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# A Facile Synthesis of New Monoazo Disperse Dyes Derived from 4-Hydroxyphenylazopyrazole-5-amines: Evaluation of Microwave Assisted Dyeing Behavior

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**Abstract:** A series of new monoazo disperse dyes containing pyrazolopyrimidine moieties was synthesized by coupling malononitrile or 3-aminocrotononitrile with 4-hydroxybenzenediazonium chloride. Treatment of the resulting products with hydrazine hydrate yields the corresponding 4-arylazoaminopyrazoles, which then react with either 2,4-pentanedione and enaminonitriles or aryl-substituted enaminoketones to give the target pyrazolopyrimidine monoazo disperse dyes. Structural assignments of the dyes were made using both NMR spectroscopic and X-ray crystallographic methods. A high temperature dyeing method, by microwave irradiation, was employed with polyester fabrics. Most of the dyed fabrics tested displayed moderate light fastness and excellent washing and perspiration fastness levels.

**Keywords:** aminopyrazoles; microwave irradiation; enaminone; disperse dyes; 2,4-pentanedione; enaminonitrile

# 1. Introduction

4-Arylazo-5-aminopyrazoles are readily obtainable, versatile compounds that have demonstrated antibiotic properties [1–5] and are used as dyes [6,7]. While a large number of arylazopyrazole dyes

have been reported in the literature, very few condensed pyrazole derivatives carrying an arylazo function on the pyrazole ring have been reported [8–13]. The present study reports the synthesis of novel condensed 4-hydroxyphenylazopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine dyes, and their application as disperse dyes for polyester fabrics by a method using microwave irradiation as an energy source [14,15].

#### 2. Results and Discussion

#### 2.1. Synthesis

One of the sequences used for synthesis of the 4-hydroxyphenylazopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines is coupling of malononitrile (**3**) with *p*-hydroxybenzenediazonium chloride (**4**) to give arylhydrazone **5** (Scheme 1). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR as well as NOE difference experiments show that this substance exists as phenol **5** rather than the cyclohexadienone tautomer **6**, as its <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum does not contain resonances for a sp<sup>3</sup> hybridized carbon, NOE experiments show that irradiation of the OH proton signal at 9.63 ppm causes an enhancement of the aryl proton signal at 6.78 ppm and *vice versa*. Hydrazone **5** reacts smoothly with hydrazine hydrate to yield the diaminopyrazole **7**. It should be noted that although **7** was previously prepared using the same approach, evidence for its structural assignment was not provided in the earlier report [6].

Scheme 1. Synthesis of 4-(3,5-diamino-1*H*-pyrazol-4-ylazo)-phenol (7).



Similarly, 3-aminocrotononitrile 8 undergoes coupling with diazonium salt 4 to yield the hydrazone 10 rather than the quinohydrazone 12, *via* hydrolysis of the azo-intermediate 9 (Scheme 2). The possibility that 11 exists in the *syn* form because of the hydrogen bonding stabilization is considered unlikely based upon previous studies that show stereoelectronic factors dominate in such systems [16].



Scheme 2. Synthesis of 2-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)-hydrazono]-3-oxo-butyronitrile (10).

NOE difference experiments were done to help establish the structure of **10**. The results indicate that irradiation of the NH signal at 12.1 ppm causes an enhancement of the intensities of the aryl proton resonances at 7.39 and 6.80 ppm. In addition, irradiating the OH signal at 9.58 ppm does not promote any enhancement of these signals.

Reaction of hydrazone 10 with hydrazine hydrate (Scheme 3) generates the corresponding aminopyrazole that was found to exist as a 1:1 mixture of tautomers 13A and 13B according to a <sup>1</sup>H-NMR experiment in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution at room temperature. NOE difference experiments show that irradiation of the NH signal at 11.94 ppm corresponding to 13A enhances the methyl proton signal at 2.36 ppm.

**Scheme 3.** Synthesis of 4-(3-amino-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-ylazo)-phenol (**13A**) and 4-(5-amino-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-ylazo)-phenol (**13B**).



Pyrazoles 7 or 13 react with 2,4-pentanedione to yield 4-hydroxyphenylazopyrazolo[1,5-a]-pyrimidines 14a and 14b, both of which exist in their phenolic forms. This conclusion is also based on NOE difference experiments which demonstrate that irradiation of the OH signals at 9.78 and 9.96 ppm for 14a and 14b respectively, enhances the intensities of the respective *ortho* aryl proton signals 6.86 and 6.89 ppm.

