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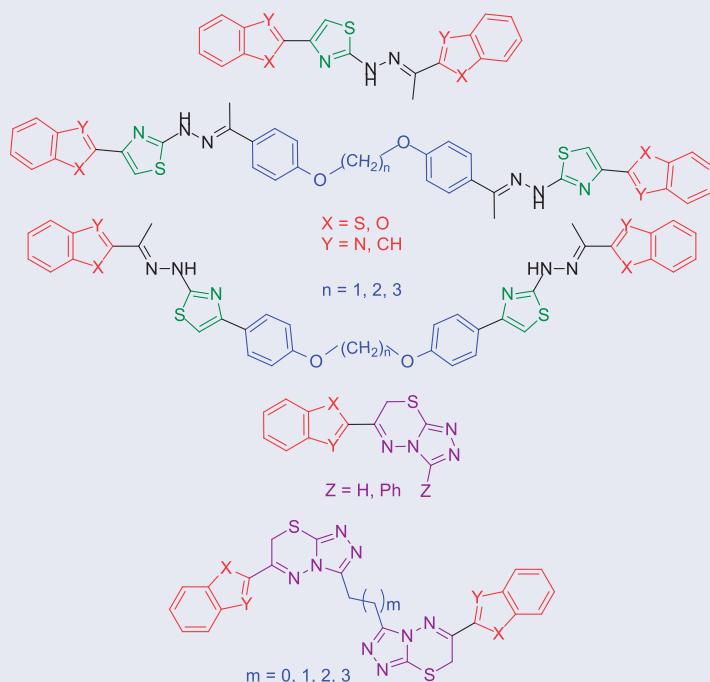
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ABSTRACT

A synthesis of novel hybrid molecules containing thiazole or bis(thiazoles) each bearing benzofuran and/or benzo[d]thiazole moieties by the reaction of the appropriate thioamide derivatives with the corresponding bis-bromoacetyl derivatives is reported. Mono- and bis(triazolothiadiazine) derivatives based on benzofuran or benzo[d]thiazole moieties were also synthesized in good yields by the reaction of the appropriate bis(bromoacetyl) derivatives with each of 4-amino-5-mercaptop-1,2,4-triazoles and their corresponding bis-derivatives.

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Introduction

Thiazoles are promising scaffolds in the pharmaceutical chemistry and many of their derivatives were reported to exhibit a wide variety of biological properties including anti-HIV, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antihypertensive, antifungal, anticonvulsant, antiviral, anticancer, antimalarial, and anti-hypolipidemic activities.^[1–11]

Moreover, 1,2,4-triazoles and their heterocyclic fused analogs especially, triazolothiadiazines, have received considerable attention owing to their promising biological activities. They are reported to possess a widespread of medical applications such as antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, hypoglycemic, anticancer, anti-HIV, CNS-stimulant, antifungal, antiviral, and analgesic properties.^[12–20]

Furthermore, benzofuran constitutes one of the most important class of fused ring heterocyclic due to their valuable biological activities including antifungal, antiprotozoal, antitubercular, anti-inflammatory, anticonvulsant, anticancer, anti-HIV, analgesic, anti-parasitic, antihyperlipidemic, antioxidant, antiplasmoidal, and anti-Alzheimer's.^[21–31]

Likewise, benzothiazole is an important core of drug development. Their derivatives demonstrated a wide spectrum of therapeutic functions including antitumor, antimicrobial, anti-tubercular, anti-HIV, anti-malarial, anti-convulsant, anthelmintic, antioxidant, and analgesic properties.^[32–44]

The incorporation of thiazole, 1,2,4-triazole, benzothiazole as well as benzofuran into a wide variety of therapeutically interesting drugs are well established (Fig. 1).

