Alkyl 3-fluoroalkyl-3-oxopropionates in reactions with azolyldiazonium salts

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Alkyl 3-fluoroalkyl-3-oxopropionates react with antipyrinyldiazonium chloride to form 2-antipyrinylhydrazono-3-fluoroalkyl-3-oxopropionates. The use in these reactions of hetaryldiazonium salts, containing NH group in the α position, leads to alkyl 7-fluoroalkyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydroazolo[5,1-*c*]triazine-6-carboxylates. 3-Amino-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole, 3-amino-4-ethoxycarbonyl-1*H*-pyrazole, and 5-amino-4-ethoxycarbonyl-1*H*-imidazole were used as the heterocyclic component.

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Acetyl- and benzoylacetic esters (3-oxo esters) are subjected to the azocoupling reaction with hetaryldiazonium salts at the activated methylene group giving rise to 2-hetarylhydrazono-3-oxo esters, 1-8 some of which are able to undergo various intramolecular cvclizations $^{2-6}$ primarily with participation of the acyl substituent and the NH group of the hetaryl fragment to form heteroannulated triazines, including biologically active ones.^{1,7} In the literature, there are described examples when the azocoupling reaction of 3-oxo esters with hetaryldiazonium salts directly leads to the fused triazines, resulting from the spontaneous cyclization of 2-hetarylhydrazono-3-oxo esters. Bicyclic pyrazolo[3,2-c]triazines^{9,10} and triazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazines^{11,12}, tricyclic triazino[4,3-b]indazoles^{13,14} and pyrimido-[5',4':4,5]pyrazolo[3,2-c][1,2,4]triazines¹⁵ were obtained by this way. Among the latter, azolotriazines are of particular interest since they are isosteric to purine bases.

Information on azocoupling of alkyl 3-fluoroalkyl-3oxopropionates with hetaryldiazonium salts is absent in the literature.

In the present work, reactions of azocoupling of 3-fluoroalkyl-3-oxopropionates $1\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{e}$ with hetaryldiazonium chlorides $2\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{d}$ have been studied. 4-Amino-2,3-dimethyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-3-pyrazoline (2a), 3-amino-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2b), 3-amino-4-ethoxycarbonyl-1*H*-pyrazole (2c), and 5-amino-4-ethoxycarbonyl-1*H*-imidazole (2d) have been used as the heterocyclic component.

It was found that the azocoupling of 3-oxo esters **1** with hetaryldiazonium salts can be used for the synthesis

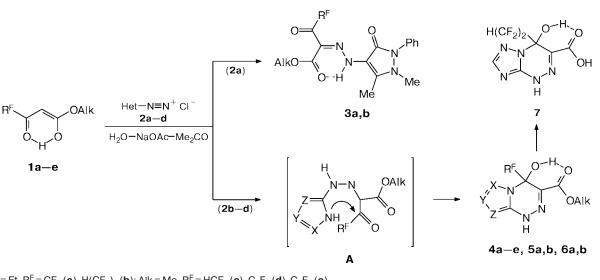
of both the open-chain and the heterocyclic products depending on the identity of the hetaryldiazonium component. Thus, esters **1a,b** react with antipyrinyldiazonium chloride **2a** to form 2-antipyrinylhydrazono-3-fluoroalkyl-3-oxopropionates **3a,b** similarly to the transformations of acetyl- and benzoylacetic esters.³ However, when hetaryldiazonium salts **2b**-**d**, containing an NH group in the α position, are used in these reactions, alkyl 7-fluoroalkyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydroazolo[5,1-*c*]triazine-6-carboxylates **4a**-**e**, **5a,b**, and **6a,b** are formed. Obviously, that in this case the open-chain 3-fluoroalkyl-2-hetarylhydrazono-3-oxopropionates **A** are the intermediate products, undergoing the intramolecular cyclization through the addition of the NH group to the fluoroacyl fragment (Scheme 1).

