

Synthesis of new stable pseudobases

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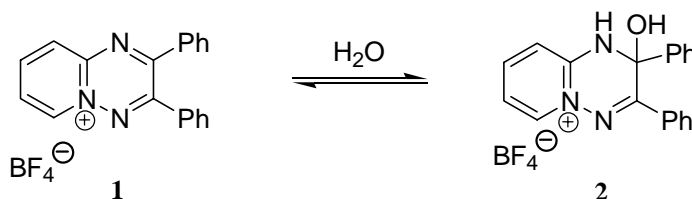
Abstract

Pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazinium salts easily form covalent hydrates in the presence of traces of water and readily react with various nucleophilic anions (e.g. hydroxide, alkoxide, or cyanide ions) to yield stable crystalline addition products (*i.e.* pseudobases). All these transformations were found to be regioselective and afforded 2-substituted products as revealed by NMR experiments.

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Introduction

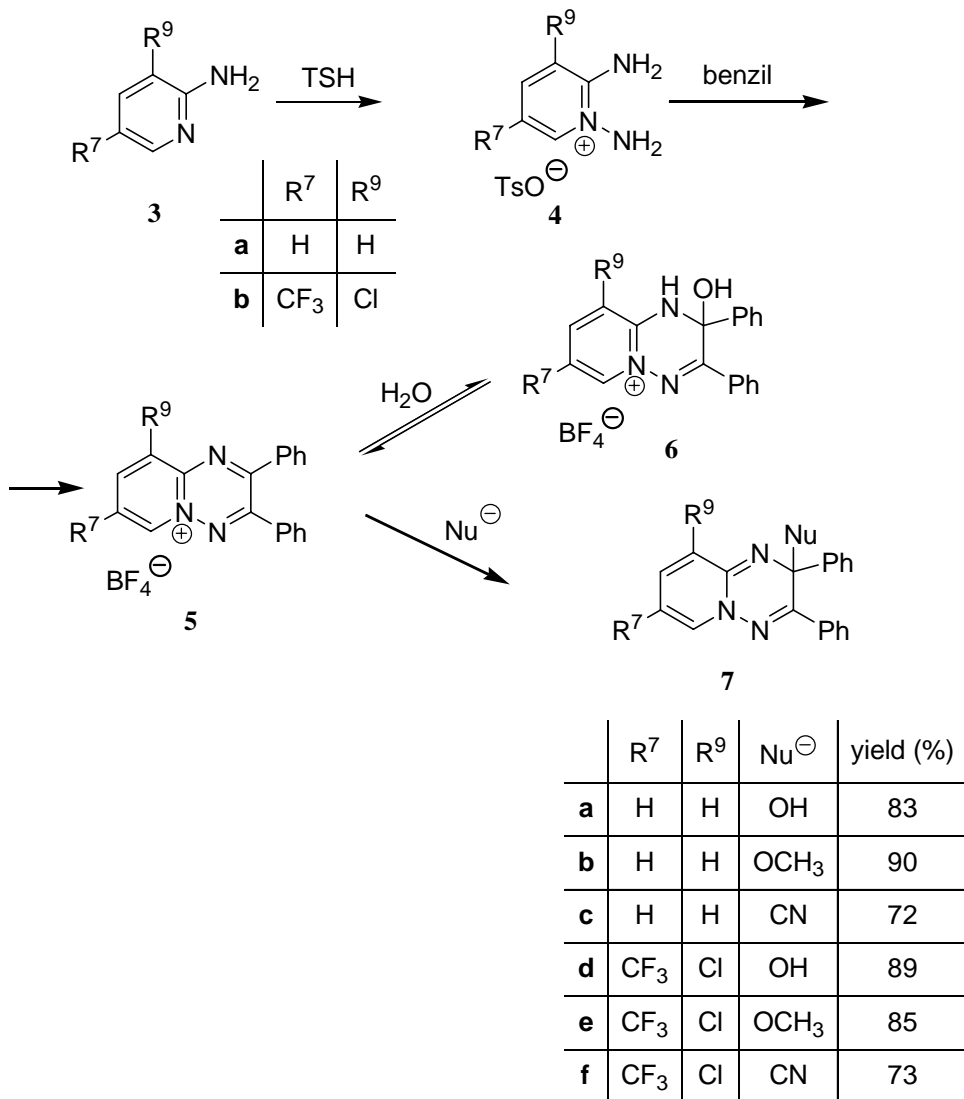
Earlier we published^{1,2} that N-amination of 2-aminopyridines and a subsequent condensation reaction of the resulting diaminopyridinium salt with α -dioxo reagents proved to be a simple and straightforward protocol for the synthesis of pyrido[1,2-*b*]-as-triazinium salts **1** (Scheme 1). We have also shown¹ that this bicyclic heteroaromatic ring system is ready to form covalent hydrates **2**. This water-sensibility of the heteroaromatic cation prompted us to reinvestigate the reactivity of **1** towards nucleophiles.