Additionally, molecular hybridization concept has attracted much attention in the last decades in the area of drug design. This tool involves the combination of two pharmacophoric moieties of different bioactive substances in new hybrid molecules aiming at improving their biological efficacy and overcoming drug resistance.^[14,44–49]

Motivated by these findings and in conjunction with our ongoing research work on bis(heterocycles) as well as the new concept in drug design, we report herein on the synthesis of novel hybrid molecules containing benzofuran and/or benzothiazole linked to thiazole or triazolothiadiazine and their corresponding bis-derivatives.^[50–78]

Results and discussion

The starting materials needed in the synthesis of our target compounds are prepared as outlined in Scheme 1. Thus, bromoacetylbenzothiazole **2a** and bromoacetylbenzofuran **2b** were, respectively, obtained in good yields by the reaction of the corresponding acetyl derivatives **1a** and **1b** with bromine in acetic acid.^[70] 2-(1-(Benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide **4a** and 2-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)ethylidene)-hydrazinecarbothioamide **4b** were prepared by condensation of thiosemicarbazide (**3**) with the corresponding acetyl derivatives **1a** and **1b**, respectively, in acetic acid at reflux (Scheme 1).

The novel 2-(2-(1-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)thiazol-4-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (**5**) in which (ethylidenehydrazinyl)thiazole is located between two benzo-thiazole rings were prepared in 76% yield by the reaction of **2a** with **4a** in refluxing EtOH in the presence of TEA (Scheme 2). Similarly, 4-(benzofuran-2-yl)-2-(2-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)ethylidene)-hydrazinyl)thiazole (**6**) in which (ethylidenehydrazinyl)-thiazole

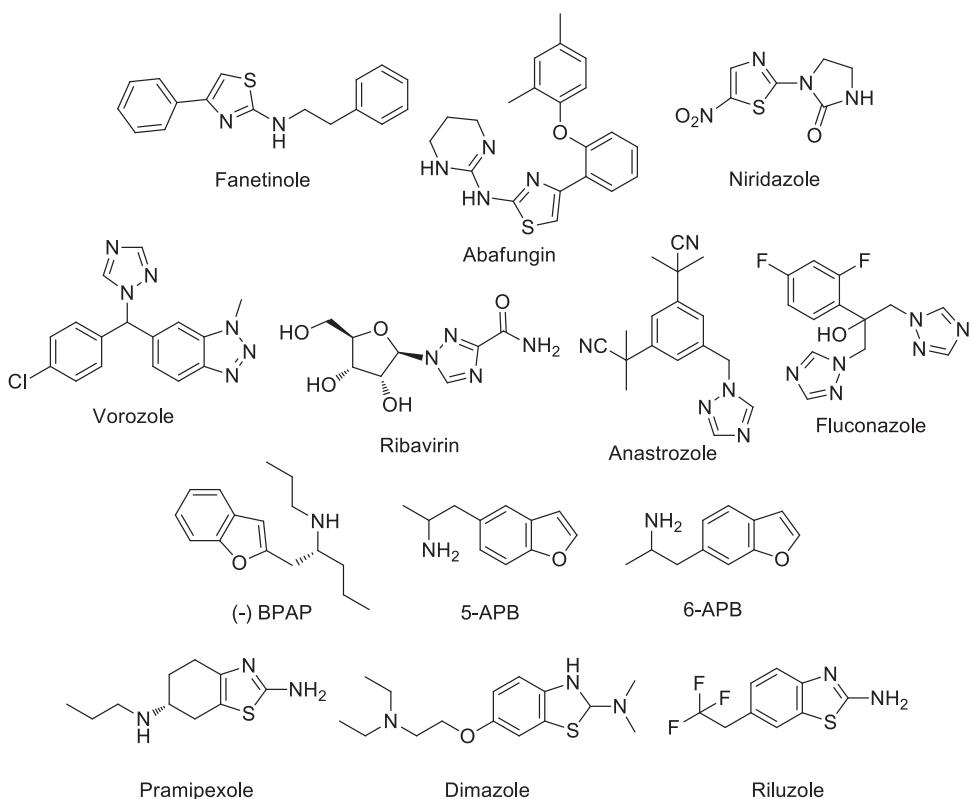
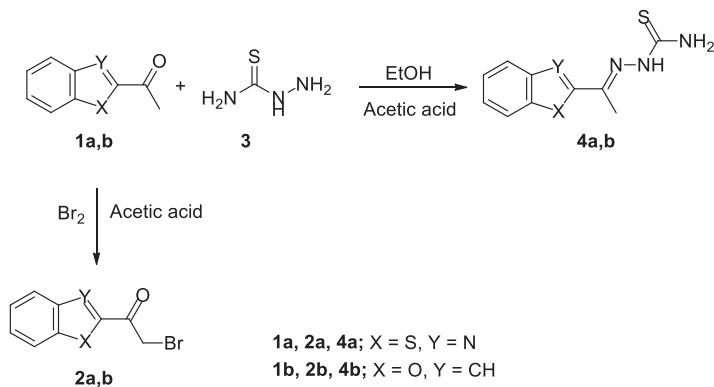


