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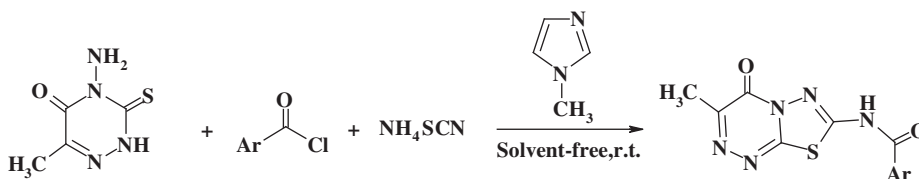
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A three-component reaction between 4-amino-6-methyl-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one, ammonium thiocyanate and aryl chlorides in the presence of *N*-methylimidazole to afford the [1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-4-ones in excellent yields is described.



Keywords: *N*-methylimidazole; aryl chlorides; ammonium thiocyanate; AMTTO; three-component reaction

1. Introduction

Triazines and their derivatives are important groups of heterocyclic compounds. They have attracted considerable interest because of their exceptional biological antitumor (1, 2), anti-HIV (3), antiviral (4), antimalarial (5), antibacterial (6), antifungal (7), and antioxidant activities (8). Triazines have also found wide applications as herbicides (9, 10) and pesticides (11) in the field of agriculture. In addition, a number of thiadiazole derivatives exhibit a broad range of biological activities due to the presence of the $-NCS$ moiety (12). Bartlett *et al.* described 1,2,4-triazinones as anti-inflammatory agents with immune modulating properties (13). They reported that these compounds are effective not only in preventing, but also curing established arthritic disorders in rats. They also reported that these compounds effectively inhibited the carrageenan-induced paw edema, attenuated the active Arthus reaction, and demonstrated antierythema as well as antipyretic activity. Part of the anti-inflammatory effects of these compounds is most probably related to their

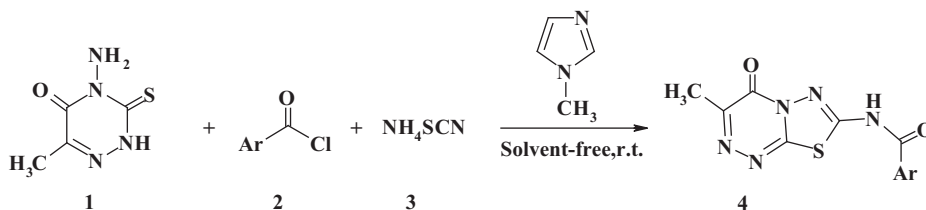
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antioxidative activity, as well as to the inhibition of lipoxygenase metabolites (13). As a result, many efforts have been devoted to the development of new methodologies for efficient synthesis of 1,2,4-triazinones (14, 15).

A few years ago, several substituted 4*H*-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-4-ones were prepared by refluxing a solution of 4-amino-6-methyl-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (AMTTO) and aroyl chlorides with potassium thiocyanate in acetonitrile for 4 h (16). Unlike previously reported methods, the present method does not require toxic organic solvents and also the experimental results show that the reaction times are shorter and the yields of the products are higher under solvent-free conditions to produce the [1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-4-one derivatives. As part of an ongoing development of efficient protocols for the preparation of biologically active sulfur-containing heterocycles (17–24), we report here an efficient one-pot synthesis of the [1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-4-ones, employing readily available starting materials.

2. Results and discussion

Reaction of AMTTO **1** and aroyl chlorides **2** with ammonium thiocyanate **3** in the presence of *N*-methylimidazole affords [1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-4-one derivatives **4** in excellent yields (Scheme 1).



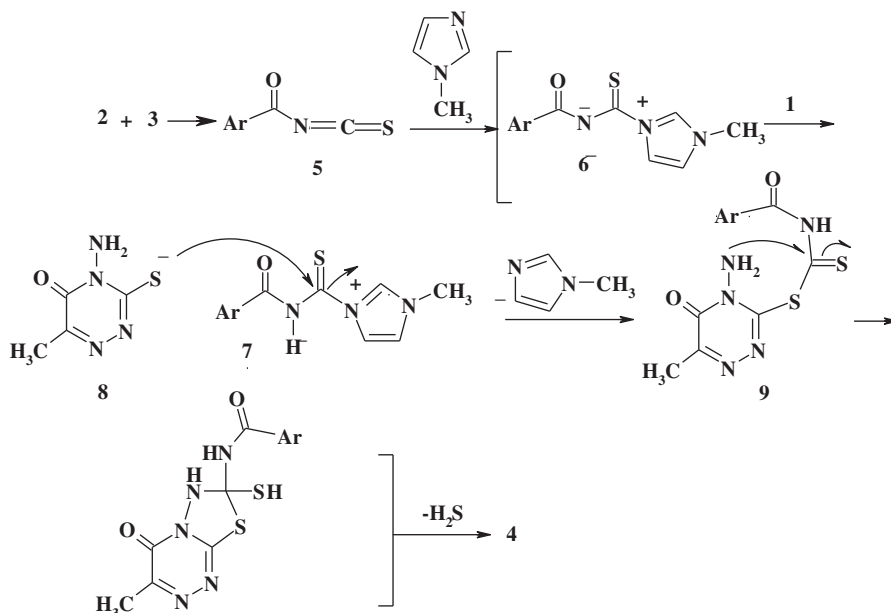
2, 4	Ar	%Yield *
a	phenyl	80
b	<i>o</i> -CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	83
c	<i>m</i> -CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	88
d	<i>p</i> -Cl C ₆ H ₄	88
e	<i>p</i> -Br C ₆ H ₄	87
f	<i>m</i> -NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄	92
* Isolated yields		