In contrast to this, according to the literature data acetyl- and benzoylacetic esters in the reaction of azocoupling with triazolyl-^{11,12} and pyrazolyldiazonium salts^{9,10} gave the corresponding azolotriazines, while the reaction with imidazolyldiazonium salts initially leads to 2-imidazolylhydrazones, which cyclize to imidazotriazines only under reflux in acidic medium.⁶ Attempted dehydration of heterocycles **4a**, **5a**, and **6a** upon heating in acetic acid or acetic anhydride did not lead to their noticeable changes.

The formation of stable 4,7-dihydroazolotriazines, containing *gem*-aminohydroxy fragment, in the reaction of fluoroalkylated 3-oxo esters 1 is their distinguishing feature, caused by the presence of the electron-withdrawing polyfluoroalkyl substituent. From the one hand, this

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Scheme 1

1: Alk = Et, $R^F = CF_3(a)$, $H(CF_2)_2(b)$; Alk = Me, $R^F = HCF_2(c)$, $C_3F_7(d)$, $C_4F_9(e)$ 2: Het is antipyrin-4-yl (a), 1,2,4-triazol-3-yl (b); 4-EtO_2C-pyrazol-3-yl (c), 4-EtO_2C-imidazol-3-yl (d) 3: $R^F = CF_3$, Alk = Et (a); $R^F = C_4F_9$, Alk = Me (b) 4: X = Z = N, Y = CH, Alk = Et, $R^F = CF_3(a)$, $H(CF_2)_2(b)$; Alk = Me, $R^F = HCF_2(c)$, $C_3F_7(d)$, $C_4F_9(e)$ 5: X = N, Y = CH, $Z = CCO_2Et$, $R^F = CF_3$, Alk = Et (a); $R^F = C_3F_7$, Alk = Me (b) 6: X = CH, Y = N, $Z = CCO_2Et$, $R^F = CF_3$, Alk = Et (a), $R^F = C_3F_7$, Alk = Me (b)

group facilitates addition of a nucleophile (in this case, the NH group of the azole ring) at the neighboring carbonyl atom, but from the other hand, it prevents the ready elimination of a water molecule.

The open-chain 2-hetarylhydrazono-3-oxo esters 3 and dihydroazolotriazines 4-6 are the structural isomers, having an identical elemental analysis and molecular ion peaks. There arises a problem of developing of the strict criteria for the assignment of the open-chain or heterocyclic structures to the products obtained.

X-Ray analysis, performed for a crystal of product **4d**, unambiguously point out its heterocyclic structure. Moreover, it was found that the annulation of the triazole ring occurs with the formation of a single isomer, triazolo[5,1-c]triazine. According to the X-ray data, in the molecule of compound **4d** there is an intramolecular hydrogen bond between the oxygen carbonyl atom (O(10)) of the methoxycarbonyl group and the hydrogen atom (H(1)) of the hydroxy substituent. Thus, the intramolecular distance O(10)...H(1) is 2.37(4) Å, the angle O(7)—H(1)...O(10) is 118.77, C(10)—O(10)...H(1) is 108.93° (Fig. 1).

A comparative analysis of the IR spectra of compounds 3-6, recorded in Nujol, showed a distinction in the character of the spectra for the open-chain hetarylhydrazones 3 and for the cyclic azolotriazines 4-6. Thus, in the IR spectra of 2-antipyrinylhydrazono-3-fluoroalkyl-3-oxopropionates 3a,b, there are three high-frequency absorption bands in each spectrum, caused by the stretching vibrations of the three nonequivalent carbonyl groups (see Experimental). In contrast to this, the IR spectra of triazolotriazines 4a-e, having only one alkoxycarbonyl substituent, contain one high-frequency band each, caused by the vibration of this carbonyl group, whereas the spectra of dialkoxycarbonyl-substituted pyrazolotriazines 5a,b, have two bands, corresponding to the stretching vibrations of the two carbonyl groups. In the IR spectra of imidazotriazines 6a,b, containing