Scheme 1

Results and Discussion

We have found that the solution of 2,3-diphenylpyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazinium fluoroborate (**5a**)³⁻⁵ in acetonitrile promptly reacts with aqueous sodium carbonate solution to give a pale yellow crystalline precipitate. NMR analysis of the product revealed that a stable pseudobase (**7a**) was formed, *i.e.* the hydroxide anion attacked the heteroaromatic system regioselectively in position 2 (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2

The solution of **5a** in dimethyl sulfoxide at room temperature was found in accordance with our early observations¹⁾ to undergo a slow change as monitored by the NMR spectrum and after 24 h formation of the covalent hydrate **6a** was detected. NMR experiments revealed that, similar

to **7a**, the hydroxyl group attached to the C-2 atom. Thus, the transformation **5a** → **7a** can be rationalized either as a nucleophilic addition of the hydroxide ion on **5a** or as a rapid formation of **6a** followed by a deprotonation step.

As both pathways are basically facilitated by the electron-deficient nature of the starting aromatic salt, introduction of further electron withdrawing groups seemed to assist such transformations. Upon this consideration we also have prepared derivative **5b** containing an 9-chloro and 7-trifluoromethyl substituent and subjected both **5a** and **5b** to reactions with nucleophiles. Synthesis of **5b** was carried out according to our well established procedure: 2-amino-3-chloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine (**3**) was N-aminated by tosyl hydroxylamine to the diamino salt **4** and reaction with benzil yielded the desired fused triazinium salt.

The new pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazinium salt (**5b**) also easily reacted with sodium carbonate solution and gave the expected addition product **7d** in good yield. Similar reactions of **5a** and **5b** were experienced also with sodium methoxide and sodium cyanide to give the addition products **7b,c** and **7e,f**, respectively.

Proton assignment for both **7b** and **7e** was fulfilled by decoupling and homonuclear correlation experiments. The carbons were assigned with heterocorrelated methods. HSQC measurements supplied the one-bond proton-carbon connectivities, while quaternary carbons were determined by applying the HMBC method. In the case of **7b** the protons and the corresponding carbons at positions 6,7,8, and 9 could be determined straightforwardly. The protons and carbons of the two phenyl groups were distinguished on the basis of their long range heterocorrelations. The carbon at 84.7 ppm gave crosspeaks with both protons H-2 + H6 at 7.36 ppm and with the methoxy protons (3.18 ppm). These correlations were diagnostic from the point of view of the methoxy position at C-2 instead of at C-9a. The situation was rather similar for compound **7e**.

Preliminary experiments indicated that similar to the nucleophilic anions, also secondary amines can react with triazinium salt **5**. In this case, however, a different course of the reaction was also observed in some cases^{6,7} (*i.e.* ring opening of the pyridine moiety to afford dieneamines). Investigation of this ambident reactivity towards amines is in progress and will be published elsewhere. Also, because of the potential biological use from the viewpoint of pharmaceutical applications, various tests are planned.

