 H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.46 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.58 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl), 7.63 (s, 1H, 3-methoxyphenyl); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 165.7, 163.4, 162.9, 162.5, 153.1, 139.8, 130.8, 130.1, 125.7, 122.5, 118.7, 111.1, 55.8, 15.9, 13.8; IR: 3093, 3084, 3076, 2981, 1642 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 295 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₅O₂: C, 61.01; H, 4.44; N, 23.72. Found: C, 60.95; H, 4.40; N, 23.65.

5-Methyl-7-(4-nitrophenyl)oxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5k). Brown solid; yield=63%; mp 308–309°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.74 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 8.26 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H, 4-nitrophenyl), 8.42 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H, 4-nitrophenyl), 9.01 (s, 1H, triazol); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 165.7, 161.7, 160.5, 148.3, 140.6, 135.6, 135.5, 128.5, 125.6, 124.1, 20.6; IR: 3096, 3075, 2964, 1663, 1120 cm⁻¹; ms: mlz 296 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₈N₆O₃: C, 52.71; H, 2.72; N, 28.37. Found: C, 52.69; H, 2.75; N, 28.34

3,5-Dimethyl-7-(4-nitrophenyl)oxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] **pyrimidin** (51). Light brown solid; yield = 61%; mp 311–313°C;

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃ of triazol ring), 2.81 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 8.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 4-nitrophenyl), 8.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 4-nitrophenyl); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 165.9, 161.2, 160.1, 155.2, 148.6, 141.2, 134.7, 128.5, 125.1, 124.8, 15.6. 19.8; IR: 3101, 3064, 2956, 1653, 1116 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 310 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₀N₆O₃: C, 54.20; H, 3.25; N, 27.09. Found: C, 54.15; H, 3.27; N, 27.02.

5-Methyl-7-(3-nitrophenyl)oxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5m). Light brown solid; yield = 61%; mp 310–312°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.52 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 8.12 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.24 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.73 (s, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.44 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.73 (s, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 9.01(s, 1H, triazol); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 166.2, 162.1, 161.5, 160.5, 151.2, 148.5, 141.3, 136.2, 132.1, 128.4, 126.2, 120.9, 21.4; IR: 3055, 3023, 2984, 2955, 1650 cm $^{-1}$; ms: mlz 296 (M $^+$); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₈N₆O₃: C, 52.71; H, 2.72; N, 28.37. Found: C, 52.67; H, 2.69; N, 28.31.

3,5-Dimethyl-7-(3-nitrophenyl)oxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5n). Brown solid; yield = 66%; mp 315–317°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.12 (s, 3H, CH₃ of triazol), 3.47 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 8.10 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.27 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.73 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl), 8.85 (s, 1H, 3-nitrophenyl); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 161.5, 160.8, 159.8, 150.2, 147.1, 140.5, 136.1, 132.6, 128.8, 126.1, 120.5, 15.8, 21.6; IR: 3013, 2984, 2856, 1620, 1015 cm $^{-1}$; ms: m/z 297 (M $^+$); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₀N₆O₃: C, 54.20; H, 3.25; N, 27.09. Found: C, 54.16; H, 3.23; N, 26.98.

7-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-methyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a] pyrimidine (5o). White solid; yield = 69%; mp 287–289°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.74 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.82 (d, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H, 4-bromophenyl), 7.99 (d, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H, 4-bromophenyl); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): δ 165.1, 162.5, 162.6, 156.1, 132.1, 131.2, 130.4, 128.9, 128.4, 123.9, 19.5; IR: 3105, 3084, 3076, 2985,1667 cm $^{-1}$; ms: m/z 329 (M $^+$), 331 (M $^+$ +2); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₈BrN₅O: C, 47.29; H, 2.44; N, 21.21. Found: C, 47.35; H, 2.40; N, 21.17.

