



SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO  
**Continuous flow synthesis of some 6- and 1,6-substituted  
3-cyano-4-methyl-2-pyridones**

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EXPERIMENTAL

*Preparation of the reactant solutions for synthesis in continuous flow microreactor system*

In the first set of experiments, the following solutions were made: acetylacetone (0.06 mol, 6.008 g) and ethyl acetoacetate (0.06 mol, 7.808 g) and added to volumetric flasks, sequentially, then methanol was added up to a volume of 100 mL. The solution of *N*-substituted cyanoacetamide was made in the same way. The corresponding *N*-substituted cyanoacetamide (0.06 mol) was placed in a volumetric flask and deionized water was added up to a volume of 100 mL. Sodium hydroxide pellets (0.07 mol, 2.8 g) were dissolved in deionized water up to a volume of 100 mL.

In the second set of experiments, compounds **1** and **2** were synthesized from the solutions prepared using the following procedure: acetylacetone (0.10 mol, 10.013 g) and ethyl acetoacetate (0.10 mol, 13.014 g) were placed in volumetric flasks, sequentially, and methanol was added up to a volume of 100 mL. Cyanoacetamide (0.15 mol, 12.612 g) and NaOH pellets (0.2 mol, 8 g) were dissolved in deionized water in volumetric flasks up to a volume of 100 mL.

*Work-up of the reaction mixture in the continuous flow microreactor system*

The reaction mixture assembled in the microreactor was delivered to a test tube containing 1 mL of concentrated HCl. After 9 mL of the mixture was collected, resulting crystals were separated by filtration and washed with deionized water (2 times with 5 mL). Obtained crystals were air dried and analyzed without further purification.

*Synthesis under conventional conditions*

6- and 1,6-substituted 3-cyano-4-methyl-2-pyridones were prepared from corresponding 1,3-dicarbonyl reagent and *N*-substituted cyanoacetamides using a modified literature procedure.<sup>1</sup>

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*Procedure for the preparation of N-substituted 3-cyano-4,6-dimethyl-2-pyridone in the batch system*

Equimolar amounts of acetylacetone and the corresponding N-substituted cyanoacetamide (0.06 mol) were heated under reflux in a water/methanol mixture (120 mL) in the presence of NaOH (0.07 mol) as catalyst for 4 h, except for 3-cyano-4,6-dimethyl-2-pyridone where the reaction time was 1 h. The products were isolated by filtration and purified by crystallization from ethanol.

*Procedure for the preparation of N-substituted 3-cyano-6-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pyridone in the batch system*

Equimolar amounts of ethyl acetoacetate and the corresponding N-substituted cyanoacetamide (0.06 mol) were heated under reflux in a water/methanol mixture (120 mL) in the presence of NaOH (0.07 mol) as a catalyst for 8 h. The products were isolated by filtration and dissolved in 100 mL of hot water. After cooling, the solution was acidified with concentrated HCl to precipitate the 2-pyridone. The final product was isolated by filtration, washed with deionized water and air-dried.

CHARACTERIZATION DATA OF THE PRODUCTS OBTAINED IN THE CONTINUOUS FLOW MICROREACTOR SYSTEM

*3-Cyano-4,6-dimethyl-2-pyridone (1)*. White powder; m.p.: 285–286 °C (Lit. 290–291 °C<sup>1</sup>); FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3292 (N–H), 2219 (C–N), 1659 (C=O); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 2.23 (3H, *s*, 6-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.30 (3H, *s*, 4-CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.17 (1H, *s*, C5-H), 12.32 (1H, *s*, OH); UV-Vis (EtOH, λ<sub>max</sub> / nm): 330.

*3-Cyano-6-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pyridone (2)*. White powder; m.p.: 315–317 °C (Lit. 315–320 °C<sup>2</sup>); FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3294 (OH), 2223 (CN), 1593 (C=O); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 2.23 (3H, *s*, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.61 (1H, *s*, C5-H); UV-Vis (EtOH, λ<sub>max</sub> / nm): 325.

*3-Cyano-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4,6-dimethyl-2-pyridone (3)*. White powder; m.p.: 140–142 °C (Lit. 139–141 °C<sup>3</sup>); FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2222 (CN), 1663 (C=O), 3268 (OH); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 2.39 (3H, *s*, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.57 (3H, *s*, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (2H, *m*, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.11 (2H, *t*, *J* = 5.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.04 (1H, *m*, OH), 6.37 (1H, *s*, C5-H); UV-Vis (EtOH, λ<sub>max</sub> / nm): 334.