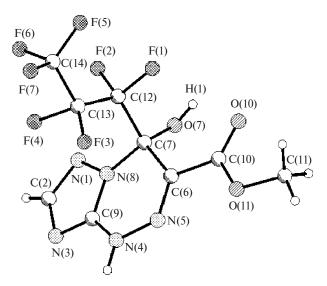


Fig. 1. General view of a molecule of compound 4d.

also two dialkoxycarbonyl substituents, one broad highfrequency absorption band of the two carbonyl groups are present in each spectrum. In addition, the IR spectra of azolotriazines 4-6 contain two or more intensive absorption bands, caused by the stretching vibrations of the OH and NH groups, whereas in the IR spectra of 2-hydrazono-3-oxo esters 3, a very weak broad absorption band of the NH group of the hetarylhydrazone fragment is present in the region of 3100 cm^{-1} .

In this way, the X-ray data and the distinctions found by us in the IR spectra allow us to conclude that compounds 4-6 exist in the solid state in a cyclic isomeric form.

The structures of products **3–6** in solutions were investigated by ¹³C, ¹H, and ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy. The NMR spectra of compounds **3a,b**, **4a–e**, **5a,b**, and **6a**, recorded in CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆, contain only one set of signals, pointed out their existence in solution in the form of one from possible isomers. As expected, in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of ester **3a**, a signal of the carbon atom adjacent to the trifluoromethyl group is found at $\delta \approx 172$, which corresponds to the carbon atom of the trifluoroacetyl fragment, whereas, in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of triazolotriazine **4a**, a quartet signal of the carbon atom adjacent to the trifluoromethyl group is observed at $\delta \approx 82$, which is characteristic of a quaternary carbon atom.

The ¹H NMR spectroscopy data cannot be used for the assignment of a cyclic or open-chain structure to the azocoupling products 3-6 because of the similarities in the spectroscopic characteristics of azolotriazines and hetarylhydrazones. However, we have shown that ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy is a source of reliable criteria for the solution of this problem since the chemical shift values of the fluorine atom signals in the CF_3 and α - CF_2 groups depend on the character of the neighboring to them carbon atoms. Thus, for azolotriazines 4a-e, 5a,b, and 6a, signals of the fluorine atoms in the CF₃ and α -CF₂ group, bonded to the sp³-hybridized carbon atom, are observed in the more strong region ($\delta_{CF_3} \approx 83 - 85$, $\delta_{\alpha-CF_2} \approx 45$) as compared to the corresponding signals of their open-chain analogs, 2-antipyrinylhydrazono-3-fluoroalkyl-3-oxopropionates **3a,b** ($\delta_{CF_3} \approx 90$, $\delta_{\alpha-CF_2} \approx 49$), and earlier obtained 2-arylhydrazono-3-fluoroalkyl-3-oxopropionates $(\delta_{CF_3} \approx 91-93, \delta_{\alpha-CF_2} \approx 50-52)$,¹⁶ in which the CF₃ and α -CF₂ groups are at the sp²-hybridized carbon atom.

In addition, signals of the fluorine atoms in the α -CF₂ groups of the polyfluoroalkyl substituents in azolotriazines **4b**—**e** reveal themselves as an AB-system due to the position of this group next to the asymmetric carbon atom.

Thus, the NMR spectroscopic investigations of azolotriazines 4a-e, 5a,b, and 6a showed that they exist in CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆ solutions in a cyclic form.

However, imidazotriazine **6b** is an exception since in its ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra, recorded in DMSO-d₆ and CDCl₃, two sets of signals are present, which correspond to a cyclic and open-chain hydrazone form **A**, and

the content of isomer A significantly increases in CDCl₃ (see Experimental). Apparently, heptafluoropropyl-substituted imidazotriazine **6b** is able to undergo a ringchain isomerism since it exists as a heterocycle in the solid state and as a mixture of cyclic and hydrazone forms in solution (DMSO-d₆ and CDCl₃). The assignment of the isomers was carried out proceeding from the analysis of the chemical shift values of the fluorine atoms of the α -CF₂ group in its ¹⁹F NMR spectra.