Similarly, 7 or 13 react with 3-piperidinylacrylonitrile 15 to produce the corresponding azopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines that might have either regioisomeric structure 17 or 20 (Scheme 4). The assignment of structures 20a and 20b was made by H-C correlations observed in HMBC 2-D experiments. The important HMBC correlations for 20b (Figure 1) are: (a)  $H^5$  at 8.18 ppm with  $C^{3a}$ ,  $C^6$  and  $C^7$  at

144.3, 90.8 and 147.8 ppm, respectively; (**b**) H<sup>6</sup> at 6.25 ppm with C<sup>5</sup> at 151.5 ppm; (**c**) H<sup>9</sup> at 7.63 ppm with C<sup>8</sup> and C<sup>11</sup> at 146.7 and 158.6 ppm, respectively; and (**d**) H<sup>10</sup> at 7.87 ppm with C<sup>8</sup>, C<sup>11</sup> at 146.7 and 158.6 ppm, respectively. Further information came from the results of <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>15</sup>N HMBC experiments, which show that N<sup>7a</sup> and N<sup>4</sup> resonate at 205 and 235 ppm, respectively, this cross peak correlations exist for the shielded proton H<sup>6</sup> at 6.25 ppm with N<sup>7a</sup> at 205 ppm (<sup>3</sup>J) (H<sup>6</sup>, N<sup>7a</sup>), and that the deshielded proton H<sup>5</sup> at 8.18 ppm with N<sup>4</sup> at 235 ppm (<sup>2</sup>J) (H<sup>5</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>).



Scheme 4. Synthesis of compounds 14a,b and 20a,b.





Finally, the azopyrazoles 7 or 13 condense with enaminones 21a-e to yield structures which might be formulated as either 22 or 23. <sup>15</sup>N-HMBC experiments for compound 22c revealed that the chemical shifts for N<sup>7a</sup> and N<sup>4</sup> are 208.9 and 266.6 ppm, respectively, and that cross peak correlations exist for coupling of the shielded proton H<sup>6</sup> at 7.24 ppm with N<sup>7a</sup> at 208.9 ppm (<sup>3</sup>*J*) (H<sup>6</sup>, N<sup>7a</sup>) and N<sup>4</sup> at 266.6 ppm (<sup>3</sup>*J*) (H<sup>6</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>), and for coupling of the deshielded proton H<sup>5</sup> at 8.58 ppm with only N<sup>4</sup> at

266.6 ppm (<sup>3</sup>*J*) (H<sup>6</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>), and for coupling of the deshielded proton H<sup>3</sup> at 8.58 ppm with only N<sup>4</sup> at 266.6 ppm (<sup>2</sup>*J*) (H<sup>5</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>) (Scheme 5). These observations demonstrate that the azopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines have general structures **22**.

Scheme 5. Synthesis of pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine disperse dyes 22a-j.



To confirm this conclusion, 2D NMR experiments were performed for **22c**, giving the data displayed in Figure 2, and X-ray crystallographic analysis was done for **22i** (Figure 3) [17]. Selected bond distances, angles and structure refinement in the crystal structure are given in Tables 1 and 2, the data clearly show that the presence of N=N arylazo moiety and that the 7a-nitrogen (N31 in Figure 3) has sp<sup>2</sup> hybridized character.

In addition, the azo moiety has *E*-geometry, thus enabling hydrogen bonding interaction between a hydrogen of the amino group (N29) and azo nitrogen (N27). Finally, the entire molecule is nearly planar, indicating that all atoms comprising the basic structure are  $sp^2$  hybridized.

It has been reported that reaction of the diaminopyrazole 7 with benzylidenemalononitrile 24 results in the formation of azopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines 28, whose structural assignment was made based on the results of a previous investigation carried out by Elfahham *et al.* [18]. However, we observed that 7 reacts with 24 to yield the regioisomeric azopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines 30a, whose structure was determined by using 2D NMR spectroscopic methods. Similarly the reaction of 24 with 13 afforded the corresponding azopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine 30b (Scheme 6).



Figure 2. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR resonance assignments of compound 22c.

Figure 3. ORTEP plot of the x-ray crystallographic structure of 22i.



Table 1. Selected bond lengths and angles for 22i.

Bond	Bond length (Å)	Bond	Bond angle (°)
N27—N28	1.286 (6)	N31—C44—C45	119.7 (6)
N31—N30	1.373 (6)	C36—N27—N28	114.3 (6)
N30—C40	1.345 (7)	N30—N31—C44	126.3 (6)
N32—C41	1.357 (6)	N31—C41—C39	103.7 (7)
N32—C42	1.324 (7)	C44—N31—C41	120.9 (6)
N27—C36	1.416 (7)	C44—N31—C41	120.9 (6)
N29—C40	1.345 (7)	C40—N29—H29A	119.9(5)
N31—C41	1.437 (7)	C40—N29—H29B	120.1(5)

Chemical formula	$C_{16}H_{12}N_6O_2$	Ζ	4
Formula weight	320.312	Temperature	298 K
<b>Crystal System</b>	Triclinic	Radiation type	Μο <i>Κ</i> α
Space group	P-1	Measured reflections	5804
а	8.4725 (4)Å	Independent reflections	6544
b	8.5332 (5)Å	<b>Observed reflections</b>	1068
С	22.111 (2)Å	R <sub>int</sub>	0.066
α	97.401 (3)°	R(all)	0.329
β	92.591 (3)°	R(gt)	0.054
γ	113.776 (7)°	wR(ref)	0.094
V	1442.4 (2)Å <sup>3</sup>	wR(all)	0.270
λ	0.71073	Parameters	433

Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 22i.

