Synthesis of 5*H*-[1,3]Thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one Derivatives

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Abstract—The reaction of 2-aminothiazoles with ethyl acetoacetate in acetic or polyphosphoric acid gave a series of 5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one derivatives which were nitrated with a mixture of nitric and sulfuric acid to 6-nitro-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-ones, and the latter were reduced to the corresponding amines.

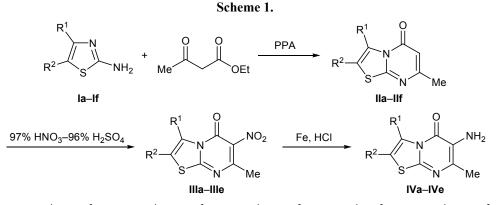
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Thiazolopyrimidine derivatives exhibit a broad spectrum of physiological activity [1–3]; however, compounds of this series remain poorly studied. Among known thiazolopyrimidine derivatives, Ritanserin [1] acts as antidepressant, anxiolytic, and 5-HT2A-receptor antagonist. Thiazolopyrimidine derivatives were reported as metabotropic glutamate receptor antagonists and were found to possess antiallergic, anti-inflammatory, antiulcer, immune stimulating, and psychotropic properties [2, 3].

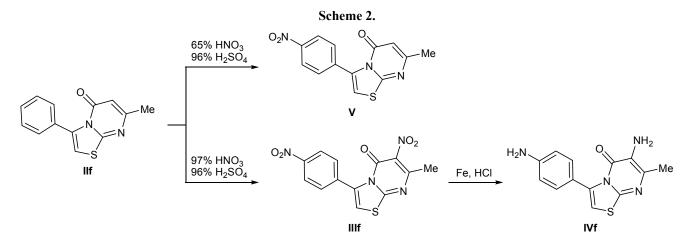
Fused heterocyclic systems containing a pyrimidine and another nitrogen heterocycle can be synthesized by reaction of β -ketoesters with amino-substituted nitrogen heterocycles. For example, triazolopyrimidinone derivatives were obtained by reaction of 5-amino-1,2,4-triazoles with β -ketoesters [4–6]. Depending on the conditions, either [1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-5-ones (in acid medium) or [1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-7-ones (in basic medium) were formed. The reaction under solvent-free conditions in the absence of other reagents afforded [1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidin-7-ones or their mixtures with isomeric 5-oxo derivatives [4–6]. 2-Aminothiazoles reacted with ethyl acetoacetate or other β -ketoesters in polyphosphoric acid (PPA) to produce the corresponding thiazolo-[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-ones [2, 7, 8].

With a view to synthesize potentially biologically active compounds on the basis of amino derivatives of thiazolopyrimidine, aminothiazoles **Ia–If** were brought into reaction with ethyl acetoacetate in acid medium, the resulting thiazolopyrimidines **IIa–IIf** were subjected to nitration, and nitro derivatives **IIIa–IIIe** were reduced to amines **IVa–IVe** (Scheme 1).

1,3-Thiazol-2-amine (Ia) reacted with ethyl acetoacetate in acetic acid to give 7-methyl-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one (IIa) as the only product in 37% yield. Introduction of alkyl (Ib–Ie) or aryl (If) substituents into aminothiazole molecule reduced its



 $R^{1} = R^{2} = H(\mathbf{a}); R^{1} = H, R^{2} = Me(\mathbf{b}); R^{1} = Me, R^{2} = H(\mathbf{c}); R^{1} = Et, R^{2} = H(\mathbf{d}); R^{1} = R^{2} = Me(\mathbf{e}); R^{1} = Ph, R^{2} = H(\mathbf{f}).$



reactivity, and we failed to obtain the corresponding condensation products with ethyl acetoacetate under the same conditions. Thiazolopyrimidin-5-ones **IIb–IIf** were synthesized using PPA as condensing agent; in this case, the yield of **IIa** was also improved.