The synthesized dihydroazolotriazines 4-6 have alkoxycarbonyl substituents in their structure, therefore, they can be converted to the corresponding carboxylic acid. Thus, acid 7 was obtained by the alkali hydrolysis of compound **4c**.

The research carried out by us showed that the azocoupling reaction of fluoroalkylated 3-oxo esters with aryldiazonium salts, containing NH groups in the α -position to the diaza group, can be used as the one-step method for the synthesis of dihydroazolotriazines.

Experimental

IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum One and Thermo Nicolet 6700 Fourier spectrometers in the region 4000–400 cm⁻¹ in Nujol. ¹H, ¹⁹F, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer (¹H: 400 MHz; ¹³C: 100.6 MHz, relatively to SiMe₄, ¹⁹F: 376 MHz, relatively to C₆F₆). Elemental analysis was performed on a Carlo Erba CHN/S-O EA 1108 elemental analyzer. Column chromatography was carried out on Merck 60 silica gel (0.063–0.200 mm). Melting points were determined in unsealed capillary tubes on a Stuart SMP3 apparatus.

Monocrystals of azolotriazine **4d** were obtained by crystallization from acetone. X-Ray diffraction experiment was performed on a Xcalibur 3 diffractometer with a CCD-detector (graphite monochromator, λ (Mo-K α) = 0.71073 Å, the temperature was 295(2) °C, ϕ - and ω -scanning technique). An absorption correction was carried out analytically using a multifacet crystal model with the use of the CrysAlis RED 1.171.29.9 program. The crystal structure was solved by the direct method and subsequent Fouriersyntheses using the SHELXS-97 program.¹⁷ The structure was refined by the leasts squares method in anisotropic full-matrix approximation for all the nonhydrogen atoms with the use of the SHELXL-97 program.¹⁷

The main crystallographic data for compound **4d** and some experimental characteristics are given in Table 1.*

Synthesis of compounds 3a,b, 4a—e, 5a,b, and 6a,b (general procedure). To obtain hetaryldiazonium salt 2, hetarylamine (10 mmol) was placed into a two-neck flask with a stirrer and dropping funnel followed by addition of a solution of diluted hydrochloric acid (prepared from concentrated HCl (3 mL) and water (10 mL)), then, a solution of sodium nitrite (0.70 g) in water (3 mL) was added dropwise and slowly under vigorous stirring and cooling down to 0 °C. A solution of sodium acetate (4.55 g) in acetone (31 mL)

^{*} Full crystallographic parameters of compound **4d** were deposited with the Cambridge Structural Database (CCDC 652043) and are available at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Table. X-Ray crystallographic data and parameters for compound 4d

Parameter	4 d
Molecular formula	C ₉ H ₆ F ₇ N ₅ O ₃
Molecular weight	369.15
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
a/Å	11.398(1)
b/Å	16.380(1)
c/Å	7.231(1)
α/deg	90
β/deg	94.12(1)
γ/deg	90
$V/Å^3$	1346.5(5)
Ζ	4
$d_{\rm calc}/{\rm g}~{\rm cm}^{-3}$	1.801
μ/mm^{-1}	0.197
Total number of reflections	2711
Number of independent reflections	2006
R_1 -factor	0.048
Number of refined parameters	275

and 3-oxo ester 1 (10 mmol) were mixed in another flask. A solution of hetaryldiazonium salt 2 was added dropwise and slowly to thus obtained mixture at 10 °C. A precipitate was filtered off, recrystal-lized from ethanol, and dried *in vacuo*.

