

Simple and Efficient Synthesis of 2,7-Difunctionalized-1,8-Naphthyridines

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Abstract: The syntheses in good yields of some new difunctionalized 1,8-naphthyridines **4**, **6**, **8** and **9** and a novel triethylene glycol ether-linked dinaphthyridine, **10a**, along with the mononaphthyridine-linked ether alcohol **10b** are described. An improved and milder method for the synthesis of 2,7-diamino-1,8-naphthyridine (**14**) is also reported.

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Introduction

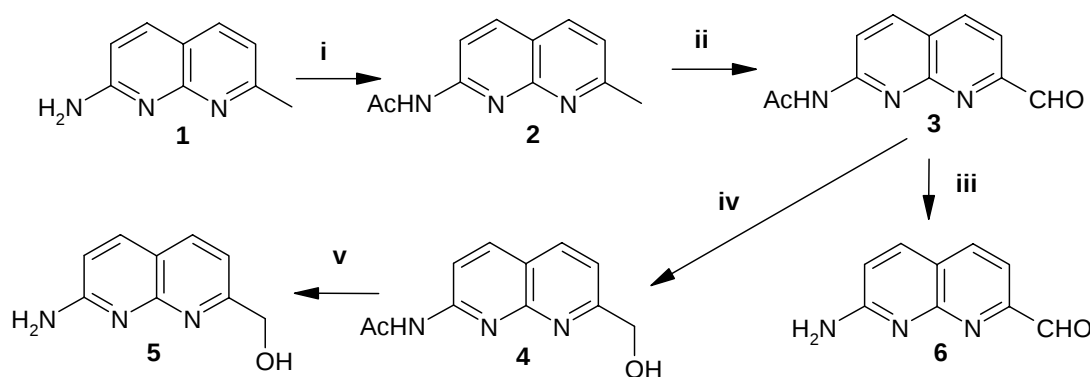
Naphthyridine or naphthyridone systems are of great importance due to their broad spectrum of biological activities. Substituted 1,8-naphthyridine compounds are used as antihypertensives, antiarrhythmics, herbicide safeners and also as immunostimulants [1-3]. We are interested in 2,7-difunctionalized-1,8-naphthyridines because of their aforesaid potential medicinal activity as well as for their use as important binding units in the molecular design of synthetic receptors [4]. This communication describes the first synthesis of four 2,7-difunctionalized-1,8-naphthyridines; viz. 2-amino-7-hydroxymethyl-1,8-naphthyridine (**5**), 2-amino-1,8-naphthyridine-7-carboxaldehyde (**6**), 2,7-dimethyl-4-methoxy-1,8-naphthyridine (**8**) and 4-methoxy-1,8-naphthyridine-2,7-dicarboxaldehyde (**9**) and a novel triethylene glycol ether-linked dinaphthyridine compound, 1,2-bis-[2-(2,7-dimethyl-1,8-naphthyridin-4-yloxy)ethoxy]ethane (**10a**) along with the mononaphthyridine-linked ether alcohol

(10b). A new synthesis of 2,7-diamino-1,8-naphthyridine **14** by a more efficient reaction under milder conditions is also reported here.

Results and Discussion

Naphthyridines **2-6** were synthesized starting from 2-amino-7-methylnaphthyridine (**1**), which is obtained by the condensation of commercially available 2,6-diaminopyridine and 3-oxo-butyaldehyde dimethyl acetal following a reported procedure [5]. The 7-methyl group of 2-acetylamino-7-methyl-1,8-naphthyridine (**2**) is oxidized with selenium dioxide in dioxane to the corresponding aldehyde **3**, followed by deprotection of the N-acetyl group by hydrolysis with 1N hydrochloric acid, which afforded the desired 2-amino-1,8-naphthyridine-7-carboxaldehyde (**6**) in 85% yield (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1.