It is known that the 6-position in fused azolopyrimidines is active in electrophilic substitution reactions [6, 9]. In fact, the nitration of **Ha–He** with 97% nitric acid in 96% sulfuric acid led to the formation of the corresponding 6-nitro-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-ones **HIa–HIe**. The yield depended on the number and position of alkyl substituents in the thiazole ring. Presumably, alkyl substituents, especially those in the 3-position, destabilize thiazolopyrimidines under the nitration conditions and favor their decomposition. The contribution of side reactions can be reduced by using a lesser excess of nitric acid.

The nitration of the heteroring in compound IIf with 97% nitric acid in 96% sulfuric acid was accompanied by nitration of the phenyl substituent, and the product was 7-methyl-6-nitro-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one (IIIf). Under milder conditions (equimolar amount of 65% nitric acid) we obtained 7-methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one (V) as the only product (Scheme 2).

Nitro derivatives **IIIa–IIIe** were reduced to the corresponding amines **IVa–IVe** with iron in hydrochloric acid; the yield of **IVa–IVe** ranged from 50 to 80%. The reduction of **IIIf** under analogous conditions afforded no more than 5% of 6-amino-3-(4-aminophenyl)-7methyl-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one (**IVf**).

The purity of the isolated compounds was checked by TLC, and their structure was confirmed by elemental analyses and ¹H NMR spectra.

EXPERIMENTAL

The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker WM-400 spectrometer using tetramethylsilane as internal reference. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on PTSKh-AF-V plates using chloroform–ethyl acetate (5:1) or chloroform–ethyl acetate–ethanol (5:1:1) as eluent; spots were detected under UV light (λ 254 nm). The elemental compositions were determined on a Hewlett Packard 185B analyzer.

Initial 4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (**If**) [10], 4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (**Id**) [11], and 4,5-dimethyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (**Ie**) [12] were synthesized according to known procedures. The other aminothiazoles were commercial products.

4-Ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (**Ie**) was synthesized from 1-chlorobutan-2-one. Yield 73%, mp 71–72°C. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 1.13 t (3H, CH₃, ³*J* = 7.3 Hz), 2.48 q (2H, CH₂, ³*J* = 7.3 Hz), 5.58 br.s (2H, NH₂), 5.96 s (1H, 4-H). Found, %: C 46.95; H 6.35; N 21.66. C₅H₈N₂S. Calculated, %: C 46.85; H 6.29; N 21.85.

4,5-Dimethyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (Ie). Thiourea, 30.4 g (0.4 mol), was added to a solution of 42.6 g (0.4 mol) of 3-chlorobutan-2-one in 250 ml of propan-2-ol, and the mixture was heated for 5 min under reflux with stirring. The precipitate (aminothiazole hydrochloride) was filtered off, washed with propan-2-ol, and dissolved in water, the solution was adjusted to pH 11 by adding sodium carbonate and extracted with methylene chloride (2×30 ml), the extract was dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was used without additional purification. Yield 32.2 g (63%), mp 80–81°C. ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.96 s (3H, CH₃), 2.09 s (3H, CH₃), 6.38 br.s (2H, NH₂). Found,

%: C 46.92; H 6.37; N 21.76. C₅H₈N₂S. Calculated, %: C 46.85; H 6.29; N 21.85.

2,7-Dimethyl-5H-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-5-one (IIb). A mixture of 21.0 g (0.182 mol) of 85% phosphoric acid and 24.0 g (0.169 mol) of phosphoric anhydride was stirred for 2 h at 120°C. Polyphosphoric acid thus obtained was cooled to 35°C, 13.5 g (0.104 mol) of ethyl acetoacetate was slowly added dropwise, the mixture was stirred for 10 min, and 10 g (0.088 mol) of 5-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (Ib) was added. The mixture was slowly heated to 120-130°C and was stirred for 4 h at that temperature. After cooling, the mixture was treated with 200 ml of water and neutralized to pH 5-6 with sodium carbonate. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized. Yield 8.9 g (56%), mp 162-164°C (from H_2O-i -PrOH, 1:2). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ, ppm: 2.25 s (3H, CH₃), 2.41 s (3H, CH₃), 6.04 s (1H, 6-H), 7.76 s (1H, 3-H). Found, %: C 53.34; H 4.41; N 15.45. C₈H₈N₂OS. Calculated, %: C 53.31; H 4.47; N 15.54.