Scheme 6. Synthesis of compounds 30a,b.



The <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signal assignments and H-C correlations in the HMBC 2-D experiment of **30a** are displayed in Figure 4. Specific data from these measurements show that H<sup>9</sup> at 9.87 ppm correlates with C<sup>5</sup> and C<sup>11</sup> at 160.4 and 130.2 ppm, respectively, H<sup>10</sup> at 7.57 ppm correlates with C<sup>8</sup> at 137.3 ppm, H<sup>13</sup> at 7.68 ppm correlates with C<sup>12</sup>, C<sup>13</sup> and C<sup>15</sup> at 145.9, 123.0, 158.8 ppm, respectively, H<sup>14</sup> at 6.86 ppm correlates with C<sup>12</sup>, C<sup>14</sup> and C<sup>15</sup> at 145.9, 115.8, 158.8 ppm, respectively, and OH at 9.87 ppm correlates with C<sup>14</sup> and C<sup>15</sup> at 115.8 and 158.8, respectively.





The regioisomerism assignment of **30a** was confirmed by comparison of the pyrimidine carbons of **30b** in the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR which appear at almost the same positions at  $\delta = 160.9$ , 74.3, 150.4 ppm respectively. The structure of **30b** was confirmed by <sup>15</sup>N-HSQC and <sup>15</sup>N-HMBC. Thus, <sup>15</sup>N-HSQC shows the NH<sub>2</sub> at  $\delta = 87$  ppm, and in <sup>15</sup>N-HMBC the CH<sub>3</sub> protons correlates with N<sup>1</sup> at  $\delta = 260$  ppm and the NH<sub>2</sub> protons correlates with N<sup>7a</sup> at  $\delta = 195$  ppm (which is close to the N<sup>7a</sup> chemical shift of **20b** and **22c**).

## 2.2. Dyeing and Fastness Properties

The 4-hydroxyphenylazopyrazoles 7, 13, and their pyrimidine derivatives 22a–d, and 22f–h were explored as dyes for polyester fabrics at 1%–6% shades using the high temperature dyeing method (HT) at 130 °C for 60 min with microwave heating as the energy source. The physical and analytical data for the dyed fabrics, given in Tables 3 and 4, show that use of microwave irradiation leads to a large increase in dye uptake and dyeing rates along with enhancements in performances of dye leveling and color homogeneity as compared by conventional method.

Dye	Molecular	Color shade on	Color strength (K/S)% Dye o.m.f.								
No	weight	polyester	1	2	3	4	5	6			
7	234	Yellowish brown	0.44	0.84	1.00	1.16	1.49	1.76			
22a	330	Yellow	7.72	9.78	10.03	13.03	13.33	16.88			
22b	344	Yellow	14.59	15.72	15.81	17.76	21.18	24.13			
22c	364	Yellow	10.72	14.92	16.23	17.26	21.96	24.42			
22d	320	Yellowish brown	15.44	21.08	23.02	25.30	26.25	28.07			
13	217	Pale brown	2.18	4.35	4.88	6.43	12.86	13.10			
22f	329	Yellowish orange	22.12	23.55	24.04	24.41	25.20	25.67			
22g	343	Orange	20.82	20.93	21.92	22.18	23.43	23.65			
22h	363	Orange	14.17	16.52	17.82	19.94	20.12	23.42			

Table 3. Color strengths of monoazo disperse dyes on polyester fabrics.

Dye 

22a 22b 22c 22d 22f 22g 22h

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22a 22b

22c

22d

22f

22g

22h

22a

22b 22c

22d

22f

22g

22h

4-5

4–5

5%

3-4

3-4

3–4

4–5

4-5

3–4

4–5

4–5

Dye	Wash fastness <sup><i>a,b</i></sup>				I :h4					
o.m.f.				Alkaline				Acedic		
%	Alt	SC	SW	Alt	SC	SW	Alt	SC	SW	lastness
1%	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4
	4–5	4–5	4–5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	4–5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6
2%	5	5	5	5	5	5	4–5	4	5	3–4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	5	5	5	5	4–5	4	5	3
	5	4	4–5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5–6
	5	5	4–5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2-3
	5	5	4–5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6
3%	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	4–5	4–5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	5	5	4–5	5	4–5	5	5	5	5	2-3
	5	5	4–5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6
4%	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4

4–5

3–4

5–6

2-3

3–4

3–4

3–4

3–4

5-6

2-3

4–5

4–5

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Dye		Werk Crater a,b		Persipiration fastness						T '-l-4	
Dye o.m.f.	o.m.f.	wash fastness			Alkaline			Acedic			factross
	%	Alt	SC	SW	Alt	SC	SW	Alt	SC	SW	lastness
7	6%	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
22a		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
22b		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3–4
22c		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
22d		4–5	4	4	5	4–5	5	5	5	5	2
13		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5-6
22f		5	5	4–5	4–5	4–5	4–5	5	4–5	5	2–3
22g		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
22h		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6

Table 4. Cont.