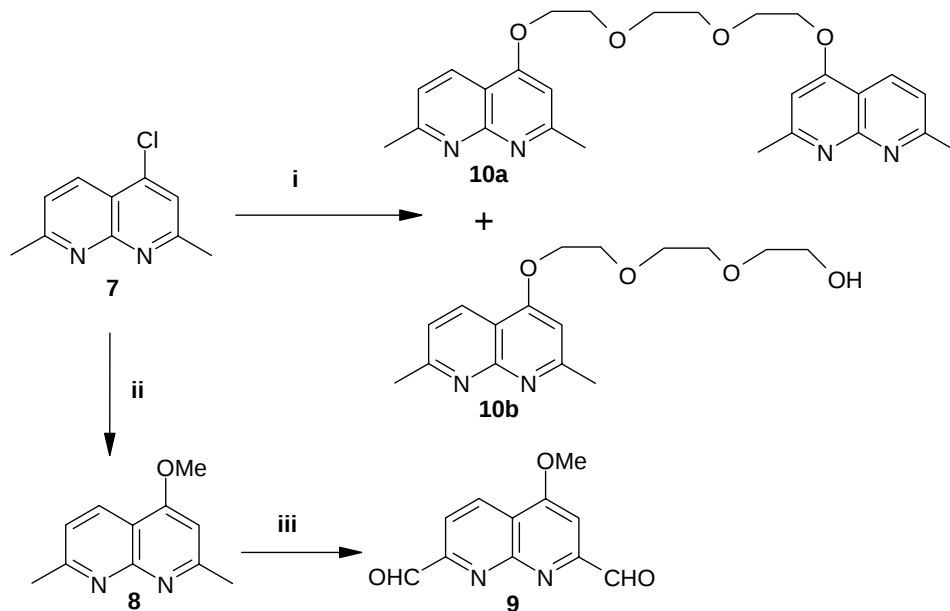


Reagents, conditions and yields: (i) acetic anhydride, 80°C, 12h., 87%. (ii) SeO₂, dioxane, 50–55°C, 4h., 75%. (iii) 1N HCl, reflux, 0.5h., 85%. (iv) NaBH₄, dry THF, 3–4h, 85%. (v) 1N NaOH, r.t., 12h., 80%.

The conversion of aldehyde **3** into 2-amino-7-hydroxymethyl-1,8-naphthyridine (**5**) was achieved by sodium borohydride reduction of the former to give 2-acetylamino-7-hydroxymethyl-1,8-naphthyridine (**4**), followed by mild alkaline hydrolysis (1N NaOH).

Compound **8** is made in excellent yield (95%) starting from 4-chloro-2,7-dimethyl-1,8-naphthyridine (**7**) [6] by stirring at room temperature with methanolic potassium hydroxide. Compound **8** is then oxidized with SeO₂ in dioxane at room temperature to produce 4-methoxy-1,8-naphthyridine-2,7-dicarboxaldehyde (**9**) in 90% yield. The synthesis of the novel di- and mononaphthyridines **10a-b** with triglycol spacers is achieved by substitution of the chlorine atom by both two as well as only one of the hydroxyl functions of triethylene glycol, respectively (Scheme 2).

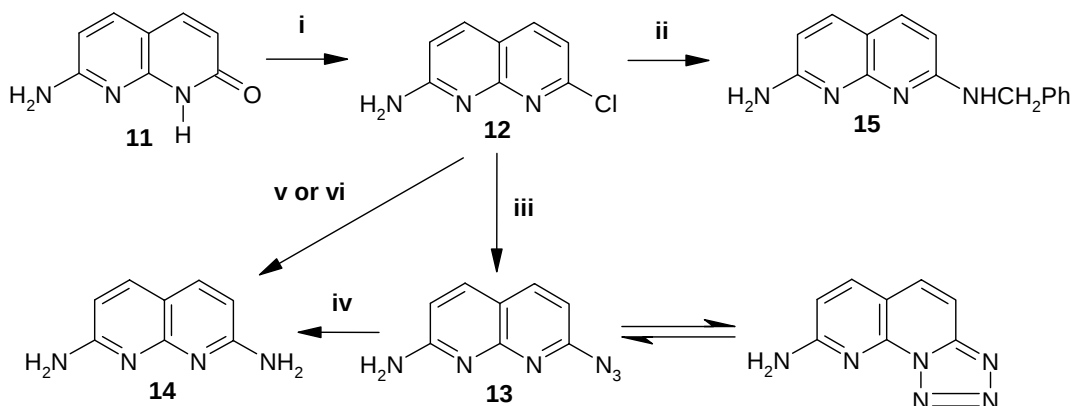
Scheme 2.