Ethyl 2-(2,3-dimethyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-4-yl)-hydrazono-4,4,4-trifluorobutyrate (3a). The yield was 57%, m.p. 158-160 °C. The product was purified by column chromatography (chloroform was the eluent). IR, v/cm^{-1} : 3100 (NH^{str}); 1695, 1670, 1650 (C=O); 1595, 1530, 1495 (NH^{bend}, C=N, C=C); 1295-1150 (C-F). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 1.39 (t, 3 H, OCH₂Me, ³J_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz); 2.52 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.15 (s, 3 H, NMe); 4.39 (q, 2 H, O<u>CH</u>₂Me, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$; 7.35–7.51 (m, 5 H, Ph); 13.37 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 90.81 (s, 3 F, CF₃). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: 1.30 (t, 3 H, OCH₂<u>Me</u>, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1$ Hz); 2.48 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.20 (s, 3 H, NMe); 4.31 (\bar{q} , 2 H, O<u>CH</u>₂Me, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1$ Hz); 7.38–7.58 (m, 5 H, Ph); 13.18 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: 10.49 (OCH₂Me); 13.86 (Me); 35.13 (NMe); 61.22 (OCH₂Me); 111.42 $(C(4')); 117.03 (q, C(4), {}^{1}J_{C,F} = 292.7 \text{ Hz}); 121.23 (C(2)); 124.94$ (o-C); 127.60 (p-C); 129.34 (m-C); 133.74 (ipso-C); 144.04 (C(3')); 158.00 (C(5')); 162.87 (C(1)); 172.39 (q, C(3), ${}^{2}J_{C,F} = 31.3 \text{ Hz}$). Found (%): C, 51.38; H, 4.35; F, 14.20; N, 14.10. C₁₇H₁₇F₃N₄O₄. Calculated (%): C, 51.26; H, 4.30; F, 14.31; N, 14.06.

Methyl 2-(2,3-dimethyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-4-yl)hydrazono-4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-nonafluorohexanoate (3b). The yield was 68%, m.p. 129–131 °C. The product was purified by column chromatography (chloroform was the eluent). IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3090 (NH^{str}); 1690, 1675, 1655 (C=O); 1595, 1530, 1490 (NH^{bend}, C=N, C=C); 1280–1130 (C–F). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 2.49 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.16 (s, 3 H, NMe); 3.91 (s, 3 H, OMe), 7.34–7.52 (m, 5 H, Ph); 13.40 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 36.88 (m, 2 F, β-CF₂); 40.49 (m, 2 F, γ-CF₂); 49.56 (m, 2 F, α-CF₂); 80.75 (m, 3 F, CF₃). Found (%): C, 42.76; H, 2.66; F, 31.69; N, 10.50. C₁₉H₁₅F₉N₄O₄. Calculated (%): C, 42.71; H, 2.83; F, 32.00; N, 10.49.

Ethyl 7-trifluoromethyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-6-carboxylate (4a). The yield was 52%, m.p. 164—166 °C. The product was purified by column chromatography (chloroform was the eluent). IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3270, 3205, 3120, 3070 (NH^{str}, OH); 1710 (CO₂Et); 1610, 1560, 1540, 1480, 1465 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1275–1110 (C–F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 1.27 (t, 3 H, OCH₂Me, ³J_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz); 4.26 (q, 2 H, O<u>CH₂</u>Me, ³J_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz); 8.06 (s, 1 H, =CH); 9.30 (s, 1 H, OH); 13.34 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 10.49 (OCH₂Me); 61.33 (O<u>CH₂</u>Me); 82.00 (q, C(7), ²J_{C,F} = 35.0 Hz); 121.71 (q, CF₃, ¹J_{C,F} = 290.4 Hz); 126.29 (C(6)); 146.08 (CH); 151.35 (C(9)); 160.91 (<u>C</u>OOEt). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 85.24 (s, 3 F, CF₃). Found (%): C, 34.62; H, 2.99; F, 20.30; N, 25.00. C₈H₈F₃N₅O₃. Calculated (%): C, 34.42; H, 2.89; F, 20.42; N, 25.09.

