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Synthesis, spectroscopic and structural studies of 4-Amino-3-(ethyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazole and 4-Amino-3-cyclopropyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazole-1-yl-acetic acid ethyl ester



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HIGHLIGHTS

• We report the synthesis of two new triazole derivatives.

• The crystallographic calculations were performed by X-ray diffraction technique.

• The compounds have been characterized by IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR.

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ABSTRACT

The title compounds of 4-Amino-3-(ethyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazole (I, $C_{10}H_{11}ClN_4$) and 4-Amino-3-cyclopropyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl-acetic acid ethyl ester (II, $C_{9}H_{14}N_4O_3$), have been determined using X-ray diffraction techniques and characterized by IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR. X-ray study shows that the title compounds both have strong intermolecular N–H…N hydrogen bonds. The molecules of I are linked into a two-dimensional framework structure by N–H…N and C–H…N hydrogen bonds which produce $R_2^2(8)R_4^4(14)R_4^4(15)$ chain of rings, while in II, the combination of N–H…N, N–H…O and C–H…O hydrogen bonds along [100] generates a chain of edge-fused $R_2^2(10)R_2^2(16)R_4^2(14)R_4^4(14)$ rings.

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Introduction

The derivatives of 1,2,4-triazole have been used as starting materials for the synthesis of many heterocycles [1–4]. Triazole compounds have many applications in medicine and were reported to exhibit various pharmacological activities such as antiviral, antimicrobial, analgesic, anti-inflammatory, anticancer and antioxidant properties [5–8]. Some of them are also known to exhibit analgesic, anticonvulsant, tranquilizing, antidepressant, anxiolytic [9–12] or even antitumour activities [13] and are applied in therapy (e.g. Alprazolam, Estazolam, Triazolam and Adinazolam) [14]. In the present paper, we wish to report the synthesis, spectroscopic and structural studies of the two new triazole compounds (I and II) (see Table 1).

Experimental

Synthesis

Synthesis of Ethyl N-(4-chlorobenzoyl)propanhydrazonoate (3)

To the solution of ethyl iminoethylester hydrochloride (**1**) in absolute ethanol (10 mmol) was added the solution of 4-cholorobenzoicacid hydrazide (10 mmol) in absolute ethanol and the mixture was stirred at 0–5 °C for 6 h. Then the precipitated ammonium chloride was filtered off. After the solvent was evaporated at 35–40 °C under reduced pressure, a white solid appeared. This crude product was recrystallized from benzene–petroleum ether (1:2) to afford compound **3**. (Yield: 52%). mp 113–114 °C; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3270 (v_{NH}), 1668 (v_{C=0}), 1621 (v_{C=N}); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm 1.28 (t, 3H, CH₃, *J* = 5.08 Hz), 1.40 (t, 3H, OCH₂–<u>CH</u>₃, *J* = 6.96 Hz), 2.48 (q, 2H, CH₂, *J* = 5.08 Hz), 4.22 (q, 2H, OCH₂, *J* = 6.96 Hz), [ar-H:7.56 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.20 Hz), 8.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.20 Hz)], 10.28 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm:

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Parameters for data collection and	structure refinement of I and I
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Crystal data	I	II
Empirical formula	C10H11N4Cl	$C_9H_{14}N_4O_3$
Formula weight	222.68	226.24
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic
Space group	Pbca	P-1
a (Å)	7.9240 (5)	6.2727 (4)
b (Å)	26.785 (2)	8.6161 (6)
c (Å)	10.3141 (7)	10.9899 (8)
α (°)	90.00	80.210 (6)
β (°)	90.00	83.224 (5)
γ (°)	90.00	73.387 (6)
V (Å ³)	2189.1 (3)	559.37 (7)
Z	8	2
$D_{\rm c} ({\rm g}{\rm cm}^{-3})$	1.351	1.343
$\mu ({\rm mm}^{-1})$	0.32	0.10
θ range (°)	1.5-26.7	1.9-28.0
Measured refls.	16,644	9294
Independent refls.	2193	2545
R _{int}	0.073	0.099
S	1.04	1.06
R_1/wR_2	0.056/0.125	0.046/0.105
$\Delta ho_{ m max}/\Delta ho_{ m min}$ (e Å $^{-3}$)	0.13/-0.18	0.27/-0.19

170.00 (C=O), 160.05 (C=N), ar-C: [135.43 (C), 134.05 (C), 128.00 (2CH), 127.52 (2CH)], 53.15 (OCH₂), 28.87 (CH₂), 20.05 (OCH₂–<u>CH₃), 13.86 (CH₃).</u>