*3-Cyano-6-hydroxy-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-2-pyridone (4)*. White powder; m.p.: 172–174 °C (Lit. 171–172 °C<sup>4</sup>); FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3367, 3268 (OH), 2223 (CN), 1663 (C=O); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 2.20 (3H, *s*, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.51 (2H, *t*, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.99 (2H, *t*, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 5.58 (1H, *s*, C5-H); UV-Vis (EtOH, λ<sub>max</sub> / nm): 325.

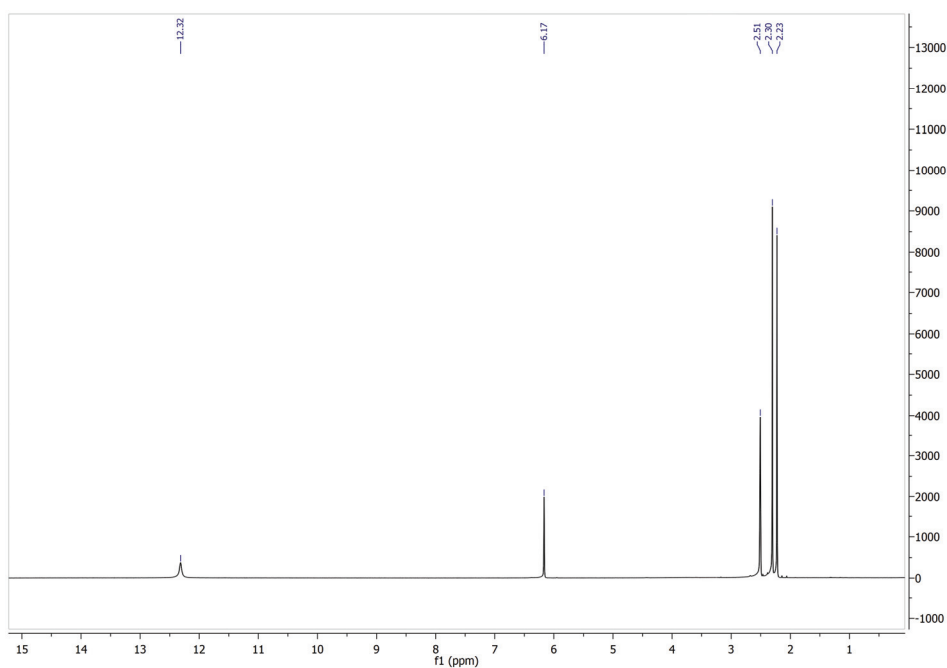
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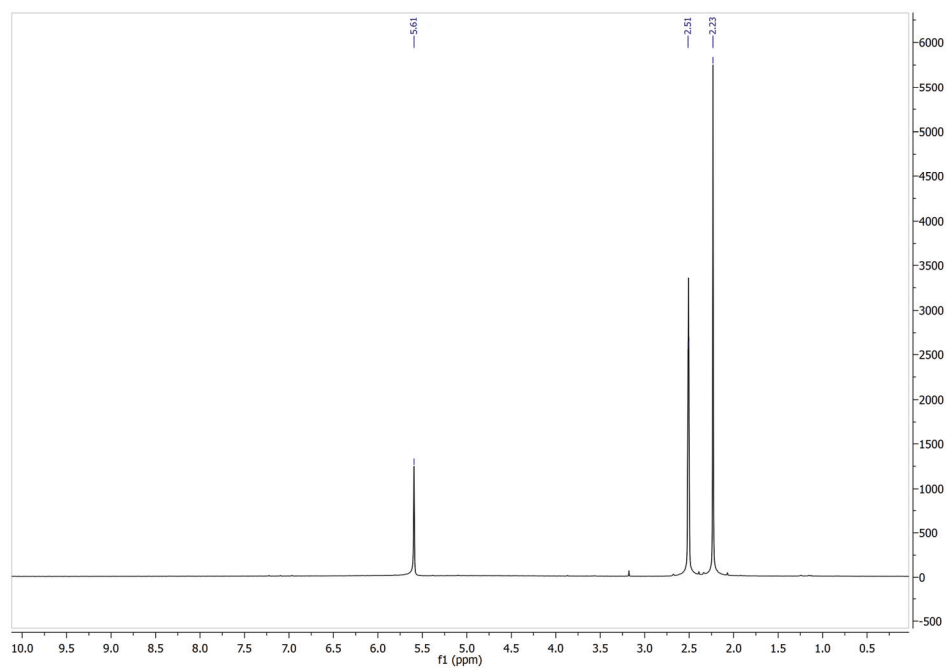
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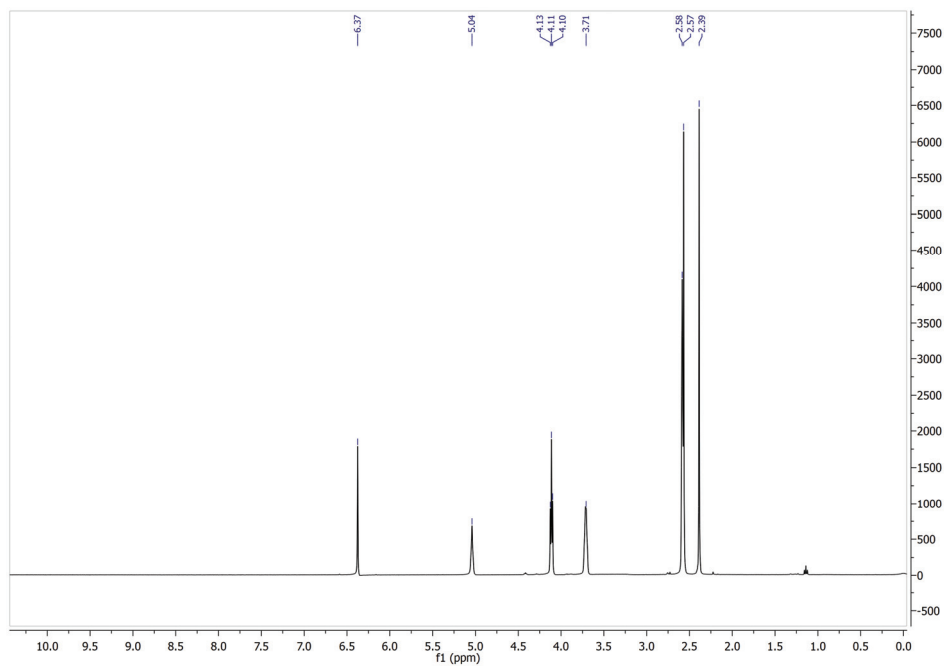
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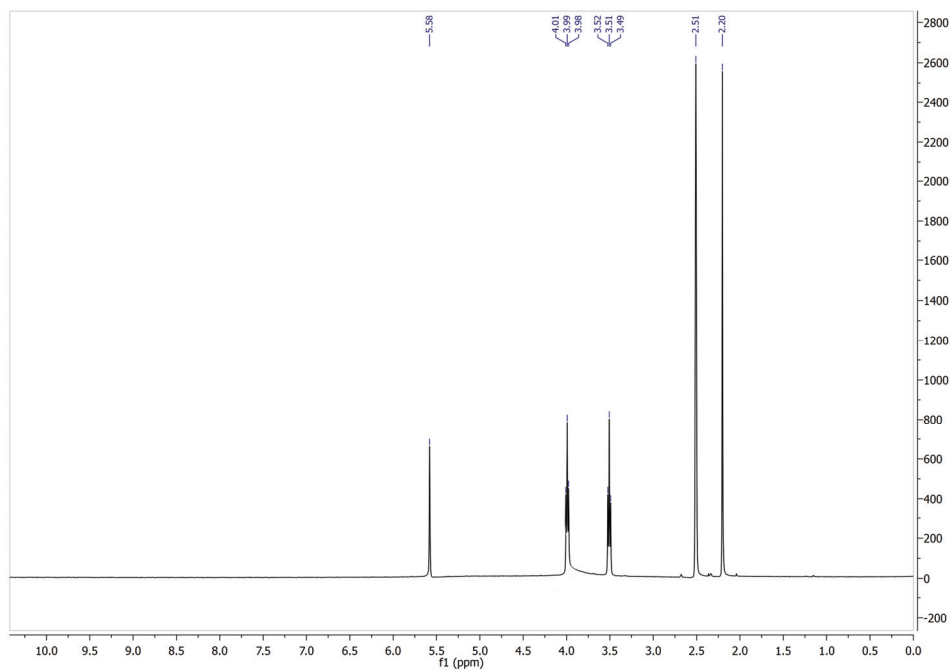
$^1\text{H-NMR}$  SPECTRA OF THE OBTAINED 2-PYRIDONES