Scheme 1. Three-component reaction between AMTTO, ammonium thiocyanate and aroyl chlorides in the presence of *N*-methylimidazole.

Structures of compounds **4a–4f** were confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and mass spectral data. For example, the ¹H NMR spectrum of **4b** shows two sharp signals (δ = 2.42 and 2.45 ppm) corresponded to the protons of the methyl groups. The aromatic protons resonated between 7.35–8.04 ppm and a singlet signal was observed at δ = 13.75 ppm for an NH proton which disappears after addition of a few drops of D₂O to a DMSO solution of **4b**.

The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **4b** shows 13 distinct signals, which is consistent with the proposed structure. The mass spectrum of **4b** displayed the molecular ion peak at $m/z = 301$. The IR spectrum of compound **4b** also supported the suggested structure, and strong absorption bands were observed at 3200, 1700, and 1681 cm^{-1} , respectively, for the NH and carbonyl groups.

A tentative mechanism for this transformation is proposed in Scheme 2.



Scheme 2. Suggested mechanism for the formation of compound **4**.

It is conceivable that the reaction starts with the formation of aroyl thiocyanate **5**, followed by the formation of the 1:1 adducts **6** and its subsequent protonation by AMTTO to produce **7**. Then, the positively charged ion **7** is attacked by the anion of AMTTO **8**. Intermediate **9** undergoes a cyclization reaction and elimination of H_2S to produce **4**.

In conclusion, the reaction AMTTO and aroyl chlorides with ammonium thiocyanate in the presence of *N*-methylimidazole led to [1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-4-one derivatives. The present procedure has advantages such as shorter reaction times and simple work-up, and affords excellent yields.

3. Experimental

Melting points were determined with an Electrothermal 9100 apparatus. Elemental analyses were performed using a Costech ECS 4010 CHNS-O analyzer at analytical laboratory of Islamic Azad University Yazd Branch. Mass spectra were recorded on a FINNIGAN-MAT 8430 mass spectrometer operating at an ionization potential of 70 eV. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IR-470 spectrometer. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-400 Avance spectrometer. The chemicals used in this work were purchased from Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland) and were used without further purification. Compound AMTTO **1** was prepared as previously described in the literature (25).

3.1. General procedure

Aroyl chloride (2 mmol) was added to ammonium thiocyanate (2 mmol) in a 50 ml flask at room temperature (rt). The reaction mixture was stirred in a water bath at about 90 °C for 5 min. Then, AMTTO (2 mmol) was added at this temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. Finally, *N*-methylimidazole (0.032 g) (10 mol%) was added via syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, 15 ml distilled water was added for more than 5 min to the reaction mixture. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration on a Buchner funnel and washed with 10 ml of cold diethyl ether to afford the pure title compounds.

3.1.1. *N*-(3-methyl 4-oxo-4*H*-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-7-yl)benzamide (**4a**)

White powder; m.p. > 290 °C, IR (KBr) (ν_{\max} cm⁻¹): 3205, 2980, 1702, 1670, 1599, 1564, 1374. Analyses: Calcd for C₁₂H₉N₅O₂S: C, 50.17; H, 3.16; N, 24.38%. Found: C, 50.35; H, 3.03; N, 24.50. MS (*m/z*, %): 287 (M⁺, 5). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.44 (3H, s, CH₃), 7.60 (2H, t, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 2CH of C₆H₅), 7.72 (1H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 1CH of C₆H₅), 8.15 (2H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 2CH of C₆H₅), 13.75 (1H, s, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 17.2 (CH₃), 128.3, 129.1, 130.7, and 133.06 (phenyl moiety), 147.9 (C), 151.9 (C), 153.5 (C), 161.7 and 167.3 (2C=O) ppm.