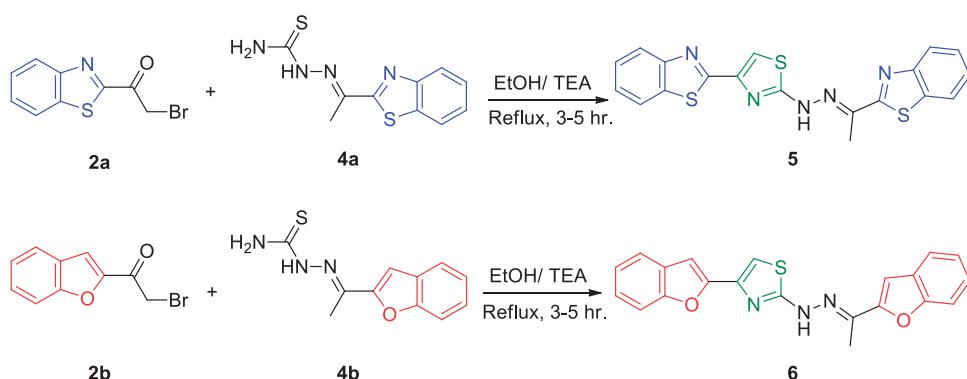
Figure 1. Some therapeutically interesting drugs incorporated thiazole, 1,2,4-triazole, benzothiazole as well as benzofuran.



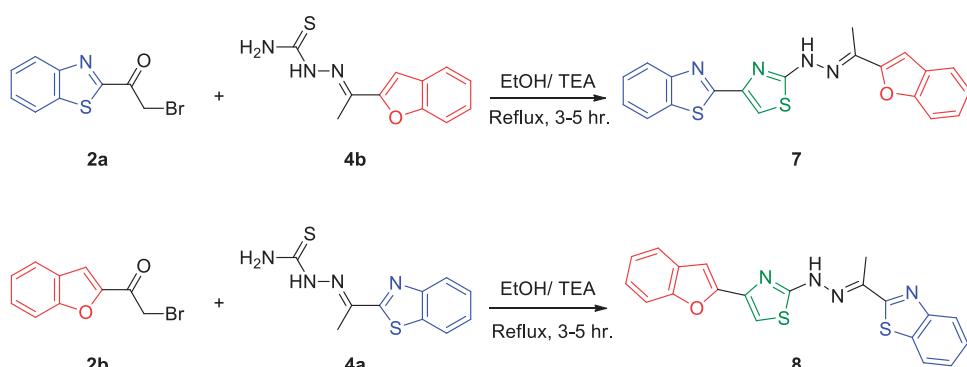
Scheme 1. Synthesis of bromoacetyl derivatives **2a,b** and thiosemicarbazone derivatives **4a,b**.

is located between two benzofuran rings was obtained in 71% yield by the reaction of **2b** with **4b** under the same reaction conditions.

Our study also included the synthesis of the new isomeric compounds, 2-(2-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)thiazol-4-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (**7**) and 2-(1-(2-(4-(benzofuran-2-yl)thiazol-2-yl)hydrazone)ethyl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (**8**) in which



Scheme 2. Reaction of the appropriate bromoacetyl derivatives **2a,b** with the corresponding thio-micarbazone derivatives **4a** and **4b**, respectively.