<sup>*a*</sup> ISO CO2/CO41; <sup>*b*</sup> Alt = alteration; SC = staining on cotton; SW = staining on wool.

## 2.2.1. Color Strength

The data given in Table 3 reveal that the color strengths (K/S) of the dyed polyester fabrics are directly proportional to the amounts of the dyes applied (% o.m.f.). The hues of the fabrics treated with the azo dyes were found to vary from yellowish-brown to orange in a manner that depends on the dye structures. Differences in the color strengths typically depend on substitution present in the arylazopyrazolopyrimidine disperse dyes [19–21]. The data in Table 3 clearly show that the magnitude of color strength obtained using dye **22d** is much larger than those for **22a–c** and **22f–h**.

#### 2.2.2. Wash Fastness

The polyester samples, dyed with the disperse dyes 7, 13, 22a–d, and 22f–h using the high temperature dyeing method, were subjected to washing at 95 °C. The rates of leaching of the dyes from the fiber in the presence of soap (or synthetic detergent) solutions of various degrees of alkalinity are factors that determine fastness to washing. Table 4 showed that the washing fastness is excellent with respect to most of the tested compounds except compound 22d (1%–6% shades) showed good results. Data showed that the magnitude of dye removal depends on the molecular size of the dye molecule, compound specific interactions between dye and substrate, wash liquor; molecular geometry; and concentration in substrate.

# 2.2.3. Light Fastness

The light fastness of each of the dyes was measured by employing the standard method for determination of color fastness of textiles. Several reports [22–24] suggest that fading of azo dyes is mainly a consequence of decomposition of the -N=N- moiety by either oxidation, reduction or photolysis. The rates of these processes should be sensitive to the chemical structure of the dye, the type of substrate and treatment conditions. Since the dyed substrate employed in this study is a polyester fabrics (*i.e.*, non-proteinic), the fading process likely occurs by oxidation [25]. The ease of oxidation of azo linkages should be a function of electron density. Therefore, electron donating substituents on this moiety should increase the fading rate while electron withdrawing groups should

decrease the rate. This proposal is in agreement with the observed results (Table 4) which demonstrate that the presence of a methyl group in dyes **22b** and **22g** causes a decrease of light fastness to 3. On the other hand, the chlorine atom in dyes **22c** and **22h** is associated with an increase of light fastness to 4 and 6, respectively.

## 2.2.4. Perspiration Fastness

The resistance to the action of human perspiration, referred to as the fastness to perspiration, is evaluated by treatment of a dyed material under alkaline and acidic conditions. The results of these tests (Table 4) using the dyed polyester indicate that the magnitude of dye removal under the influence of perspiration is dependent upon the more polar character of the dye molecule giving lower magnitudes of the dye removal (e.g., polyester fabrics dyed with **22h** have excellent perspiration fastness owing to the presence of the electronegative chlorine atom). In addition the results obtained showed that dyed fabrics have good fastness to perspiration may be due to: (a) the absence of solubilizing groups, which renders solubility, and wash ability of the dye-out of the fabrics, (b) the size of the dye molecule is considered relatively big, (c) the good intra-fiber diffusion of the dye molecules inside the fabrics.

# 3. Experimental

## 3.1. General

All melting points were recorded on a Gallenkamp apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded in KBr disks on a Perkin Elmer System 2000 FT-IR spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz super-conducting NMR spectrometer. Mass spectra were measured on a VG Auto-spec-Q instrument (high resolution, high performance, tri-sector 5189 GC/MS/MS) and by LC MS using an Agilent 1100 series LC/MSD with API-ES/APCI ionization mode. Microanalyses were performed on a LECO CH NS-932 Elemental Analyzer. The microwave oven used is a single mode cavity Explorer Microwave (CEM Corporation, Matthews, NC, USA) and irradiate in heavy-walled Pyrex tube (capacity 10 mL and 80 mL for dyeing). The color strengths (K/S) of the dyed polyester fabrics and the color fastness to light were evaluated at the Dyeing, Printing and Textile Auxiliaries Department, Textile Research Division, National Research Centre (NRC), Giza, Egypt. X-ray crystallography was carried out on a Kappa CCD Enraf Nonius FR 590 diffractometer, National Research Centre, Giza, Egypt.

# 3.2. General Procedure for the Synthesis of Azo Disperse Dyes

4-(3,5-Diamino-1H-pyrazol-4-ylazo)-phenol (7). This compound was prepared according to the literature [6]. Mp 245–246 °C, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.52 (s, 1H, OH), 7.52 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.77 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.46 (br, 1H, NH), 5.87 (br, 4H, 2NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 156.8, 146.4, 121.8, 115.5, 115.3, 115.2, 112.9.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 369.