Conclusions

These results indicate that the pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazinium salts (**5**) are reactive towards nucleophilic reagents in position 2. This reactivity allowed the selective synthesis of 2-substituted pseudobases containing hydroxide, methoxide, and cyano groups. HMBC experiments unambiguously revealed the position of these substituents.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. Melting points were determined by a Büchi apparatus and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded with a Nicolet Magna 750 FT-IR, spectrophotometers; the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded using a Varian UNITY-INOVA spectrometer, equipped with a 5-mm indirect detection probe, operating at 399.9 MHz for ^1H and at 100.5 MHz for ^{13}C nuclei. Approximately 20 mg of each sample was dissolved in 0.65ml CDCl_3 or DMSO-d_6 . The temperature was stabilized at 303K. All 1D and 2D experiments were run using the Varian software library. Assignments of the phenyl-protons and carbons were marked by 2'-H, 3'-H, 2'-C, *etc.* in the case of the 2-phenyl group, and 2''-H, 3''-H, 2''-C, *etc.* with the 3-phenyl group.

1,2-Diamino-3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridinium tosylate (4b). To a solution of 2-amino-3-chloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine (**3**, 1.96 g, 10 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 ml) was added a solution of tosyl hydroxylamine⁸ (2.0 g, 10.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (40 ml) was added at room temperature whereupon a yellow solid precipitated. After 1 h diethyl ether (30 ml) was added and the precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from methanol/diethyl ether to give colorless crystals, 3.37 g (0.88 mmol, 88%), mp 209-211 °C. IR (KBr): 3266, 3131, 3027, 1666, 1335, 1189, 1172, 1136, 1126, 1035, 1012, 904, 819, 687 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR δ (DMSO-d_6): 2.28 (s, 3H, H-CH₃), 7.05 (s, 2H, H-NH₂) 7.10, 7.47 (m, 4H, H-p-tolyl), 8.57 (s, 1H, H-4), 8.69 (s, 1H, H-6), 9.29 s, (2H, H-NH₂); Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (383.77): C, 40.69; H, 3.41; N, 10.95. Found: C, 40.53; H, 3.54; N, 10.85.

2,3-Diphenyl-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazin-5-ium tetrafluoroborate (5a). This compound was prepared according to literature procedures³⁻⁵ by addition of tetrafluoroboric acid, mp 255-257 °C. IR (KBr): 3105, 1630, 1582, 1563, 1395, 1292, 1083, 1031, 784, 696 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR δ (CDCl_3 +TFA): 7.40–7.50 (m, 4H, H-3', H-5', H-3'', H-5''), 7.60 (m, 4H, H-2', H-4', H-6', H-4''), 7.67 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.14 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.0, 6.5, 1.5$ Hz, H-7), 8.50 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, H-9), 8.63 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.9, 7.0, 1.0$ Hz, H-8), 9.18 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.5, 1.5$ Hz, H-6); ^{13}C NMR δ (CDCl_3 , TFA): 126.6 (C-7), 128.4 (C-9), 129.2, 129.4 (C-3', C-5', C-3'', C-5''), 130.0 (C-2', C-6''), 130.9 (C-2'', C-6''), 131.3, 133.2 (C-1', C-1''), 132.7 (C-4'), 134.0 (C-4''), 139.8 (C-6), 144.5 (C-8), 145.1 (C-9a), 157.1 (C-2), 161.2 (C-3). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{BF}_4\text{N}_3$ (371.14): C, 61.49; H, 3.80; N, 11.32. Found: C, 61.53; H, 3.79; N, 11.05.