Reagents, conditions and yields: (i) Triethylene glycol, KOH, THF, 60°C, 80%.
(ii) MeOH, KOH, 4h., 90%. (iii) SeO₂, dioxane, r.t., 90%.

The synthesis of 2,7-diamino-1,8-naphthyridine **14** is described in Scheme 3. The advanced starting compound **11** was prepared according to the literature method [7, 8]. Compound **11** was then converted into the chloroamino intermediate **12** by direct reaction with POCl₃ without conventional protection of the amino group. The substitution of chloro by azide was smoothly achieved by the treatment of **12** with sodium azide in DMF at 60 °C to produce **13** in 90% yield, while the reaction of **12** with benzylamine lead to **15** in 50% yield. The target compound **14** was then synthesized, albeit in poor yield (25%), by refluxing compound **12** with NaNH₂ in xylene. However, excellent yields (98%) of **14** can be achieved via the reduction of the azide derivative **13** with Zn/AcOH.

Scheme 3.



Reagents, conditions and yields. (i) POCl₃, reflux, 4h., 60%. (ii) PhCH₂NH₂, 120°C, 6h., 50%. (iii) NaN₃, DMF, 60°C, 4h., 90%. (iv) Zn, AcOH, reflux, 3h., 98%. (v) NaNH₂, xylene, reflux, 25%. (vi) ammonolysis.

Compound **14** is also obtained by direct ammonolysis of compound **12** at high temperature in a sealed tube. But care must be taken during this procedure as it was found to be dangerous and the yield is also poor compared to that of azide reduction with Zn/AcOH.

Conclusions

We have synthesized a series of functionalized naphthyridines and novel triethylene glycol-linked mono- and di-naphthyridines in good yields by simple and efficient procedures. All the naphthyridines and the intermediates were well characterized by spectroscopic means. A new, efficient and practical method under mild conditions for the synthesis of 2,7-diamino-1,8-naphthyridine (**14**) has also been developed, which also improves the yield for the synthesis of this compound.

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Experimental

General

Melting points (m.p) were recorded on a Toshniwal hot-coil stage melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ (unless otherwise mentioned) with TMS as the internal standard on Bruker AM 200 MHz and 300 MHz NMR instruments. Chemical shifts are given in δ (ppm) scale and J values in Hz respectively. IR spectra were measured in KBr disks with a Perkin Elmer (Model 883) spectrometer. Mass spectra (JEOL JMS600), and elemental analyses were obtained from the IICB, and the IACS (Kolkata) respectively. All solvents were dried prior to use by common methods. Silica gel (60-120 mesh) has been used for all chromatographic purifications. Starting materials were either commercially available (purchased from Fluka and Aldrich) or synthesized according to the cited literature procedures.