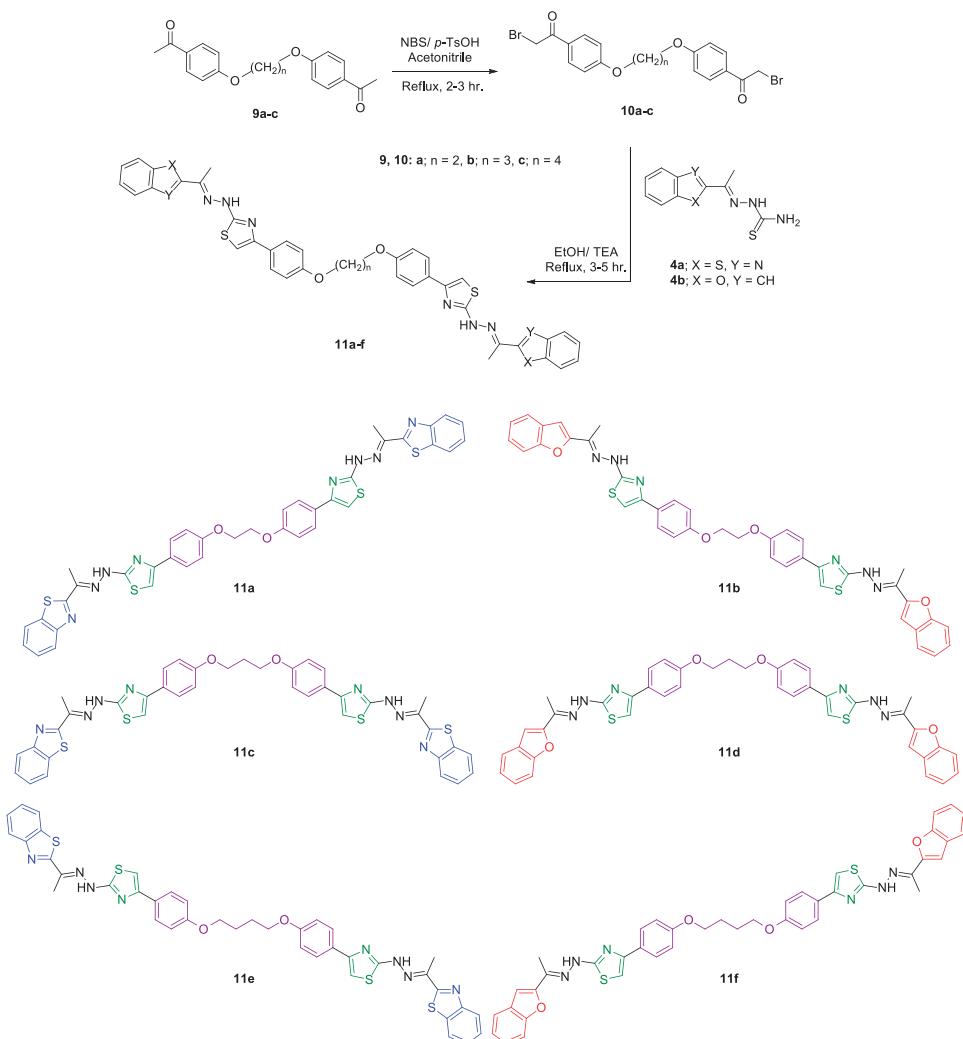


Scheme 3. Reaction of the appropriate bromoacetyl derivatives **2a,b** with the corresponding thio-micarbazone derivatives **4b** and **4a**, respectively.

(ethylidene-hydrazinyl)thiazole is located between benzothiazole and benzofuran rings. These isomers were prepared in 70 and 73% yields by the reaction of **2a** and **2b**, respectively, with **4b** and **4a** in refluxing EtOH in the presence of TEA (**Scheme 3**).

Compounds **5–8** were characterized by elemental analyses, as well as their spectral data which agree with the proposed structures. The structure of Compound **5** as a representative example was confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR, and mass spectra. Thus, Mass spectrum of compound **5** showed an intense molecular ion peak at *m/z* 407 in agreement with its respective molecular formula. IR spectrum of **5** showed absorption bands at 3525 cm⁻¹ because of NH group. Moreover, the ¹H NMR spectra of compound **5** showed a D₂O-exchangeable signal at δ 12.26 because of NH proton, a sharp singlet signal at 2.48 attributed to methyl group, and a characteristic singlet signal at δ 7.91 attributed to C-5 proton of the thiazole ring. All other protons appeared at the expected chemical shifts and integral values.