Synthesis of 4-Amino-3-(ethyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazole (I)

A solution of the corresponding compound **3** (10 mmol) in n-propanol was refluxed with hydrazine hydrate (25 mmol) for 24 h. After it was cooled to room temperature, a white solid appeared. This crude product was filtered off, washed with benzene 3 times, and recrystallized from an ethanol to afford the desired compound (**I**). Single crystals of compound (**I**) (Scheme 1) were obtained from ethyl acetate at room temperature by slow evaporation. (Yield: 64%). mp 191–192 °C; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3320–3275

(vNH₂), 1652 (vC=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d6) *δ* ppm 1.38 (t, 3H, CH₃, *J* = 5.08 Hz), 2.80 (q, 2H, CH₂, *J* = 5.08 Hz), 5.22 (s, 2H, NH₂); [ar-H: 7.46 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.20 Hz), 8.55 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.20 Hz)], ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6) *δ* ppm 155.00 (triazole C₅), 153.00 (triazole C₃), ar-C: [149.90 (2CH), 136.05 (C), 134.00 (2CH), 129.32 (C)], 20.83 (CH₂), 12.68 (CH₃). MS: *m/z* 222.78 (M+1).

Synthesis of 4-Amino-3-cyclopropyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl-acetic acid ethyl ester (**II**)

The corresponding 3-cyclopropyl-4-amino-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol (2) (0.01 mol) was refluxed with equivalent amount of sodium metal in absolute ethanol for 2 h. Then. ethylbromoacetate (0.01 mol) was added and the mixture was refluxed for additional 5 h. After evaporation at 35–40° in a vacuum, the resulting solid was recrystallized from an ethanol. Single crystals of compound (II) (Scheme 1) were obtained from ethyl acetate at room temperature by slow evaporation. (Yield: 61.20%). mp 155–156 °C: IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 3298–3210 (vNH₂), 1750 (ester—C=O), 1706 (triazole–C=O), 1611 (vC=N), 1215 (vC–O); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 1.16 (t, 3H, $-OCH_2CH_3$, J = 6.96 Hz), 1.80-1.87 (m, 4H, CH₂), 3.43 (m, 1H, CH), 4.10 (q, 2H, -O<u>CH₂CH₃</u>, J = 6.96 Hz), 4.52 (s, 2H, $-\text{NCH}_2$), 5.36 (s, 2H, $-\text{NH}_2$); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 167.48 (exocyclic—C=O), 154.18 (triazole C₅), 146.04 (triazole C₃), 61.20 (-OCH₂CH₃), 53.18 (CH), 46.67 (-NCH₂), 28.12 (CH₂), 28.08 (CH₂), 14.60 (-OCH₂<u>CH₃</u>). MS: m/z 226.92 (M+1).

Instrumentation

Melting points were determined on a Gallenkampmelting point apparatus and are uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian-Mercury 200 MHz spectrometer. The IR spectra were measured as potassium bromide pellets using a Perkin–Elmer 1600 series FTIR spectrometer. Mass spectra were performed on Thermo TSQ Quantum acces max. All the chemicals were obtained from Fluka Chemie AG Buchs. Ethyl iminoethylester



Scheme 1. Synthesis of compounds I-II.



Fig. 1. Structure I showing the atom numbering scheme.

hydrochloride (1) and 3-cyclopropil-4-amino-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazol (2) were obtained as reported earlier [15–17].

Crystal structure determination

Crystals of **I** and **II** suitable for data collection were selected and data collection was performed on a STOE IPDS II diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation at 296 K. The structures were solved by direct-methods using SHELXS-97 and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on F² using SHELXL-97 [18] from within the WINGX [19] suite of software. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic parameters. The H atoms of nitrogen atoms were located in difference maps and refined freely. Hydrogen atoms bonded to carbon were placed in calculated positions (C—H = 0.93–0.98 Å) and treated using a riding model with *U* = 1.2 times the *U* value of the parent atom for CH, CH₂ and CH₃. Molecular diagrams were created using MERCURY [20]. Geometric calculations were performed with PLATON [21].