2-Acetylamino-7-methyl-1,8-naphthyridine (2): Distilled acetic anhydride (0.5 mL) was added to 2-methyl-7-amino-1,8-naphthyridine (**1**, 0.158 g, 1.0 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 80 °C. The excess acetic anhydride was removed under vacuum. To this, diethyl ether was added, and the solid separated was collected by filtration. The solid was washed thoroughly with NaHCO₃ solution, dried and crystallized from chloroform-methanol to afford the title compound **2** (0.174g, 87%) as a yellow solid; m.p. 280 °C [lit. [5] 279-281 °C]; ¹H-NMR (200 MHz) δ : 8.70 (bs, 1H), 8.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 8.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 8.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); IR (cm⁻¹): 1503, 1606, 1697, 3005, 3176; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃O: required C, 65.65; H, 5.50; N, 20.88. Found: C, 65.58; H, 5.42; N, 20.95.

2-Acetyl-amino-1,8-naphthyridine-7-carboxaldehyde (3): To a stirred solution of selenium dioxide (0.11 g, 1.0 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) containing 2-3 drops of water, compound 2 (0.201 g, 1.0 mmol) was added and heated for 4 h at 50–55 °C. The hot solution was filtered through a pad (2–3 cm) of Celite and the solvent was removed through the short path distillation. The residue was extracted with chloroform and washed well with water. The organic layer after evaporation and column chromatography purification gave the desired compound 3 (0.161 g, 75%); m.p 215 °C; ¹H-NMR (200 MHz) δ: 10.23 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 8.52 (bs, 1H), 8.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 8.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (50 MHz) δ: 193.41, 169.59, 154.51, 139.36, 138.22, 123.11, 117.52, 117.07, 25.00; IR (cm^{−1}): 1607, 1703, 3060, 3186; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₉N₃O₂: required C, 61.39; H, 4.21; N, 19.52. Found: C, 61.31; H, 4.25; N, 19.45.

2-Acetyl-amino-7-hydroxymethyl-1,8-naphthyridine (4): To a solution of 3 (0.215 g, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL), sodium borohydride (0.016 g, 0.433 mmol) was added and stirred under nitrogen for half an hour. THF was then removed and the excess borohydride was decomposed by dropwise addition of 2.5 N HCl. The mixture was extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the title compound 4 (0.184 g, 85%) which was sufficiently pure for the next step. M.p. 240 °C (decomp.); ¹H-NMR (200 MHz) δ: 8.69 (bs, 1H), 8.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 8.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 8.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.41 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.46 (s, 3H); IR (cm^{−1}): 1296, 1389, 1696, 3203, 3391, 3733; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃O₂: required C, 60.82; H, 5.10; N, 19.34. Found: C, 60.72; H, 5.14; N, 19.40.

2-Amino-7-hydroxymethyl-1,8-naphthyridine (5): Compound 4 (0.217 g, 1.0 mmol) was taken up in 1N NaOH (3 mL) and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was then neutralized with acetic acid, and extracted with 5% methanol in chloroform solution. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and then evaporated under reduced pressure to give the desired product 5 (0.140 g, 80%); m.p. 240 °C; ¹H-NMR (10% DMSO-*d*₆ in CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ: 7.73 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.80 (bs, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 2.67 (bs, 1H, OH); MS (FAB): *m/z* (%): 176 (MH⁺, 100), 159 (20), 146 (40), 75 (95), 57 (75); Anal. Calcd for C₉H₉N₃O: required C, 61.70; H, 5.18; N, 23.99. Found: C, 61.71; H, 5.20; N, 24.02.

2-Amino-1,8-naphthyridine-7-carboxaldehyde (6): A mixture of compound 3 (0.215 g, 1.0 mmol) and 1N HCl (1.0 mL) in dioxane (10 mL) was refluxed for 30 min. Then the solution was cooled to room temperature, and neutralized carefully with NaOH solution. The precipitate formed was filtered, which afforded the desired compound 6 (0.147 g, 85%); ¹H-NMR (200 MHz) δ: 10.19 (s, 1H), 8.1 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.18 (bs, 2H); IR (cm^{−1}): 1305, 1387, 1701, 3332; MS (FAB): *m/z* (%): 173 (M⁺, 65), 159 (30), 145 (45), 117 (25), 97 (35), 81 (45), 69 (95), 57 (100); Anal. Calcd for C₉H₇N₃O: required C, 62.42; H, 4.07; N, 24.26. Found: C, 62.40; H, 4.10; N, 24.28.