2-[(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-hydrazono]-3-oxobutyronitrile (10). p-Aminophenol (10.9 g, 0.1M) was dissolved in concentrated HCl (30 mL) and water (20 mL) cooled in ice and then NaNO<sub>2</sub> (7 g) in

water (50 mL) was added in portions. A mixture of 3-aminocrotononitrile (8.2 g, 0.1 mole), NaOAc (20 g), ethanol (15 mL), and water (50 mL) was prepared separately and cooled in ice. The diazonium salt solution was added slowly to the second solution, with ice cooling. The cooled reaction was stirred for 0.5 h and filtered to give brown crystals, which were crystallized from alcohol/water. Brown solid (7.0 g, 85%). Mp 214–215 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.18 (s, 1H, NH), 9.61 (s, 1H, OH), 7.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  192.6, 155.3, 134.1, 118.4, 115.9, 111.8, 111.3, 24.5. IR: 3199, 3073, 2922, 2213, 1631, 1599, 1465, 1440, 1367, 1329, 1286, 1268, 1226, 1208, 952, 835 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 203 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 121 (53), 108 (93). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; calcd. 203.0689; found: 203.0689.

4-(3-Amino-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylazo)-phenol (13A) and 4-(5-Amino-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4ylazo)-phenol (13B). A mixture of 10 (2.03 g, 10 mmol), hydrazine hydrate (2.5 mL) in ethanol (20 mL) was stirred at reflux for 3–4 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the formed solid was collected and crystallized from ethanol/water. Brown solid (1.75 g, 86%). Mp 239–240 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.94 (br, 1H, NH, 13A), 11.51 (br, 1H, NH, 13B), 9.92 (s, 2H, 2OH, 13A,13B), 7.56 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 13A,13B), 6.81 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 13A,13B), 6.75 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.84 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.36 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.9, 148.2, 146.0, 140.6, 122.3, 115.5, 115.2, 18.5.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 376. IR: 3399, 3267, 3213, 1629, 1590, 1530, 1461, 1386, 1256, 1095, 838 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) =217 ([M]+, 100), 124 (60), 93 (12). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O; calcd. 217.0958; found: 217.0958.

# 3.3. Synthesis of Compounds 14a-b, 20a,b and 22a-j

General procedure: a mixture of 7 (0.218 g, 1 mmol) or **13** (0.217 g, 1 mmol), acetylacetone, 2-piperidinylacrylonitrile or enaminones **21a–e** (1 mmol) in acetic acid (20 mL) and sod. acetate (0.12 g, 1.5 mmol) was refluxed for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured onto ice water (50 mL) filtered and crystallized from the DMF solvent.

4-(2-Amino-5,7-dimethyl-pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**14a**). Yellow solid (0.22 g, 77%). Mp 287–288 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.81 (s, 1H, OH), 7.65 (dd, 2H, J = 7.2 and 1.8 Hz), 7.05 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.85 (dd, 2H, J = 7.2 and 1.8 Hz), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 159.7, 158.2, 151.6, 146.1, 145.9, 145.0, 122.7, 115.6, 113.7, 109.1, 24.1, 16.4. IR: 3414, 3281, 1624, 1564, 1444, 1360, 1200, 1138, 837 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 282 ([M]+, 100), 189 (40), 161 (20). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O; calcd. 282.1223; found: 282.1223.

4-(2,5,7-*Trimethylpyrazolo*[1,5-*a*]*pyrimidin-3-ylazo*)-*phenol* (**14b**). Greenish yellow solid (0.20 g, 72%). Mp > 350 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.98 (s, 1H, OH), 7.68 (dd, 2H, J = 7.2 and 1.8 Hz), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.89 (dd, 2H, J = 7.2 and 1.8 Hz), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 161.4, 159.1, 146.8, 146.4, 145.7, 144.0, 124.5, 123.3., 115.6, 110.1, 24.4, 16.2, 15.3. IR: 3427, 3061, 1617, 1596, 1562, 1495, 1448, 1405, 1370, 1263, 1116, 849 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 281 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 188 (90), 160 (50). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O; calcd. 281.1271; found: 281.1271.

4-(2,7-Diaminopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**20a**). Reddish brown solid (0.19 g, 70%). Mp 248–249 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.76 (s, 1H, OH), 8.02 (d, 1H, J = 5.6 Hz), 7.68 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.61 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.89 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.20 (d, 1H, J = 5.6 Hz) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.8, 151.2, 149.5, 146.9, 146.7, 146.2, 122.3, 115.5, 113.8, 91.5. IR: 3456, 3330, 2972, 1632, 1485, 1452, 1373, 1159, 954, 835 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 269 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 176 (33), 148 (30). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O; calcd. 269.1019; found: 269.1019.

4-(7-*Amino-2-methylpyrazolo*[1,5-*a*]*pyrimidin-3-ylazo*)-*phenol* (**20b**). Brown solid (0.20 g, 75%). Mp 291–292 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1H, OH), 8.18 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 8.00 (br, 2H), 7.64 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.6 and 1.8 Hz), 6.87 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.6 and 1.8 Hz), 6.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.4 Hz) 2.66 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  158.6, 151.5, 148.2, 147.8, 146.7, 144.3, 124.1, 122.9, 115.6, 90.8, 14.7. IR: 3476, 3347, 3182, 1639, 1596, 1481, 1450, 1369, 1322, 1275, 1251, 1145, 828 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 268 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 175 (55), 147 (40). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O; calcd. 268.1067; found: 268.1067.