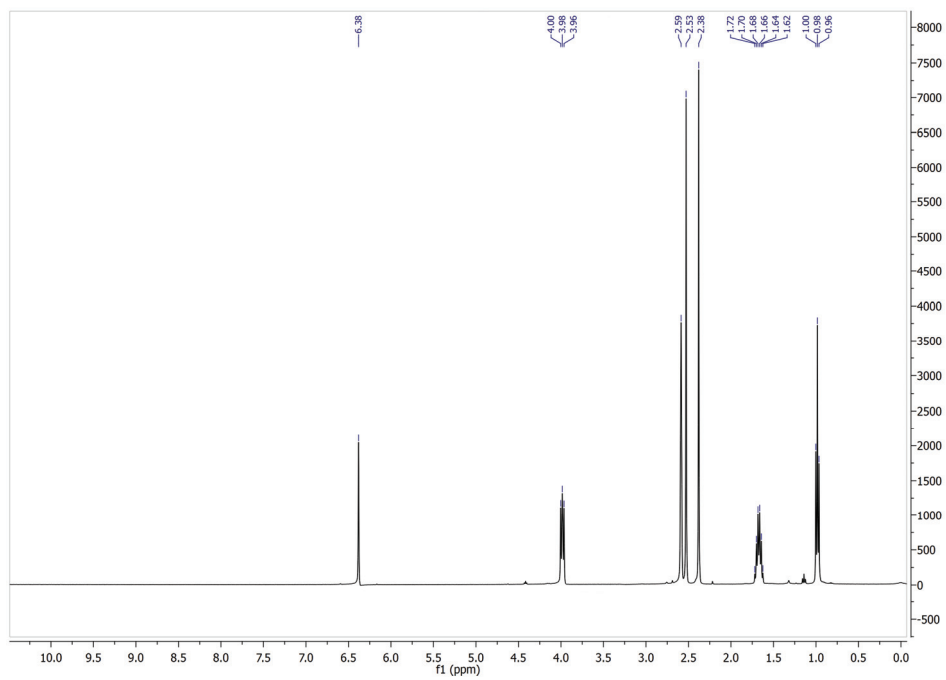
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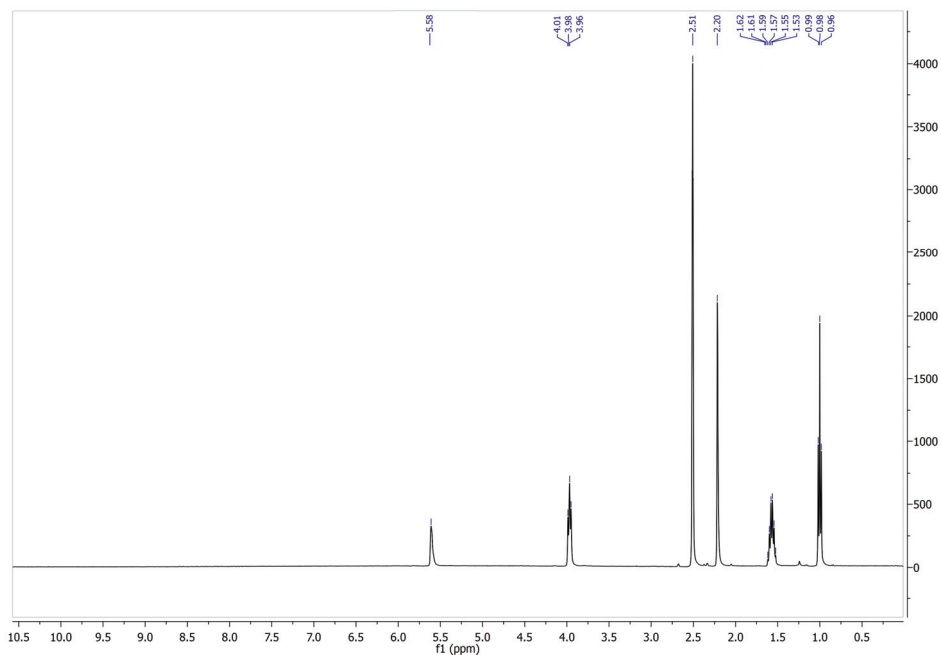


*3-Cyano-6-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pyridone (2)*

*3-Cyano-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4,6-dimethyl-2-pyridone (3)*

*3-Cyano-6-hydroxy-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-2-pyridone (4)*

*3-Cyano-4,6-dimethyl-1-propyl-2-pyridone (5)*

*3-Cyano-6-hydroxy-4-methyl-1-propyl-2-pyridone (6)*

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