Our study was extended to include the synthesis of novel bis(benzofuran-2-ylethylidene-nehydrazinylthiazoles) and bis(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-ylethylidene-hydrazinylthiazoles) **11a–f**, which are linked to aliphatic spacer *via* phenoxy groups (**Scheme 4**). Thus, the reaction

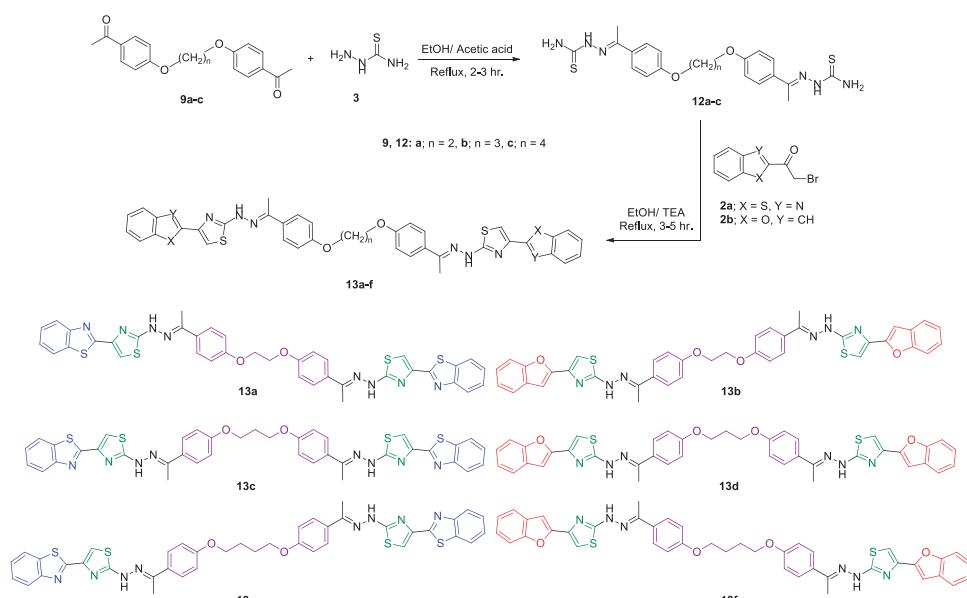


Scheme 4. Reaction of the appropriate bis(α -bromoketones) **10a–c** with the corresponding thiosemicarbazone derivatives **4a,b**.

of bis(α -bromoketones) **10a–c** with each of 2-(1-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (**4a**) and 2-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (**4b**) in refluxing EtOH in the presence of TEA afforded **11a–f** respectively, in 72–86% yields (Scheme 4).

Compounds **10a–c** were obtained from the corresponding bis(acetophenones) **9a–c** upon treatment with *N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS) in the presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (*p*-TsOH).^[53]

The novel isomeric bis(4-(2-(4-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)thiazol-2-yl)hydrazone)-ethyl)-phenoxyalkanes and bis(4-(2-(4-(benzofuran-2-yl)thiazol-2-yl)hydrazone)-ethyl)-phenoxyalkanes **13a–f** could also be prepared using a similar approach. Thus, reaction of bis(thiosemicarbazones) **12a–c** with each of 1-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-2-bromoethanone



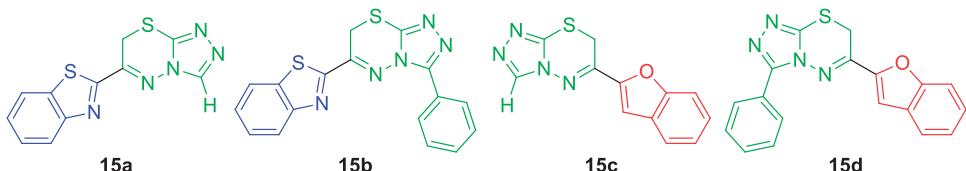
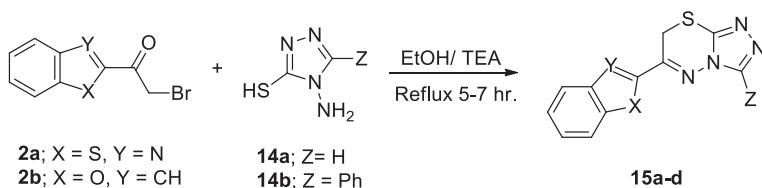
Scheme 5. Reaction of the appropriate bis(thiosemicarbazones) **12a–c** with the corresponding bromoacetyl derivatives **2a,b**.

