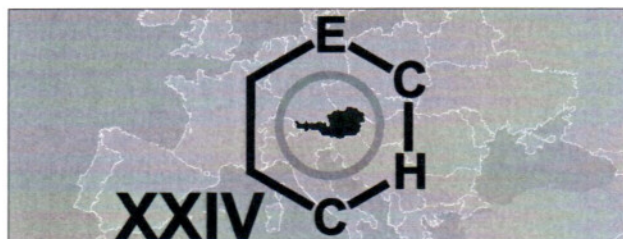


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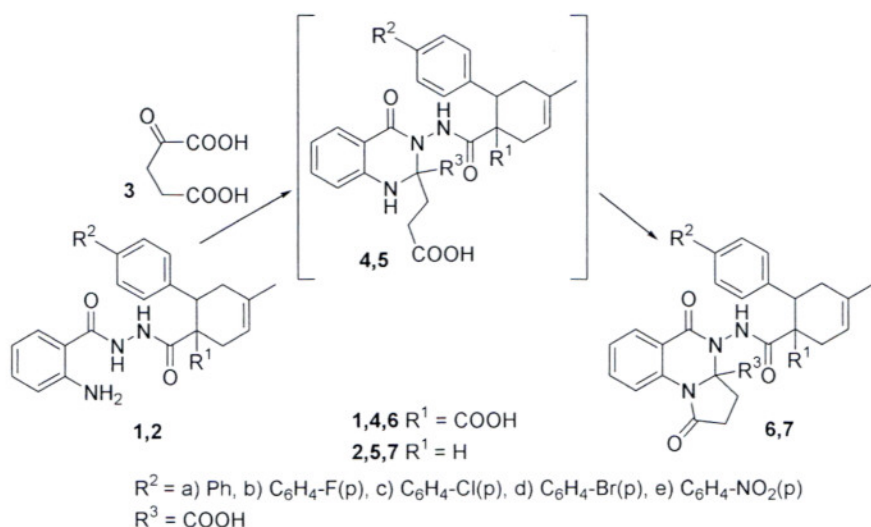
SYNTHESIS OF PYRROLO[1,2-*a*]QUINAZOLINE DERIVATIVES

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Pyrroloquinazolines are prevalent substructures in naturally occurring alkaloids [1] and synthetic molecules displaying biological activities [2]. In the context of drug discovery, those scaffolds have already shown their potential for example as analgetics [3] and neuroleptics [4]. Consequently, the development of efficient ways to prepare these compounds constitutes an active and essential area of research.

To obtain new pyrroloquinazoline rings, we have studied the reaction of 2-oxoglutaric acid (**3**) with a number of hydrazides of 2-aminobenzoic acid (**1, 2**).



The starting hydrazides were synthesized from isatoic anhydride and the corresponding monohydrazides of cyclohexenedicarboxylic acids [5]. Treatment of the compounds **1a-e** with 2-oxoglutaric acid (**3**) in the refluxing acetic acid was found to give cyclohexenecarbonylamino-pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinazoline carboxylic acids **6a-e** in low yields. Apparently, compounds **6a-e** were formed through the intermediate adducts **4** by means of intramolecular acylation of the amino group with the carboxyl. After a decarboxylation of hydrazides **1a-e** in pyridine, the pyrroloquinazolines **7a-e** were obtained in high yields as a mixture of diastereomers 1:1 (**7b-e**) and 2:1 (**7a**).

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