2,7-Dimethyl-4-methoxy-1,8-naphthyridine (8): To a methanolic solution of 2,7-dimethyl-4-chloro-1,8-naphthyridine (7, 0.193 g, 1.0 mmol), solid KOH (0.056 g, 1.0 mmol) was added and stirred for 4 h at

80 °C. The solvent was stripped off. The residue was added to water and extracted with dichloromethane. The solvent was evaporated to dryness to get the desired compound **8** (0.169 g, 90%); mp. 130 °C; ¹H-NMR (200 MHz) δ: 8.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.60 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H); IR (cm⁻¹): 1092, 1133, 1181, 1606; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂N₂O₃: required C, 70.19; H, 6.43; N, 12.96. Found: C, 70.21; H, 6.45; N, 12.99.

4-Methoxy-1,8-naphthrydine-2,7-dicarboxaldehyde (9): To a stirred solution of **8** (0.188 g, 1.0 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL), SeO₂ (0.33 g, 3.0 mmol) was added and stirring was continued for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a 4-5 cm pad of Celite-silica gel. Water (5 mL) was added to the dioxane solution, followed by extraction with dichloromethane. The organic solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the desired compound **9** (0.194 g, 90%); m.p. 210 °C; ¹H-NMR (200 MHz) δ: 10.32 (s, 1H), 10.26 (s, 1H), 8.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 8.18 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.54 (s, 1H), 4.20 (s, 3H); IR (cm⁻¹): 1091, 1170, 1606, 1705; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 216 (M⁺, 100), 188 (95), 173 (20), 158 (40), 129 (25), 90 (95), 71 (50), 57 (75); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₁H₈N₂O₃: required C, 61.11; H, 3.73; N, 12.96. Found: C, 61.10; H, 3.75; N, 13.00.

1,2-bis-[2-(2,7-dimethyl-1,8-naphthyridin-4-yloxy)ethoxy]ethane (10a) and 1,2-[2-(2,7-dimethyl-1,8-naphthyridin-4-yloxy)ethoxy]ethane (10b): A solution of triethylene glycol (0.150 g, 1.0 mmol), and KOH (0.112 g, 2.0 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added the solution of compound **7** (0.386 g, 2.0 mmol) and the mixture was heated at 60 °C for 24 h. Then the solvent was removed to dryness and dichloromethane was added to the residue. The organic layer was washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄) and solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a brown gum. Column chromatography of the crude product eluting with 1% methanol in chloroform afforded first the di-naphthyridine polyether **10a** (0.369 g, 80%) as an off-white solid. ¹H-NMR (200 MHz) δ: 8.36 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.22 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.61 (s, 2H), 4.32 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 3.96 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 3.58 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 2.73 (s, 6H), 2.70 (s, 6H); MS (FAB): *m/z* (%): 462 (M⁺, 5), 427 (10), 405 (10), 325 (5), 225 (10), 203 (100), 187 (20), 175 (40), 159 (10); Anal. Calcd. for C₂₆H₃₀N₄O₄: required C, 67.48; H, 6.53; N, 12.01. Found: C, 67.62; H, 6.45; N, 11.95. Further elution gave the mono-naphthyridine **10b** (0.08 g, 15-18%) as a light yellow semi-solid. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz) δ: 8.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.69 (s, 1H), 4.38 (t, 2H, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 4.00 (t, 2H, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 3.80-3.76 (m, 4H), 3.74-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.62 (t, 2H, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 1H); MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 306 (M⁺, 5), 289 (10), 276 (10), 262 (10), 232 (20), 188 (25), 174 (100), 157 (20), 145 (65), 116 (25), 93 (20), 74 (915); Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂N₂O₄: required C, 62.73; H, 7.23; N, 9.14. Found: C, 62.70; H, 7.26; N, 9.20.