3.1.2. *N*-(3-methyl 4-oxo-4*H*-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-7-yl) 2-methylbenzamide (**4b**)

White powder; m.p. > 270 °C, IR (KBr) (ν_{\max} cm⁻¹): 3200, 2975, 1700, 1681, 1600, 1566, 1375. Analyses: Calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₅O₂S: C, 51.82; H, 3.68; N, 23.24%. Found: C, 51.73; H, 3.81; N, 23.15. MS (*m/z*, %): 301 (M⁺, 10). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.42 and 2.45 (6H, 2s, 2CH₃), 7.35–7.38 (2H, m, 2 CH of C₆H₄CH₃), 7.78 (1H, t, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 1CH of C₆H₄CH₃), 8.04 (2H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 2CH of C₆H₄CH₃), 13.76 (1H, s, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 17.4 and 21.6 (2CH₃), 126.9, 129.3, 130.2, 132.3, 134.9, and 138.8 (aryl moiety), 148.0 (C), 148.6 (C), 151.7 (C), 161.6 and 167.7 (2C=O) ppm.

3.1.3. *N*-(3-methyl 4-oxo-4*H*-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-7-yl) 3-methylbenzamide (**4c**)

White powder; m.p. > 280 °C, IR (KBr) (ν_{\max} cm⁻¹): 3200, 2975, 1705, 1666, 1587, 1564, 1374. Analyses: Calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₅O₂S: C, 51.82; H, 3.68; N, 23.24%. Found: C, 51.93; H, 3.55; N, 23.30. MS (*m/z*, %): 301 (M⁺, 7). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.43 and 2.49 (6H, 2s, 2CH₃), 7.48 (2H, t, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 2CH of C₆H₄CH₃), 7.54 (1H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 1CH of C₆H₄CH₃), 7.91 (2H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 2CH of C₆H₄CH₃), 7.97 (1H, s, 1CH of C₆H₄CH₃), 13.76 (1H, s, NH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 17.5 and 21.7 (2CH₃), 126.9, 129.3, 130.2, 132.3, 134.9, and 138.8 (aryl moiety), 148.0 (C), 148.5 (C), 151.8 (C), 161.6 and 167.6 (2C=O) ppm.

3.1.4. *N*-(3-methyl 4-oxo-4*H*-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-7-yl) 4-chlorobenzamide (**4d**)

White powder; m.p. > 300 °C, IR (KBr) (ν_{\max} cm⁻¹): 3250, 2965, 1705, 1666, 1587, 1551, 1374. Analyses: Calcd for C₁₂H₈ClN₅O₂S: C, 44.80; H, 2.51; N, 21.77%. Found: C, 44.93; H, 2.61; N,

21.59. MS (m/z , %): 321 (M^+ , 11). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.43 (3H, s, CH_3), 7.83 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.4$ Hz, 2CH of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}$), 8.11 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.4$ Hz, 2CH of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}$), 13.77 (1H, s, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 17.4 (CH_3), 128.7, 129.9, 134.1, and 139.1 (aryl moiety), 148.1 (C), 148.5 (C), 151.6 (C), 161.8 and 168.6 ($2\text{C}=\text{O}$) ppm.

3.1.5. *N*-(3-methyl 4-oxo-4H-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-7-yl)
4-bromobenzamide (**4e**)

White powder; m.p. > 300 °C, IR (KBr) (ν_{max} cm^{-1}): 3250, 2980, 1707, 1665, 1589, 1556, 1376. Analyses: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{BrN}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 39.36; H, 2.20; N, 19.12%. Found: C, 39.20; H, 2.14; N, 19.26. MS (m/z , %): 366 (M^+ , 5). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.43 (3H, s, CH_3), 7.93 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.4$ Hz, 2CH of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Br}$), 8.06 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.4$ Hz, 2CH of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Br}$), 13.76 (1H, s, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 17.4 (CH_3), 126.7, 129.8, 132.1, and 136.1 (aryl moiety), 148.2 (C), 148.6 (C), 151.5 (C), 161.8 and 168.7 ($2\text{C}=\text{O}$) ppm.

3.1.6. *N*-(3-methyl 4-oxo-4H-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[2,3-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-7-yl)
3-nitrobenzamide (**4f**)

White powder; m.p. > 310 °C, IR (KBr) (ν_{max} cm^{-1}): 3230, 1697, 1675, 1596, 1524, 1497, 1457, 1378. Analyses: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}$: C, 43.37; H, 2.43; N, 25.29%. Found: C, 43.51; H, 2.30; N, 25.48. MS (m/z , %): 332 (M^+ , 9). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.43 (3H, s, CH_3), 7.76 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$ Hz, 2CH of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2$), 8.32 (1H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.0$ Hz, 1CH of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2$), 8.51 (2H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.6$ Hz, 2CH of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2$), 8.89 (1H, s, 1CH of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2$), 13.76 (1H, s, NH) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 17.6 (CH_3), 123.2, 125.7, 130.2, 134.9, 140.0, and 148.2 (aryl moiety), 148.4 (C), 151.1 (C), 153.8 (C), 161.9 and 169.1 ($2\text{C}=\text{O}$) ppm.

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