Ethyl 7-tetrafluoroethyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-6-carboxylate (4b). The yield was 72%, m.p. 170–172 °C. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3265, 3205, 3050 (NH^{str}, OH); 1715 (CO₂Et); 1610, 1565, 1530, 1475, 1460 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1235–1120 (C–F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), &: 1.27 (t, 3 H, OCH₂Me, ³J_{H,H}=7.1 Hz); 4.26 (q, 2 H, O<u>CH</u>₂Me, ³J_{H,H}=7.1 Hz); 6.73 (dddd, 1 H, H(CF₂)₂, ²J_{H,F} = 51.7 Hz, ³J_{H,F} = 8.9 Hz); 8.05 (s, 1 H, =CH); 9.10 (br.d, 1 H, OH, ⁴J_{H,F} = 2.4 Hz); 13.24 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), &: 27.77 (m, 2 F, CF₂, AB-system, $\Delta_{AB} = 2.98$, ²J_{AB} = 297.1 Hz, ²J_{F,H} = 51.7 Hz, ²J_{F,F} = 10.7 Hz, ⁴J_{F,H} = 2.4 Hz); 34.84 (m, 1 F, HCF₂, ²J_{AB} = 266.2 Hz, ²J_{F,F} = 9.9 Hz); 41.00 (m, 1 F, HCF₂, ²J_{AB} = 266.2 Hz, ²J_{F,F} = 10.2 Hz). Found (%): C, 34.60; H, 2.71; F, 24.35; N, 22.43. C₉H₉F₄N₅O₃. Calculated (%): C, 34.72; H, 2.92; F, 24.42; N, 22.50.

Methyl 7-difluoromethyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-6-carboxylate (4c). The yield was 54%, m.p. 212—214 °C. The product was purified by column chromatography (chloroform was the eluent). IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3275, 3210, 3110, 3075 (NH^{str}, OH); 1705 (CO₂Me); 1615, 1570, 1540, 1450 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1215—1145 (C-F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), &: 3.81 (s, 3 H, OMe); 6.77 (t, 1 H, HCF₂, ²J_{H,F} = 54.5 Hz); 7.99 (s, 1 H, =CH); 8.60 (d, 1 H, OH, ⁴J_{H,F} = 3.0 Hz); 13.17 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), &: 33.85 (m, 2 F, HCF₂, AB-system, Δ_{AB} = 3.47, ²J_{AB} = 282.1 Hz, ²J_{F(A),H} = 55.0 Hz, ²J_{F(B),H} = 54.8 Hz, ⁴J_{F(A),H} = 3.0 Hz). Found (%): C, 34.15; H, 2.80; F, 15.48; N, 28.18. C₇H₇F₂N₅O₃. Calculated (%): C, 34.02; H, 2.85; F, 15.37; N, 28.33.

Methyl 7-heptafluoropropyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-6-carboxylate (4d). The yield was 74%, m.p. 198–200 °C. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3290, 3210, 3120, 3080 (NH^{str}, OH); 1725 (CO₂Me); 1615, 1560, 1540, 1475 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1215–1100 (C–F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: 3.79 (s, 3 H, OMe); 8.07 (s, 1 H, =CH); 9.43 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 13.40 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: 36.99 (m, 2 F, β-CF₂); 45.31 (m, 2 F, α-CF₂, AB-system, $\Delta_{AB} = 1.08$, ² $J_{AB} = 283.4$ Hz); 82.37 (t, 3 F, CF₃, J = 11.2 Hz). Found (%): C, 29.84; H, 1.66; F, 36.42; N, 19.28. C₉H₆F₇N₅O₃. Calculated (%): C, 29.60; H, 1.66; F, 36.42; N, 19.18.

Methyl 7-nonafluorobutyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-6-carboxylate (4e). The yield was 77%, m.p. 179–181 °C. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3275, 3215, 3115, 3080 (NH^{str}, OH); 1710 (CO₂Me); 1615, 1565, 1540, 1440 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1275–1115 (C–F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: 3.79 (s, 3 H, OMe); 8.07 (s, 1 H, =CH); 9.45 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 13.41 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: 37.05 (m, 2 F, β-CF₂, AB-system, $\Delta_{AB} = 0.86, {}^{2}J_{AB} = 284.8$ Hz); 40.23 (m, 2 F, γ -CF₂); 45.69 (m, 2 F, α-CF₂, AB-system, $\Delta_{AB} = 0.96, {}^{2}J_{AB} = 284.1$ Hz); 82.26 (m, 3 F, CF₃). Found (%): C, 29.09; H, 1.28; F, 41.22; N, 16.88. C₁₀H₆F₉N₅O₃. Calculated (%): C, 28.93; H, 1.46; F, 41.18; N, 16.87.