Compounds **IIa** and **IIc–IIe** were synthesized in a similar way.

7-Methyl-5*H***-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-***a***]pyrimidin-5-one (IIa). Yield 57%, mp 130–132°C (from H₂O). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-***d***₆), \delta, ppm: 2.28 s (3H, CH₃), 6.08 s (1H, 6-H), 7.47 d (1H, 2-H, ³***J* **= 4.9 Hz), 7.94 d (1H, 3-H, ³***J* **= 4.9 Hz). Found, %: C 50.51; H 3.67; N 16.89. C₇H₆N₂OS. Calculated, %: C 50.59; H 3.64; N 16.85.**

3,7-Dimethyl-5*H***-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-***a***]pyrimidin-5-one (IIc).** Yield 62%, mp 138–140°C (from H₂O– *i*-PrOH, 1:2). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ, ppm: 2.21 s (3H, CH₃), 2.66 s (3H, CH₃), 5.93 s (1H, 6-H), 6.92 s (1H, 2-H). Found, %: C 53.25; H 4.41; N 15.57. C₈H₈N₂OS. Calculated, %: C 53.31; H 4.47; N 15.54.

3-Ethyl-7-methyl-5*H***-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-***a***]pyrimidin-5-one (IId). Yield 51%, mp 131–132°C (from H₂O–***i***-PrOH, 1:2). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-***d***₆), \delta, ppm: 1.21 t (3H, CH₃, ³***J* **= 6.9 Hz), 2.21 s (3H, 7-CH₃), 3.14 q (2H, CH₂, ³***J* **= 6.9 Hz), 5.95 s (1H, 6-H), 6.92 s (1H, 2-H). Found, %: C 55.59; H 5.26; N 14.47. C₉H₁₀N₂OS. Calculated, %: C 55.65; H 5.19; N 14.42.**

2,3,7-Trimethyl-5*H***-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-***a***]pyrimidin-5-one (IIe). Yield 63%, mp 111–113°C (from H₂O). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-***d***₆), \delta, ppm: 2.20 s (3H, CH₃), 2.26 s (3H, CH₃), 2.60 s (3H, CH₃), 5.91 s (1H, 6-H). Found, %: C 55.62; H 5.15; N 14.49. C₉H₁₀N₂OS. Calculated, %: C 55.65; H 5.19; N 14.42.**

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7-Methyl-3-phenyl-5H-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-5-one (IIf). Phosphoric anhydride, 20.0 g (0.141 mol), was added under stirring to 21.0 g (0.182 mol) of 85% phosphoric acid, and the mixture was heated for 2 h at 120°C. Polyphosphoric acid thus obtained was cooled to 35°C, 9.0 g (0.069 mol) of ethyl acetoacetate was slowly added dropwise, the mixture was stirred for 10 min, and 10.0 g (0.057 mol) of 4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (If) was added. The mixture was slowly heated to 120-130°C and was stirred for 4 h at that temperature. After cooling, the mixture was diluted with 300 ml of water and neutralized to pH 5-6 with sodium carbonate. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized from propan-2-ol. The product was treated with dilute hydrochloric acid to remove unreacted aminothiazole, washed with water, and recrystallized. Yield 3.85 g (28%), mp 202–204°C (from *i*-PrOH). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 2.27 s (3H, CH₃), 5.99 s (1H, 6-H), 7.24 s (1H, 2-H), 7.36 s (5H, H_{arom}). Found, %: C 64.53; H 4.21; N 11.47. C₁₃H₁₀N₂OS. Calculated, %: C 64.44; H 4.16; N 11.56.