4-(2-Amino-7-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22a**). Orange solid (0.25 g, 76%). Mp 301–302 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.88 (s, 1H, OH), 8.58 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 8.08 (m, 2H,), 7.71 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz) 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 7.14 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.87 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 158.5, 151.8, 150.3, 147.3, 146.1, 144.9, 130.9, 130.5, 129.5, 128.5, 122.9, 115.6, 113.9, 108.6.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 385. IR: 3432, 3318, 3167, 1627, 1550, 1450, 1271, 1242, 832 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 330 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 237 (25), 115 (30). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O (330.3): C 65.44; H 4.27; N 25.44. Found: C 65.34; H 4.20; N 25.37.

4-(2-Amino-7-p-methylphenylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22b**). Reddish brown solid (0.29 g, 84%). Mp 309–310 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.88 (s, 1H, OH), 8.54 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 8.02 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.72 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.41 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.19 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 7.14 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.88 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 2.43 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 158.4, 151.8, 150.1, 147.3, 146.1, 144.9, 141.1, 129.4, 129.0, 127.5, 122.8, 115.6, 113.8, 108.2, 21.1.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 385. IR: 3421, 3309, 2917, 1602, 1548, 1447, 1328, 1232, 1095, 833 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m*/*z* (%) = 344 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 80), 196 (30), 129 (100). HRMS: *m*/*z* (EI) for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O; calcd. 344.1380; found: 344.1380.

4-(2-*Amino*-7-*p*-chlorophenylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22c**). Orange solid (0.28 g, 78%). Mp 306–307 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.89 (s, 1H, OH), 8.58 (d, 1H, H<sup>5</sup>, J = 4.4 Hz), 8.14 (d, 2H, H<sup>9</sup>, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.72 (d, 2H, H<sup>13</sup>, J = 8.8 Hz) 7.69 (d, 2H, H<sup>10</sup>, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.24 (d, 1H, H<sup>6</sup>, J = 4.4 Hz), 7.17 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.88 (d, 2H, H<sup>14</sup>, J = 8.8 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 158.5, 151.8, 150.2, 147.2, 146.1, 143.7, 135.7, 131.3, 129.2, 128.5, 122.8, 115.6, 113.9, 108.4.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 383. IR: 3418, 3308, 3180, 1616, 1601, 1549, 1487, 1450, 1331, 1271, 1237, 1088, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 364 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 271 (32), 149 (42). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O; calcd. 364.0833; found: 364.0833.

4-(2-Amino-7-furanpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22d**). Red solid (0.26 g, 80%). Mp 292–293 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.87 (s, 1H, OH), 8.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.2), 8.19 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.2 and 1.6), 7.43 (d, 1H *J* = 5.2), 7.24 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.94 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.6,1.6), 6.87 (dd, 2H,

*J* 7.2 and 1.6). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  158.5, 151.9, 149.3, 147.4, 146.9, 146.0, 143.0, 133.8, 122.9, 120.0, 115.6, 113.5, 113.3, 103.1.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 378. IR: 3449, 3411, 2923, 1595, 1449, 1316, 1009, 824 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 320 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 227 (30), 116 (15). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd. 320.1016; found: 320.1016.

4-(2-*Amino*-7-*thiophenepyrazolo*[1,5-*a*]*pyrimidin*-3-*ylazo*)-*phenol* (**22e**). Brown solid (0.27 g, 80%). Mp 276–277 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.93 (s, 1H, OH), 8.54 (d, 1H, J = 3.6), 8.52 (d, 1H, J = 4.8), 8.16 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8 and 1.2), 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.40 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8 and 1.2), 7.30 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.88 (d, 2H, J = 8.8). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 158.7, 151.5, 149.2, 147.1, 145.9, 138.2, 134.9, 132.4, 129.9, 128.0, 122.8, 115.7, 113.5, 104.5.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 370, IR: 3437, 3107, 3023, 1602, 1549, 1500, 1450, 1414, 1330, 1242, 1183, 839 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m*/*z* (%) = 336 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 243 (50), 188 (20). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>6</sub>OS (336.4): C 57.13; H 3.60; N 24.98; S 9.53. Found: C 57.04; H 3.48; N 24.87; S 9.48.

4-(2-Methyl-7-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22f**). Yellow solid (0.28 g, 85%). Mp 297–298 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.05 (s, 1H, OH), 8.79 (d, 1H, J = 4.2 Hz), 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd, 2H, = J 8.4 and 1.8 Hz), 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.38(d, 1H, J = 4.2 Hz), 6.92 (dd, 2H, J = 8.4 and 1.8 Hz), 2.68 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 159.5, 152.1, 147.8, 146.4, 144.7, 144.6, 136.1, 131.5, 128.8, 128.6, 125.1, 123.5, 115.7, 109.4, 14.9.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 372. IR: 3163, 3066, 1587, 1542, 1482, 1331, 1228, 1263, 1083, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) = 329 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 236 (70), 182 (30). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O (329.4): C 69.29; H 4.59, N 21.26. Found: C 69.27; H 4.67; N 21.25.