Diethyl 7-trifluoromethyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydropyrazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-3,6-dicarboxylate (5a). The yield was 65%, m.p. 203–205 °C. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3340, 3150, 3070 (NH^{str}, OH); 1735, 1705 (2 CO₂Et); 1615, 1565, 1465 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1230–1125 (C–F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 1.27, 1.29 (both t, 6 H, OCH₂<u>Me</u>, ³J_{H,H} = 7.0 Hz); 4.26 (m, 4 H, O<u>CH₂</u>Me, ³J_{H,H} = 7.0 Hz); 8.03 (s, 1 H, =CH); 9.22 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 12.68 (br.s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 85.40 (s, 3 F, CF₃). Found (%): C, 41.60; H, 3.52; F, 16.07; N, 15.79. C₁₂H₁₃F₃N₄O₅. Calculated (%): C, 41.15; H, 3.74; F, 16.27; N, 16.00.

Methyl 3-ethoxycarbonyl-7-heptafluoropropyl-7-hydroxy-4,7dihydropyrazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-6-carboxylate (5b). The yield was 78%, m.p. 193–195 °C. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3340, 3150, 3075 (NH^{str}, OH); 1740, 1715 (CO₂Et, CO₂Me); 1620, 1570, 1465 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1230–1125 (C–F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: 1.30 (t, 3 H, OCH₂Me, ³J_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz); 3.80 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.28 (q, 2 H, O<u>CH₂Me</u>, ³J_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz); 8.07 (s, 1 H, =CH); 9.35 (s, 1 H, OH); 12.75 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: 36.95 (m, 2 F, β-CF₂); 45.65 (m, 2 F, α-CF₂); 82.41 (m, 3 F, CF₃). Found (%): C, 35.61; H, 2.73; F, 30.28; N, 12.79. C₁₃H₁₁F₇N₄O₅. Calculated (%): C, 35.79; H, 2.54; F, 30.48; N, 12.84.

Diethyl 7-trifluoromethyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydroimidazo-[5,1-*c*][1,2,4]triazine-3,6-dicarboxylate (6a). The yield was 62%, m.p. 95–96 °C. The product was purified by column chromatography (chloroform—ethanol (10 : 1) was the eluent). IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3340, 3225, 3135 (NH^{str}, OH); 1680 br (CO₂Et); 1610, 1565, 1480 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1225–1095 (C–F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 1.27, 1.29 (both t, 6 H, 2 OCH₂<u>Me</u>, ³*J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz); 4.25, 4.28 (both q, 4 H, O<u>CH</u>₂Me, ³*J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz); 7.88 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 9.57 (br.s, 1 H, =CH); 12.60 (br.s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 82.95 (s, 3 F, CF₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 1.43, 1.44 (both t, 6 H, 2 OCH₂<u>Me</u>, ³*J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz); 7.47 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 7.64 (s, 1 H, =CH); 10.17 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 78.80 (d, 3 F, CF₃, *J* = 0.9 Hz). Found (%): C, 41.25; H, 3.68; F, 16.16; N, 15.89. C₁₂H₁₃F₃N₄O₅. Calculated (%): C, 41.15; H, 3.74; F, 16.27; N, 16.00.