2-Amino-7-chloro-1,8-naphthyridine (12): A mixture of the compound **11** (4.0 g, 0.024 mol) in freshly distilled POCl₃ (25 mL) was refluxed for 4h. Excess POCl₃ was distilled off and the reaction mixture was poured onto ice-cold water. After neutralization with Na₂CO₃, a yellow solid appeared, which was collected by filtration and recrystallized from methanol-ether to give **12** (2.67 g, 60%). M.p. 170 °C; ¹H-NMR (200 MHz) δ: 7.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 7.17 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.75 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.33 (bs, 2H); IR (cm⁻¹): 1437, 1489, 1607, 1695, 3311; MS (FAB) (*m/z*):

179.5 (M^+ , 100%); Anal. Calcd. for $C_8H_6N_3Cl$: required C, 53.49; H, 3.36; N, 23.39. Found: C, 53.41; H, 3.40; N, 23.50.

2-Amino-7-azido-1,8-naphthyridine (13): To a stirred solution of **12** (0.4 g, 2.22 mmol) in dry DMF (5 mL), sodium azide (0.289 g, 4.44 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred for 4h at 60 °C. The precipitated NaCl was filtered off. The filtrate was distilled under reduced pressure to remove DMF. The solid was washed well with water and air-dried to give the title compound **13** (0.248 g, 95%); mp. 275 °C; 1H -NMR (200 MHz) δ : 8.1 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.76 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.69 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.9 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.5 (bs, 2H); IR (cm^{-1}): 1651, 3168, 3321.

2,7-Diamino-1,8-naphthyridine (14) from 13: To a stirred solution of the azo compound **13** (0.8 g, 4.3 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (12.72 mL), zinc dust (2.12 g) was added and refluxed for 3 h. A precipitate was obtained which was filtered. Acetic acid was removed under reduced pressure to give the desired pure product as a yellowish brown solid **14** (0.674 g, 98%); m.p. 222–223 °C [lit.[6] 223 °C]; 1H -NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 200 MHz) δ : 7.67 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 6.53 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.25 (bs, 4H); IR (cm^{-1}): 1267, 1385, 1641, 2925, 3427; MS (FAB) (m/z): 160 (M^+ , 52%); Anal. Calcd for $C_8H_8N_4$: required C, 59.98; H, 5.03; N, 34.97. Found: C, 59.95; H, 5.10; N, 35.00.

2,7-Diamino-1,8-naphthyridine (14) from 12: To a stirred solution of sodium amide (1.086 g, 0.025 mol) in dry xylene (100 mL) compound **12** (1.0 g, 0.005 mol) was added and heated at 130 °C under nitrogen for 12 h. The precipitate obtained was filtered and poured onto ice to quench excess sodium amide. Water was removed by distillation under reduced pressure and the solid was extracted with methanol-chloroform (15:85) to afford the desired product **14** (0.21 g, 25%) identical in all respects with the above.

2-Amino-7-benzylamino-1,8-naphthyridine (15): A suspension of 2-Amino-7-chloro-1,8-naphthyridine (**12**, 0.175 g, 1.0 mmol), and distilled benzylamine (0.5 mL) was heated for 6h at 120 °C. The sticky precipitate was washed with water followed by acetone and it was then air-dried. The crude solid was recrystallized from methanol which afforded pure compound **15** (0.118 g, 50%); m.p > 300 °C; 1H -NMR (200 MHz) δ : 7.65–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.29 (m, 6H), 6.48 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.38 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 5.60 (bs, 2H), 4.73 (d, 2H, J = 4.0 Hz); IR (cm^{-1}): 1526, 1627, 1660, 3173, 3351; Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}N_4$: required C, 71.97; H, 5.63; N, 22.38. Found: C, 71.90; H, 5.60; N, 22.42.

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