Results and discussion

Description of the crystal structures

The molecular structure of **I** with the atom labeling is shown in Fig. 1. The dihedral angle between the benzene and triazole rings is 22.66(12)°. The N–N bond distances are 1.397(3) Å and 1.412(3) Å, respectively. These values are comparable to those observed in other similar triazole complexes [22–27]. The benzene and triazole



Fig. 3. The molecule of II showing the atom labeling scheme.

rings plane are approximately planar, with maximum deviation from the least-squares plane being 0.0074(25) Å for atom C4 and 0.0045(14) Å for atom N1. Molecules of (I) are linked into sheets by a combination of N—H···N and C—H···N hydrogen bonds. Amino atom N4 in the molecule at (x,y,z) acts as hydrogen-bond donor, via atom H12, respectively, to atom N3 at (x - 1/2, y, -z + 3/2), so forming a C(5) zig-zag chain running parallel to the [100] direction. Similarly, amino atom N4 in the molecule at (x,y,z) acts as hydrogen-bond donor, via atom H14, respectively, to atom N2 at (x, -y + 3/2, z - 1/2), so forming a C(5) chain running parallel to the [001] direction. The combination of C—H···N hydrogen bonds and C(5) chains produce $R_2^2(8)R_4^4(14)R_4^4(15)$ chain of rings running parallel to the [101] direction (Fig. 2).

The molecular structure of **II** with the atom labeling is shown in Fig. 3. The dihedral angle between the cyclopropane and triazole rings is 76.46(8)°. The C1–O1, C7–O2 and N2–C2 bond lengths



Fig. 2. The crystal structure of I showing the formation of R²₂(8), R⁴₄(14) and R⁴₄(15) rings along [101]. [Symmetry code as in Table 3].

Table 2						
Selected	bond	lengths	and	angles	(Å,	°).

Bond lengths (Å) C7–N3	1.311 (3)	C7—N1	1.367 (3)
C8—N2	1.305 (3)	C8—N1	1.361 (3)
N1—N4	1.412 (3)	N2—N3	1.397 (3)
Bond angles (°)			
C8-N1-C7	106.72 (19)	C8-N1-N4	126.9 (2)
C7-N1-N4	125.2 (2)	C8—N2—N3	107.6 (2)
C7—N3—N2	107.7 (2)		
Bond lengths (A)			
C101	1.2310 (14)	C1—N1	1.3533 (14)
C1—N3	1.3779 (15)	C2—N2	1.2979 (14)
C2-N3	1.3747 (13)	C6-N1	1.4369 (14)
C7—O2	1.1861 (16)	C7-03	1.3227 (14)
N1N2	1.3939 (14)	N3—N4	1.3980 (13)
Bond angles (°)			
N1-C1-N3	102.92 (9)	N2-C2-N3	110.79 (10)
C1-N1-N2	112.65 (9)	C1N1C6	125.35 (10)
N2-N1-C6	121.34 (9)	C2-N2-N1	104.51 (9)
C2-N3-C1	109.02 (9)	C2-N3-N4	124.41 (9)
C1-N3-N4	126.53 (9)		

Table 3

Hydrogen-bond parameters (Å, °).

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	$D{\cdots}A$	D—H···A
I				
N4—H12…N3 ⁱ	0.94 (4)	2.44 (4)	3.114 (4)	129 (3)
N4—H14…N2 ⁱⁱ	0.88 (3)	2.25 (3)	3.118 (4)	169 (3)
C9—H9A…N2 ⁱ	0.97	2.58	3.351 (3)	136
II				
N4—H4D· · · N2 ⁱ	0.91 (2)	2.355 (19)	3.1000 (14)	139.6 (16)
N4—H4C…01 ⁱⁱ	0.95 (2)	2.02 (2)	2.9538 (16)	167.2 (16)
C3—H3· · · O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.98	2.45	3.2382 (16)	138
C6—H6B…O1 ^{iv}	0.97	2.56	3.5084 (15)	166
$C8-H8B\cdots O1^{v}$	0.97	2.59	3.4387 (18)	146

Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1/2, y, -z + 3/2; (ii) x, -y + 3/2, z - 1/2 for **I**; (i) x + 1, y, z; (ii) -x + 2, -y, -z + 1; (iii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (iv) x - 1, y, z; (v) -x + 1, -y, -z + 2 for **II**.