4-(2-Methyl-7-p-methylphenylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22g**). Reddish brown solid (0.28 g, 83%). Mp 267–268 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.01 (s, 1H, OH), 8.73 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 8.03 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.70 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.42 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.33 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 6.89 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 159.9, 152.5, 148.2, 147.0, 146.4, 145.3, 141.9, 130.1, 129.6, 127.6, 125.5, 123.9, 116.2, 109.5, 21.6, 15.5.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 373. IR: 3418, 3144, 2923, 1602, 1542, 1502, 1274, 1143, 841cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 343 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 250 (53), 196 (33). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O; calcd. 343.1428; found: 343.1427.

4-(2-Methyl-7-p-chlorophenylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22h**). Orange solid (0.29 g, 80%). Mp 259–260 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.06 (s, 1H, OH), 8.79 (d, 1H, J = 4.2 Hz), 8.16 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.72 (m, 4H), 7.4 (d, 1H, J = 4.2 Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 2.68 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 159.4, 152.1, 147.8, 146.5, 145.9, 144.7, 131.2, 130.1, 129.6, 128.6, 125.0, 123.4, 115.7, 109.4, 14.9.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 373. IR: 3430, 3162, 3053, 1598, 1548, 1491, 1452, 1353, 1269, 1241, 1145, 836 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 363 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 270 (75), 216 (30). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O (363.8): C 62.73; H 3.88, N 19.25. Found: C 62.90; H 3.87; N 19.30.

4-(2-Methyl-7-furanepyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22i**). Red crystals were obtained from DMF, (0.25 g, 78%). Mp 284–285 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.06 (s, 1H, OH), 8.76 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 8.21 (m, 2H), 7.72 (dd, 2H, J = 7.0 and 1.8 Hz), 7.56 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, 2H, J = 7.0 and 1.8 Hz), 2.76 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 159.5, 151.3, 148.0, 147.7, 146.5, 144.5, 142.7, 134.7, 124.9, 123.5, 120.4, 115.7, 113.5, 104.0, 15.1.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 373. IR: 3157, 3035, 2978, 1596, 1569, 1522, 1450, 1350, 1265, 1236, 1145, 1015, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 319

 $([M]^+, 100), 226 (45), 198 (30).$  Anal. calcd. for  $C_{17}H_{13}N_5O_2$  (319.3): C 63.94; H 4.10, N 21.93. Found: C 63.93; H 4.08; N 21.78.

4-(2-Methyl-7-thiophenepyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-ylazo)-phenol (**22j**). Reddish brown solid (0.24 g, 72%). Mp 278–279 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.04 (s, 1H, OH), 8.73 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 8.57 (dd, 1H, J = 4.2 and 1.2 Hz), 8.15 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8 and 1.2 Hz), 7.86 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 7.72 (dd, 2H, J = 7.2 and 1.8 Hz), 7.40 (dd, 1H, J = 4.6 and 3.6 Hz), 6.92(dd, 2H, J = 7.2 and 1.8 Hz), 2.76 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 159.4, 151.2, 147.7, 146.5, 144.5, 139.2, 135.3, 132.8, 129.5, 127.8, 124.9, 123.5, 115.7, 105.4, 15.1.  $\lambda_{max}$  (DMF)/nm 376, IR: 3407, 3097, 2972, 1592, 1542, 1500, 1448, 1330, 1237, 1145, 1008, 843 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 335 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 242 (70), 188 (30). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (335.4): C 60.88; H 3.91, N 20.88; S 9.56. Found: C 61.01; H 3.92; N 21.01; S 9.44.

#### 3.4. General Procedure for the Preparation of 30a-b

A mixture of 7 (0.218 g, 1 mmol) or **13** (0.217 g, 1 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL), 5 drops of piperidine, and benzylidenemalononitrile (0.154 g, 1 mmol) was refluxed for 6 h, then the reaction mixture was poured into ice water, and neutralized by HCl, filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol.

2,5-Diamino-3-(4-hydroxyphenylazo)-7-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile (**30a**). Reddish brown solid (0.22 g, 60%). Mp 195–196 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.87 (br, s, 1H, OH), 8.50 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.86 (dd, 2H, J = 8.4 and 1.4 Hz), 7.68 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.57–7.55 (m, 3H), 6.98 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.86 (d, 2H, J = 8.8). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  160.5, 158,8, 152.3, 148.9, 145.9, 145.5, 137.4, 130.2, 128.7, 128.3, 123.1, 116.4, 115.9, 115.7, 74.6. IR: 3429, 2919, 2850, 2213, 1624, 1471, 1367, 1130, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (%) = 370 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 90), 321 (100), 265 (23). HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O; calcd. 370.1285; found: 370.1285.