(**2a**) and 1-(benzofuran-2-yl)-2-bromoethanone (**2b**) in refluxing ethanol in the presence of TEA afforded **13a–f** in 69–83% yields, respectively (Scheme 5). Compounds **12a–c** were obtained by the reaction of the appropriate bis(ketones) **9a–c** with thiosemicarbazide (**3**) in refluxing EtOH containing few drops of AcOH.^[62]

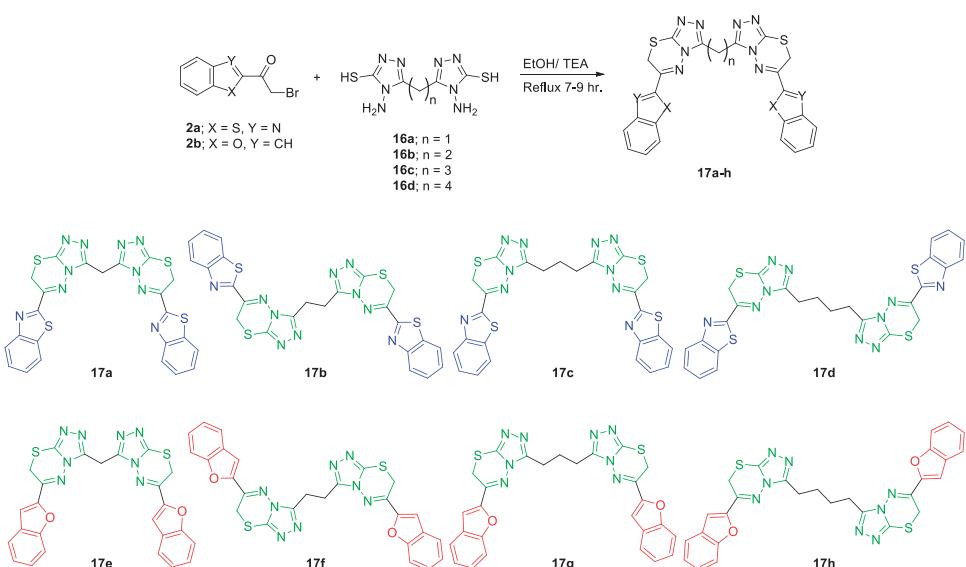
All of the isolated bis(compounds) **11a–f** and **13a–f** were characterized by elemental analyses, as well as their spectral data, which agree with the proposed structures. Thus, the IR spectrum of **11a**, as a representative example, showed absorption bands at 3425 cm^{-1} due to (NH) stretching frequency. The ^1H NMR spectra of compound **11a** showed a D_2O -exchangeable signal at δ 11.99 due to NH protons and a characteristic singlet signal at δ 7.44 attributed to C-5 proton of the thiazole ring. Moreover, they also featured the methylene ether linkage OCH_2 as a singlet signal at δ 4.36 ppm. All other protons were seen at the expected chemical shifts and integral values. Mass spectrum of compound **11a** showed the correct molecular ion peak at m/z 758.

The utility of 1-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-2-bromoethanone (**2a**) and 1-(benzofuran-2-yl)-2-bromoethanone (**2b**) as building units for novel mono- and bis-(triazolothiadiazine) derivatives, each bearing benzo[*d*]thiazolyl or benzofuranyl moieties, were also investigated. Thus, reaction of **2a** and **2b** with 4-amino-3-mercaptop-1,2,4-triazole derivatives^[79,80] **14a** and **14b** in refluxing ethanol in the presence of triethylamine as a catalyst, afforded the novel 6-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-7*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazines **15a** and **15b** as well as 6-(benzofuran-2-yl)-7*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazines **15c** and **15d** in 76–79 and 74–76% yields, respectively (Scheme 6).