Methyl 3-ethoxycarbonyl-7-heptafluoropropyl-7-hydroxy-4,7dihydroimidazo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-6-carboxylate (6b). The yield was, 69%, m.p. 70-72 °C. The product was purified by column chromatography (chloroform was the eluent). IR, v/cm^{-1} : 3270, 3100 (NHstr, OH); 1710 (br. CO2Me, CO2Et); 1610, 1590, 1555, 1530, 1460 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1225–1120 (C-F). ¹H NMR $(DMSO-d_6), \delta: ring (90\%): 1.30 (t, 3 H, OCH_2Me, {}^3J_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz);$ 3.79 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.29 (q, 2 H, O<u>CH</u>₂Me, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1$ Hz); 7.86 (s, 1 H, =CH); 9.72 (s, 1 H, OH); 12.65 (s, 1 H, NH); hydrazone (10%): 1.38 (t, 3 H, OCH₂<u>Me</u>, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1$ Hz); 3.86 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.37 (q, 2 H, O<u>CH</u>₂Me, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1$ Hz); 7.90 (s, 1 H, =CH); 13.47 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 13.88 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ: ring (90%): 36.88 (m, 2 F, β-CF₂); 44.07 (m, 2 F, α -CF₂); 82.40 (m, 3 F, CF₃); hydrazone (10%): 40.79 (m, 2 F, β-CF₂); 50.93 (m, 2 F, α-CF₂); 83.32 (m, 3 F, CF₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl_3) , δ : ring (75%): 1.43 (t, 3 H, OCH₂Me, ${}^{3}J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$); 4.00 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.41 (q, 2 H, O<u>CH</u>₂Me, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1$ Hz); 7.64 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 7.67 (s, 1 H, =CH); 10.18 (br.s, 1 H, NH); hydrazone (25%): 1.46 (t, 3 H, OCH₂Me, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1$ Hz); 3.96 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.47 (q, 2 H, O<u>CH</u>₂Me, ${}^{3}J_{H,H} = 7.1$ Hz); 7.63 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 7.65 (s, 1 H, =CH); 14.08 (br.s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ: ring (75%): 36.05 (m, 2 F, β-CF₂); 41.10 (m, 2 F, α-CF₂); 81.12 (m, 3 F, CF₃); hydrazone (25%): 37.64 (m, 2 F, β -CF₂); 49.13 (m, 2 F, α -CF₂); 81.49 (m, 3 F, CF₃). Found (%): C, 35.95; H, 2.42; F, 30.57; N, 12.89. C₁₃H₁₁F₇N₄O₅. Calculated (%): C, 35.79; H, 2.54; F, 30.48; N, 12.84.

7-Tetrafluoroethyl-7-hydroxy-4,7-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo-[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine-6-carboxylic acid (7). Azolotriazine 4c (1 mmol) was dissolved in 2*N* NaOH (10 mL) and kept for 16 h at ~20 °C. Then, conc. HCl was added to pH ~1, a precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with water, and dried *in vacuo*. The yield was 87%, m.p. 199–201 °C. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 3325, 3310 (NH^{str}, OH); 1720 br. (CO₂H); 1605, 1555, 1500 (C=N, C=C, NH^{bend}); 1210–1080 (C–F). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), &: 3.41 (s, 1 H, COOH); 6.73 (ddd, 1 H, H(CF₂)₂, ²J_{H,F} = 52.2 Hz, ³J_{H,F} = 8.6 Hz); 8.02 (s, 1 H, =CH); 9.10 (br.s, 1 H, OH); 13.10 (s, 1 H, NH). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), &: 27.87 (m, 2 F, CF₂, AB-system, $\Delta_{AB} = 2.93$, ²J_{AB} = 296.4 Hz, ²J_{F,H} = 52.2 Hz, ²J_{F,F} = 10.7 Hz, ⁴J_{F,H} = 3.2 Hz); 35.29 (m, 1 F, HCF₂, ²J_{AB} = 265.7 Hz); 40.81 (m, 1 F, HCF₂, ²J_{AB} = 265.7 Hz). Found (%): C, 29.78; H, 1.80; F, 26.54; N, 24.62. C₇H₅F₄N₅O₃. Calculated (%): C, 29.69; H, 1.78; F, 26.84; N, 24.73.

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