5-*Amino-3-(4-hydroxyphenylazo)-2-methyl-7-phenylpyrazolo*[1,5-*a*]*pyrimidine-6-carbonitrile* (**30b**). Yellow solid (0.23g, 63%). Mp 302–303 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.97 (br, s, 1H, OH), 9.00 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.87 (dd, 2H, J = 8.4 and 1.4 Hz), 7.67(d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.57–7.54 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, 2H, J = 8.4), 2.68 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 160.9, 159.5, 150.4, 148.7, 146.3, 143.9, 137.3, 130.2, 128.7, 128.3, 126.1, 123.5, 116.1, 115.7, 74.3, 15.5. IR: 3431, 3304, 3235, 3166, 2213, 1643, 1593, 1449, 1287, 1148, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) = 369 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 276 (43), 222 (18). HRMS: m/z (EI) for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O; calcd. 369.1332; found: 369.1332.

### 3.5. High Temperature Dyeing Method (HT)

#### 3.5.1. Materials

Scoured and bleached 100% polyester (150, 130 g/m<sup>2</sup>, 70/2 denier) was obtained from El-Shourbagy Co., Cairo, Egypt. The fabric was treated before dyeing with a solution containing nonionic detergent (Hostapal CV, Clariant-Egypt, 5 g/L) and sodium carbonate (2 g/L) in a ratio of 50:1 at 60 °C for 30 min, thoroughly washed with water, and air dried at room temperature.

### 3.5.2. Dyeing

A dispersion of the dye was produced by dissolving the appropriate amount of dye (1%–6% shades) in 1 cm<sup>3</sup> acetone and then added dropwise with stirring to the dyebath (liquor ration 20:1) containing sodium lignin sulphonate as dispersing agent. The pH of the dyebath was adjusted to 5.5 using aqueous acetic acid and the wetted-out polyester fabrics were added. Dyeing was performed by raising the dyebath temperature to 130 °C under pressure in a microwave oven at a rate of 20 °C/min, holding at this temperature for 60 min and rapidly cooling to 50 °C. After dyeing, the fabrics were thoroughly washed and subjected to surface reduction clearing [(5 g NaOH + 6 g sodium hydrosulphite)/L]. The samples were heated in this solution for 10 min at 60 °C and then thoroughly washed and air-dried.

#### 3.6. Color Measurements and Analyses

# 3.6.1. Color Measurements of the Dyed Fabrics

The color yields of the dyed samples were determined by using the light reflectance technique performed on a Perkin-Elmer (Lambda 3B) UV/VIS Spectrophotometer. The color strengths, expressed as K/S values, were determined by applying the Kubelka-Mink equation:

$$K/S = [(1 - R)^2/2R] - [(1 - R_o)^2/2R_o]$$

where R = decimal fraction of the reflectance of the dyed fabric,  $R_o$  = decimal fraction of the reflectance of the undyed fabric, K = absorption coefficient, and S = scattering coefficient.

#### 3.6.2. Color Fastness Tests

#### 3.6.2.1. Fastness to Washing

After washing using 2 g/L of the nonionic detergent Hostapal CV at 80 °C for 15 min, the dyed fabrics were tested by using ISO standard methods [26]. A specimen of dyed polyester fabric was stitched between two pieces of undyed cotton and wool fabrics, all of equal length, and then washed at 95 °C for 30 min. The staining on the undyed adjacent fabrics was assessed according to the following gray scale: 1—poor, 2—fair, 3—moderate, 4—good, 5—excellent.

### 3.6.2.2. Fastness to Perspiration

The samples were prepared by stitching a piece of dyed polyester fabric between two pieces of cotton and wool fabrics, all of equal length, and then immersed in the acid or alkaline solution for 30 min. The staining on the undyed adjacent fabrics was assessed according to the following gray scale: 1—poor, 2—fair, 3—moderate, 4—good, 5—excellent. The acid solution (pH = 3.5) contains sodium chloride (10 g/L), sodium dihydrogen orthophosphate (1 g/L) and histidine monohydrochloride (0.25 g/L). The alkaline solution (pH = 8) contains sodium chloride (10 g/L), disodium orthophosphate (1 g/L) and histidine monohydrochloride (0.25 g/L).

### 3.6.2.3. Fastness to Light

Light fastness was determined by exposing the dyed polyester fabrics on a Xenotest 150 (Original Hanau, city, country). Chamber temperature: 25–30 °C, black panel temperature: 60 °C, relative humidity: 50–60%, dark glass UV filter system) for 40 h. The changes in color were assessed according to the following blue scale: 1—poor, 3—moderate, 4—good, 6—very good, 8—excellent.

## 4. Conclusions

This study describes the synthesis of some new monoazo disperse pyrazolopyrimidine dyes, which involves initial coupling of malononitrile or 3-aminocrotononitrile with 4-hydroxybenzenediazonium chlorides, subsequent treatment of the hydrazone products with hydrazine hydrate gave the corresponding 4-hydroxyphenylazoaminopyrazoles that were then treated with either 2,4-pentandione or arylenaminoketones to give the target pyrazolopyrimidine monoazo disperse dyes. The dyes produced in this manner were then applied to polyester fabrics using the HT dyeing method assisted by microwave irradiation. The dyed fabrics, which display yellowish brown to orange hues, were found to have moderate fastness to light and excellent fastness levels to washing and perspiration.

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