We also explored the reactivity of **2a** and **2b** towards bis(4-amino-5-mercaptop-1,2,4-triazoles) **16a–d**.^[81] Thus, the reaction of two equivalents of each of **2a** and **2b** with **16a–d** in ethanol at reflux in the presence of trimethylamine as a catalyst afforded the corresponding bis(6-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-7*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazin-3-



Scheme 6. Reaction of bromoacetyl derivatives **2a** and **2b** with 4-amino-3-mercaptop-1,2,4-triazole derivatives **14a** and **14b**.



Scheme 7. Reaction of bromoacetyl derivatives **2a** and **2b** with bis(4-amino-5-mercaptop-1,2,4-triazoles) **16a-d**.

yl)alkanes **17a-d** and bis(6-(benzofuran-2-yl)-7*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazin-3-yl)alkanes **17e-h** in 69–77% and 69–76% yields, respectively (Scheme 7).

The structures of triazolo-thiadiazine compounds **15a-d** and their corresponding bis derivatives **17a-h** were characterized by elemental analysis and spectral data. Thus, the absence of NH₂ stretching bands in the IR spectra of triazolo-thiadiazines **15** together with the disappearance of the characteristic signals belonging to primary amine in their ¹H NMR spectra are evidences for the cyclocondensation reaction. In addition, the presence of SCH₂ protons, resonated at δ 4.48–4.71 as singlet signals integrating two protons, clearly indicated that ring closure reaction occurred. The aromatic and the

heteroaromatic protons appear as multiplets at δ 7.59–9.32. All other protons were seen at the expected chemical shifts and integral values.

Conclusions

We developed a simple approach for the synthesis of novel hybrid molecules containing thiazole or bis(thiazoles) each bearing benzofuran and/or benzothiazole moieties. Our study included also the synthesis of mono- and bis(triazolothiadiazine) derivatives based on benzofuran or benzo[*d*]thiazole moieties. The newly synthesized compounds are interesting as promising pharmacological molecules. The simple approach used in the synthesis of the target compounds from inexpensive starting materials is the main advantage of this strategy. Our current studies are directed to examine the biological activities of the new compounds and to extend the scope of the described tool to cover additional hybrid molecules with effective biological potency.

Experimental

Materials and methods

Melting points were determined in open glass capillaries with a Gallenkamp apparatus. Elemental analyses were carried out at the Microanalytical Center of Cairo University, Giza, Egypt. The infrared spectra were recorded as potassium bromide disks on a Pye Unicam SP 3-300 and Shimaduz FTIR 8101 PC infrared spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian Mercury VXR-300 NMR spectrometer operating at 300 MHz (^1H NMR) and 75 MHz (^{13}C NMR), a Varian VXR spectrometer operating at 400 MHz (^1H NMR) and 101 MHz (^{13}C NMR) and a Varian VXR spectrometer operating at 500 MHz (^1H NMR) and 126 MHz (^{13}C NMR). Mass spectra (EI) were obtained at 70 eV with a type Shimadzu GCMQP 1000 EX spectrometer. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using pre-coated silica gel 60,778 plates (Fluka), and the spots were visualized with UV light at 254 nm. Acetyl derivatives **1a,b**,^[70] bromoacetyl derivatives **2a,b**,^[70] bis(acetophenones) **9a–c**,^[53] bis(α -bromoketones) **10a–c**,^[53] bis(thiosemicarbazones) **12a–c**,^[62] 4-amino-3-mercaptop-1,2,4-triazole **14a,b**^[79,80] and bis(4-amino-5-mercaptop-1,2,4-triazoles) **16a–d**^[81] were prepared according to the literature procedures.