7-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,5-dimethyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo [4,3-a]pyrimidine (5p). Yellow solid; yield = 67%; mp 290–292°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃ of triazol), 2.70 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.83 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 2H, 4-bromophenyl), 7.98 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 2H, 4-bromophenyl); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 165.7, 163.1, 162.9, 148.7, 155.8, 131.9, 128.5, 128.1, 126.9, 125.2, 15.9, 19.2; IR: 3100, 3021, 2983, 1645, 1105 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 343 (M⁺), 345 (M⁺+2); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₀BrN₅O: C, 48.86; H, 2.93; N, 20.35. Found: C, 48.79; H, 2.89; N, 20.42

General procedure for the preparation of 5-methyl-7-phenyloxazolo [5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidine-3(2H)-thione (6). A solution of 5-hydrazinyl-7-methyl-2-phenyloxazolo[5,4-d]pyrimidine (4a) (1 mmol, 0.24 g) and CS₂ (1 mL) in dry pyridine (7 mL) was refluxed for 6h. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, and the resulting solid was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol. Yellow solid; yield = 55%; mp 242–245°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.02 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.43–7.67 (m, 3H, phenyl), 8.27–8.30 (m, 2H, phenyl); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 162.9, 163.5, 161.8, 153.1, 133.1, 129.9, 128.7, 125.5, 124.5, 13.8; IR: 3320, 3010, 2950, 1667, 1460 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 283 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₉ClN₅OS: C, 55.11; H, 3.20; N, 24.72, S; 11.32. Found: C, 55.20; H, 3.16; N, 24.65; S, 11.50.

General procedure for the preparation of 3-(alkylthio)-5-methyl-7-phenyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidine (7a–d). To a solution of compound (6) (0.3 mmol, 0.08 g) and an appropriate alkyl halide (0.9 mmol) in DMF (12 mL), Et₃N

(1 mmol, 0.13 mL) was added and the solution was refluxed for 4 h. After the completion of the reaction that was monitored by TLC using chloroform: methanol (9:1), the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was recrystallized from ethanol.

5-Methyl-3-(methylthio)-7-phenyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo [4,3-a]pyrimidine (7a). Gray solid; yield = 68%; mp 172–172°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.94 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 3.05 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 7.42–7.67 (m, 3H, phenyl), 8.09–8.12 (m, 2H, phenyl): 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 168.1, 163.2, 161.4, 153.8, 141.2, 133.4, 129.5, 128.6, 125.8, 124.2, 17.4, 13.5; IR: 3020, 2990, 2830, 1592, 1073 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 297 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₅OS: C, 56.55; H, 3.73; N, 23.55; S, 10.78. Found: C, 56.48; H, 3.69; N, 23.47; S, 11.05.

3-(Ethylthio)-5-methyl-7-phenyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo [4,3-a]pyrimidine (7b). Light brown solid; yield = 61%; mp 168–171°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.39 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃ of SEt), 3.09 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 3.22 (q, J=8 Hz, 2H, SEt), 7.48–7.69 (m, 3H, phenyl), 8.11–8.13 (m, 2H, phenyl); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 163.5, 161.5, 153.6, 140.3, 133.1, 129.3, 128.4, 125.6, 124.3, 28.8, 16.5, 13.9; IR: 3068, 2921, 2851, 1655, 1052 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 311(M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₅OS: C, 57.86; H, 4.21; N, 22.49; S, 10.30. Found: C, 57.91; H, 4.19; N, 22.45; S, 10.43.

5-Methyl-7-phenyl-3-(propylthio) oxazolo [5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo [4,3-a]pyrimidine (7c). Creamy solid; yield = 62%; mp 155–157°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.09 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃ of SPr), 1.84–1.89 (m, 2H, CH₂ of SPr), 3.11 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 3.31 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 2H, CH₂ of SPr), 7.26–7.63 (m, 2H, phenyl), 8.27–8.29 (m, 2H, phenyl); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 168.5, 163.7, 161.7, 153.6, 139.9, 133.2, 129.2, 128.1, 125.5, 124.5, 33.4, 23.1, 13.4, 13.3; IR: 3056, 2958, 2925, 2876, 1656 cm $^{-1}$; ms: m/z 325 (M $^+$); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₅OS: C, 59.06; H, 4.65; N, 21.52; S, 9.85. Found: C, 58.95; H, 4.61; N, 21.47; S, 9.98.

3-(Benzylthio)-5-methyl-7-phenyloxazolo[5,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo [4,3-a]pyrimidine (7d). Yellow solid; yield = 69%; mp 171–173°C; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.13 (s, 3H, CH₃ of pyrimidine), 4.10 (s, 2H, CH₂ of benzyl), 7.39–8.12 (m, 10H, phenyl rings); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 168.1, 163.4, 161.3, 155.4, 153.1, 136.5, 133.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 125.7, 33.6, 13.5; IR: 3064, 3027, 2915, 1655 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 373 (M⁺); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₃N₅OS: C, 64.33; H, 4.05; N, 18.75; S, 8.59. Found: C, 64.25; H, 4.00; N, 18.68.

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