are indicative of significant double-bond character (Table 2). In the cyclopropane ring, the C–C bond distances ranged between 1.476(2) and 1.5049(18) Å, while the C–C–C bond angles ranged between $58.94(9)^{\circ}$ and $60.88(9)^{\circ}$. These values are comparable to those observed in other triazole complexes with cyclopropane ring [28,29]. The triazole ring plane is approximately planar, with maximum deviation from the least-squares plane being 0.0180(7) Å for

atom N1. In **II**, molecules are linked into sheets by a combination of N-H···N, N-H···O and C-H···O hydrogen bonds. Amino atom N4 in the molecule at (x, y, z) acts as hydrogen-bond donor, via atom H4D, respectively, to atom N2 at (x + 1, y, z), so forming a C(5) chain running parallel to the [100] direction. Similarly, amino atom N4 in the molecule at (x, y, z) acts as hydrogen-bond donor, via atom H4C, respectively, to atom O1 at (-x+2, -y, -z+1), so forming a centrosymmetric $R_2^2(10)$ ring centered at (1,0,1/2). The combination of N-H···N and N-H···O hydrogen bonds along [100] generates a chain of edge-fused $R_2^2(10)R_4^4(14)$ rings (Fig. 4). Atom C8 in the molecule at (x, y, z) acts as hydrogen-bond donor, via atom H8B, respectively, to atom O1 at (-x + 1, -y, -z + 2), so forming a centrosymmetric $R_2^2(16)$ ring centered at (n + 1/2, 0, 1) (n = zeroor integer). Atom C6 in the molecule at (x, y, z) acts as hydrogenbond donor, via atom H6B, respectively, to atom O1 at (x - 1, y, z), so forming a C(5) chain running parallel to the [100] direction. The combination of C-H···O hydrogen bonds along [100] generates a chain of edge-fused $R_2^2(16)R_4^2(14)$ rings (Fig. 5).

Evaluation of spectroscopic results

In this study two new compounds (I, II) were synthesized. Their structures were established by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and MS techniques.



Fig. 4. The crystal structure of II showing the formation of an [100] chain of edge-fused R²₂(10) and R⁴₄(14) rings. [Symmetry code as in Table 3].



Fig. 5. The crystal structure of **II**, showing the formation of a chain rings along [100] generated by $C-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry code as in Table 3].

In the first part of the study, compound **3** was synthesized from the reaction of corresponding iminoester hydrochloride **1** with acyl hydrazine which was obtained by a published method [1]. The formed acylhydrazone's structure was established by IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR technigues. Compound **I** was obtained by treatment of compound **3** with hydrazine hydrate. The reaction was carried out in 1-propanol at refluxing temperature for 24 h and the desired 3-alkyl-4-amino-5-aryl-1,2-4-triazole was yielded.

The IR spectrum of compound **3** displayed no absorption derived from $-NH_2$ stretching. In the NMR spectra of this compound new signal originating from the -OEt group was recorded. In the IR spectra of compound **I**, the stretching band derived from the $-NH_2$ group was present. Beside this the signal due to the ethoxy group was absent in the NMR spectra of compound **I**, While the peak corresponding to the $-NH_2$ group was recorded at 5.22 ppm in the ¹H NMR spectra of this compound (exchangeable with D₂O).

In the second part of the study, compound **II** was synthesized via the nucleophylic attack of N-1 on 5-oxo-[1,2,4] triazole ring to bromine-bearing C atom of ethyl bromoacetate. This compound was obtained by a published method [7]. In the NMR spectra of this compound additional signals derived from ester group were observed at $4.52 (-NCH_2)$, $4.10 \text{ ppm} -OCH_2CH_3$ and $1.16 \text{ ppm} -OCH_2CH_3 \text{ ppm}$ integrating for two proton, two proton and three proton, respectively. ¹³C NMR spectra of this compound, the signals belonging to the same groups were recorded at 46.67, 61.20, 14.60 ppm, respectively.

High resolution MS spectra (ESI) of compounds (**I–II**) provided a definitive proof for their characterization. Ionization took place in the methanol solution. Molecular ions peaks of compounds (**I–II**) were detected as expected. MS spectrum measurements confirmed unambiguously the molecular mass of compounds (**I**) (m/z = 222.78 M+1), (**II**) (m/z = 226.92 M+1).

Conclusions

Two new triazole derivatives were synthesized and characterized by the IR, NMR, MS spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction method. All spectroscopic data of compounds show good agreement with the expected values. In addition the present study provides the bond angles, bond lengths and other crystallographic information of synthesized molecules. X-ray study shows that the compound **I** is extended into 2-D supramolecular network by N–H···N and C–H···N hydrogen bonds while the compound **II** is extended into 1-D supramolecular network by N–H···O and C–H···O hydrogen bonds.

Supplementary data

Crystallographic data for the structural analysis have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, CCDC 929139 for compound **I** and 929140 for compound **II**. Copies of this information may be obtained free of charge from the Director, CCDC 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK. (Fax: +44 1223 336 033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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