2-Hydroxy-2,3-diphenyl-1,2-dihydro-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazin-5-ium tetrafluoroborate (6a). Formation of this compound was observed when a solution of **5a** in dimethyl sulfoxide was allowed to stand at room temperature for 24 h. ^1H NMR δ (DMSO-d_6): 7.15 (ddd, 1H, $J = 7.0, 6.5, 1.5$ Hz, H-7), 7.20 (dd, 1H, $J = 9, 1.5$ Hz, H-9), 7.26 – 7.38 (m, 4H, H-3', H-5', H-3'', H-5''), 7.45, 7.55 (m, 2H, H-4', H-4''), 7.60 (m, 2H, H-2', H-6'), 7.71 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.01 (ddd, 1H, $J = 9, 7, 1.5$ Hz, H-8), 8.53 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.5, 1.5$ Hz, H-6), 8.84 (s, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR δ (DMSO-d_6): 75.8 (C-2), 114.7, 114.8 (C-7, C-9), 127.6 (C-2', C-6'), 129.0 (C-3', C-5', C-3'', C-5''), 129.9 (C-2'', C-6''), 132.0, 132.2 (C-4', C-4''), 134.4, 141.5 (C-1', C-1''), 138.6 (C-6), 143.7 (C-8), 144.0 (C-9a), 158.4 (C-3).

9-Chloro-2,3-Diphenyl-7-trifluoromethyl-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazin-5-ium fluoroborate (5b).

A mixture of **4b** (1 g, 2.6 mmol), benzil (0.6 g, 2.85 mmol) and sulfuric acid (10 ml) was let to stand in a closed flask at room temperature for 48 h. The resulting reddish yellow solution was poured onto crushed ice (100 g) and, then, 40 % tetrafluoroboric acid (2 ml) was added. A yellow precipitate was formed which was filtered off and recrystallized from nitromethane/diethyl ether. Yield: 0.85 g (1.8 mmol, 68%), mp 233-242 °C. IR (KBr): 3150, 1644, 1559, 1430, 1377, 1282, 1171, 1084, 1054, 774, 704 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃+TFA): 7.39 (m, 2H, H-3'', H-5''), 7.43 (m, 2H, H-3', H-5'), 7.59 (m, 2H, H-2', H-6'), 7.60 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.62 (m, 1H, H-4''), 7.76 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.59 (s, 1H, H-8), 9.27 (s, 1H, H-6); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃+TFA): 120.8 (q, ¹J_{C,F}=265 Hz, CF₃), 127.9 (q, ²J_{C,F}=36 Hz, C-7), 129.3, 129.4 (C-3', C-5', C-3'', C-5''), 130.1 (C-2', C-6'), 130.9, 132.9 (C-1', C-1''), 131.8 (C-2'', C-6''), 133.0 (C-4'), 135.1 (C-4''), 135.7 (C-9), 136.7 (q, ³J_{C,F} = 4 Hz, C-8), 138.3 (q, ³J_{C,F} = 4 Hz, C-6), 145.0 (C-9a), 158.0 (C-2), 163.3 (C-3). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₂BClF₇N₃ (473.58): C, 50.72; H, 2.55; N, 8.87. Found: C, 51.03; H, 2.57; N, 8.45.

9-Chloro-2-hydroxy-2,3-diphenyl-7-trifluoromethyl-1,2-dihydro-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazin-5-ium tetrafluoroborate (6b).

Formation of this compound was observed when a solution of **5b** in dimethyl sulfoxide was allowed to stand at room temperature for 24 h. ¹H NMR δ (DMSO-d₆): 7.20–7.40 (m, 6H, H-3', H-4', H-5', H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 7.55 (m, 2H, H-2', H-6'), 7.74 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.53 (s, 1H, H-8), 9.12 (s, 1H, H-6); ¹³C NMR δ (DMSO-d₆): 78.0 (C-2), 122.3 (q, ¹J_{C,F} = 265 Hz, CF₃), 127.6 (C-2', C-6'), 128.7, 128.9 (C-3', C-5', C-3'', C-5''), 129.7 (q, ²J_{C,F} = 35 Hz, C-7), 130.1 (C-2'', C-6''), 131.7 (C-9), 133.7, 134.0 (C-1', C-1''), 135.3 (q, ³J_{C,F} = 5 Hz, C-8), 137.5 (q, ³J_{C,F} = 5 Hz, C-6), 142.8 (C-9a), 157.4 (C-3).