Synthesis and characterization data for selected compounds

*Synthesis of 2-(2-(2-(1-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)thiazol-4-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (5)*

A mixture of 1-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-2-bromoethanone (**2a**) (1 mmol) and 2-(1-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (**4a**) (1 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (20 mL) containing TEA (1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 3 h. The solid obtained upon cooling was filtered off and recrystallized from DMF/EtOH to afford the title compounds **5** as green powder (76% yield), mp. 268–270 °C; IR: (potassium bromide) 3525 (NH), 1566 (C=N) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ

2.48 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.43–7.55 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.91 (s, 1H, thiazole-5-H), 8.00–8.13 (m, 4H, ArH), 12.26 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.85, 111.57, 122.62, 122.79, 123.06, 123.50, 125.70, 126.49, 126.77, 127.00, 135.00, 135.35, 143.73, 145.48, 153.56, 154.00, 162.83, 168.03, 169.53; ms: m/z (%) 407 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₃N₅S₃: C, 56.00; H, 3.22; N, 17.18; S, 23.60. Found: C, 55.76; H, 3.14; N, 17.09; S, 23.70%.

Synthesis of 4-(benzofuran-2-yl)-2-(2-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)-thiazole (6)

A mixture of 1-(benzofuran-2-yl)-2-bromoethanone (**2b**) (1 mmol) and 2-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (**4b**) (1 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (20 mL) containing TEA (1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 3 h. The obtained solid product was filtered off and recrystallized from DMF/EtOH to afford the title compounds **6** as brown powder (71% yield), mp. 249–251 °C; IR: (potassium bromide) 3325 (NH), 1543 (C=N) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.07 (s, 2H, benzofuran-3-H), 7.26 (s, 1H, thiazole-5-H), 7.43–7.49 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.57–7.88 (m, 4H, ArH), 11.70 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 14.21, 102.22, 105.80, 108.62, 113.44, 113.72, 115.96, 116.01, 124.22, 124.28, 127.57, 128.33, 130.88, 131.27, 153.37, 153.77, 155.33, 170.22; ms: m/z (%) 373 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₅N₃O₂S: C, 67.54; H, 4.05; N, 11.25; S, 8.59. Found: C, 67.27; H, 3.89; N, 11.06; S, 8.33%.

Synthesis of 2-(2-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)thiazol-4-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (7)

A mixture of 1-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-2-bromoethanone (**2a**) (1 mmol) and 2-(1-(benzofuran-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (**4b**) (1 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (20 mL) containing TEA (1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at refluxed for 3 h. The solid product which formed was filtered off and recrystallized from DMF/EtOH to afford the title compounds **7** as dark Green powder (73% yield), mp. 228–230 °C; IR: (potassium bromide) 3433 (NH), 1558 (C=N) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 2.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.27 (s, 1H, thiazole-5-H), 7.45–7.62 (m, 5 H, ArH & benzofuran-3-H), 7.84 (d, 2H, ArH, J=7.5), 8.01 (d, 1H, ArH, J=8.1), 8.10 (d, 1H, ArH, J=7.8), 11.79 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 14.30, 105.96, 110.92, 113.73, 116.03, 122.77, 123.03, 124.30, 125.65, 126.97, 128.38, 130.85, 135.00, 139.15, 145.32, 153.79, 154.02, 155.24, 163.00, 170.06; ms: m/z (%) 390 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₄N₄OS₂: C, 61.52; H, 3.61; N, 14.35; S, 16.42. Found: C, 61.25; H, 3.53; N, 13.76; S, 16.30%.

Synthesis of 2-(1-(2-(4-(benzofuran-2-yl)thiazol-2-yl)hydrazoneo)ethyl)benzo[d]-thiazole (8)

A mixture of 1-(benzofuran-2-yl)-2-bromoethanone (**2b**) (1 mmol) and 2-(1-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinecarbothioamide (**4a**) (1 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol

(20 mL), containing TEA (1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 3 h. The solid product which formed was filtered off and recrystallized from DMF/EtOH to afford the title compounds **8** as brown powder (70% yield), mp. 248–250 °C; IR: (potassium bromide) 3425 (NH), 1558 (C=N) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 2.45 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.10 (s, 1H, benzofuran-3-H), 7.45–7.61 (m, 5 H, ArH & thiazole-5-H), 7.89–8.09 (m, 4H, ArH), 12.20 (s, 1H, NH); ms: *m/z* (%) 390 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₄N₄OS₂: C, 61.52; H, 3.61; N, 14.35; S, 16.42. Found: C, 60.98; H, 3.41; N, 14.29; S, 16.33%.

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