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To a suspension of **5a** (0.37 g, 1mmol) or **5b** (0.47 g, 1 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 ml) was added the appropriate reagent (*i.e.* aqueous sodium carbonate solution, methanolic sodium methoxide, or aqueous potassium cyanide, 3 mmol) with stirring at 5 °C. A yellow solution was formed from which the product separated either spontaneously or by addition of ice. The product was filtered off and recrystallized from cyclohexane.

2,3-Diphenyl-2H-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-2-ol (7a). Yield: 0.25 g (0.83 mmol, 83 %), mp 146-152 °C. IR (KBr): 3027, 2797, 1650, 1558, 1541, 1444, 1329, 1282, 1178, 1157, 1137, 1066, 777, 747, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ (DMSO-d₆): 6.07 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.7, Hz, H-7), 6.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 9 Hz, H-9), 6.89 (s, 1H, H-OH), 7.03 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 9, 6.7, 1.5 Hz, H-8), 7.40 – 7.10 (m, 8H, H-3', H-5', H-2', H-6', H-4', H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 7.72 (m, 3H, H-6, H-2'', H-6''); ¹³C NMR δ (DMSO-d₆): 78.5 (C-2), 104.5 (C-7), 122.1 (C-9), 125.6 (C-2', C-6'), 126.8 (C-4'), 127.7 (C-3', C-5', C-3'', C-5''), 129.3 (C-2'', C-6'', C-4''), 133.8 (C-8), 134.5, 143.1 (C-1', C-1''), 135.9 (C-6), 147.3 (C-3), 145.8 (C-9a). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₅N₃O (301.34): C, 75.73; H, 5.02; N, 13.94. Found: C, 75.58; H, 5.09; N, 13.90.

2-Methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-2H-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine (7b). Yield: 0.28 g (0.90 mmol, 90 %), mp 127-133 °C. IR (KBr): 3079, 3058, 2976, 2943, 2820, 1651, 1550, 1537, 1444, 1238, 1036, 1019, 940, 771, 757, 694, 598 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃ + DMSO-*d*₆): 3.18 (s, 3H, H-OMe), 6.10 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 7.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, H-7), 6.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9, 1.8 Hz, H-9), 7.04 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 9, 7.2, 1.8 Hz, H-8), 7.15 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.20–7.30 (m, 5H, H-3', H-5', H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 7.36 (m, 2H, H-2', H-6'), 7.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, H-6), 7.76 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃ + DMSO-*d*₆): 50.5 (O-Me), 84.7 (C-2), 105.6 (C-7), 122.6 (C-9), 126.2 (C-2', C-6'), 127.7 (C-4'), 128.4 (C-3', C-5', C-3'', C-5''), 129.3 (C-2'', C-6''), 130.2 (C-4''), 134.5, 146.5 (C-1', C-1''), 134.7 (C-8), 136.3 (C-6), 145.8 (C-9a), 147.1 (C-3). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₇N₃O (315.37): C, 76.17; H, 5.43; N, 13.32. Found: C, 75.98; H, 5.30; N, 13.05.

2,3-Diphenyl-2H-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-2-carbonitrile (7c). Yield: 0.22 g (0.72 mmol, 72 %), mp 128-130 °C. IR (KBr): 3087, 3060, 3040, 2924, 2243, 1645, 1548, 1534, 1447, 1332, 1238, 1148, 1129, 758, 692, 557 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ (DMSO-*d*₆ + CDCl₃): 6.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz, H-7), 6.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.5 Hz, H-9), 7.05 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 9.5, 6.8, 1.6 Hz, H-8), 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.30 (m, 10 H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-5', H-6', H-2'', H-3'', H-4'', H-5'', H-6''), 7.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.8, Hz, H-6); ¹³C NMR δ (DMSO-*d*₆ + CDCl₃): 59.3, 105.7, 118.5, 121.4, 125.4, 128.3, 128.5, 129.1, 129.4, 131.1, 131.9, 135.1, 135.9, 139.6, 141.7, 144.4. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₄N₄ (310.35): C, 77.40; H, 4.55; N, 18.05. Found: C, 77.28; H, 4.47; N, 17.90.

9-Chloro-2,3-diphenyl-7-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-2-ol (7d). Yield: 0.36 g (0.89 mmol, 89 %), mp 139-142 °C. IR (KBr): 3258, 3016, 3085, 3070, 3052, 1661, 1591, 1315, 1166, 1126, 1070, 1003, 893, 771, 708, 688 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ (DMSO-*d*₆): 7.12 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.15–7.46 (m, 7H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-5', H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 7.75 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-8), 7.80 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.41 (m, 1H, H-6); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃, DMSO): 78.8 (C-2), 105.3, 126.1, 126.7, 127.4, 127.8, 129.4, 129.9, 133.5, 133.2, 135.7, 139.5, 145.9, 151.8. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₃ClF₃N₃O (403.78): C, 59.49; H, 3.25; N, 10.41. Found: C, 59.38; H, 3.11; N, 10.20.

2-Methoxy-9-chloro-2,3-diphenyl-7-trifluoromethyl-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine (7e). Yield: 0.35 g (0.85 mmol, 85 %), mp 180-183 °C. IR (KBr): 3110, 3083, 3059, 2941, 2819, 1665, 1616, 1600, 1314, 1165, 1127, 1078, 1046, 869, 770, 703, 687 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃ + DMSO-*d*₆): 3.21 (s, 3H, OMe), 7.22 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.28–7.30 (m, 4H, H-3', H-5', H-3'', H-5''), 7.36 (m, 1H, H-4''), 7.41 (m, 2H, H-2', H-6'), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, H-8), 7.80 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 8.24 (m, 1H, H-6); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃ + DMSO-*d*₆): 51.2 (OMe), 85.0 (C-2), 107.0 (q, ²*J*_{C,F} = 35 Hz, C-7), 123.3 (q, ¹*J*_{C,F} = 270 Hz, CF₃), 126.2 (C-2', C-6'), 127.0 (C-9), 128.4 (C-8), 128.6, 128.7 (C-3', C-5', C-3'', C-5''), 129.6 (C-2'', C-6''), 131.1 (C-4''), 133.2, 145.1 (C-1', C-1''), 135.8 (q, ³*J*_{C,F} = 5 Hz, C-6), 141.9 (C-9a), 150.2 (C-3). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₅ClF₃N₃O (417.81): C, 60.37; H, 3.62; N, 10.06. Found: C, 60.08; H, 3.57; N, 9.85.

9-Chloro-2,3-diphenyl-7-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-2-carbonitrile (7f). Yield: 0.30 g (0.73 mmol, 73 %), mp 195-200 °C. IR (KBr): 3108, 3060, 2925, 2185, 1664, 1622, 1599, 1419, 1316, 1164, 1145, 1113, 868, 765, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ (CDCl₃): 7.20–7.50 (m, 8H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-4', H-5', H-3'', H-4'', H-5''), 7.61 (m, 2H, H-2'', H-6''), 7.68 (m, 1H, H-8), 7.86 (m, 1H, H-6); ¹³C NMR δ (CDCl₃): 60.4 (C-2), 108.4, 118.0, 126.3, 128.2, 128.6,

127.8, 129.1, 129.7, 131.4, 132.0, 134.1, 138.8, 141.3 , 146.1. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₂ClF₃N₄ (412.79): C, 61.10; H, 2.93; N, 13.57. Found: C, 61.09; H, 2.97; N, 13.28.

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