7-Methyl-6-nitro-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one (IIIa). Compound IIa, 18.7 g (0.113 mol), was dissolved at 10–15°C in 60 ml of 96% sulfuric acid, and 14.2 g (0.219 mol) of 97% nitric acid was added dropwise under stirring, maintaining the temperature at 10–15°C. The mixture was then allowed to slowly warm up to 23–25°C, kept for 1 h at that temperature, and poured onto ice. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized. Yield 22.0 g (92%), mp 166–168°C (from *i*-PrOH– EtOAc, 4:1). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ , ppm: 2.45 s (3H, CH₃), 7.72 d (1H, 2-H, ³*J* = 4.9 Hz), 8.16 d (1H, 3-H, ³*J* = 4.9 Hz). Found, %: C 39.87; H 2.46; N 19.81. C₇H₅N₃O₃S. Calculated, %: C 39.81; H 2.39; N 19.90.

Compounds **IIIb** and **IIIf** were synthesized in a similar way.

2,7-Dimethyl-6-nitro-5*H***-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-***a***]pyrimidin-5-one (IIIb). Yield 72%, mp 178–180°C (from** *i***-PrOH–EtOAc, 4:1). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d_6), \delta, ppm: 2.43 s (3H, CH₃), 2.48 s (3H, CH₃), 8.04 s (1H, 3-H). Found, %: C 42.59; H 3.18; N 18.78. C₈H₇N₃O₃S. Calculated, %: C 42.66; H 3.13; N 18.66.**

7-Methyl-6-nitro-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one (IIIf). Yield 42%, mp 222–224°C (from *i*-PrOH–EtOAc, 4:1). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 2.45 s (3H, CH₃), 7.69 s (1H, 2-H), 7.73 d (2H, H_{arom} , ${}^{3}J = 8.9$ Hz), 8.25 d (2H, H_{arom} , ${}^{3}J = 8.9$ Hz). Found, %: C 46.87; H 2.36; N 16.98. C₁₃H₈N₄O₅S. Calculated, %: C 46.99; H 2.43; N 16.86.

3,7-Dimethyl-6-nitro-5*H*-[**1,3**]**thiazolo**[**3,2***-a*]-**pyrimidin-5-one (IIIc).** Compound **IIc**, 20.3 g (0.113 mol), was dissolved at 10–15°C in 70 ml of 96% sulfuric acid, and 10.8 g (0.167 mol) of 97% nitric acid was added dropwise under stirring, maintaining the temperature at 10–15°C. The mixture was allowed to slowly warm up to 23–25°C, kept for 1 h at that temperature, and poured onto ice. The precipitate was quickly filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized. Yield 14.2 g (56%), mp 152–154°C (from *i*-PrOH–EtOAc, 4:1). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ , ppm: 2.37 s (3H, CH₃), 2.72 s (3H, CH₃), 7.21 s (1H, 2-H). Found, %: C 42.57; H 3.21; N 18.80. C₈H₇N₃O₃S. Calculated, %: C 42.66; H 3.13; N 18.66.

Compounds **IIId** and **IIIe** were synthesized in a similar way.

2-Ethyl-7-methyl-6-nitro-5*H*-**[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-***a***]pyrimidin-5-one (IIId). Yield 68%, mp 154–154°C (from H₂O–***i***-PrOH, 1:2). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-***d***₆), \delta, ppm: 1.25 t (3H, CH₃, ³***J* **= 6.9 Hz), 2.38 s (3H, 7-CH₃), 3.19 q (2H, CH₂, ³***J* **= 6.9 Hz), 7.21 s (1H, 2-H). Found, %: C 45.11; H 3.73; N 17.67. C₉H₉N₃O₃S. Calculated, %: C 45.18; H 3.79; N 17.56.**

2,3,7-Trimethyl-6-nitro-5H-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-5-one (IIIe). Yield 27%, mp 149–151°C (without recrystallization). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 2.34 s (3H, CH₃), 2.36 s (3H, CH₃), 2.65 s (3H, CH₃). Found, %: C 45.09; H 3.68; N 17.71. C₉H₉N₃O₃S. Calculated, %: C 45.18; H 3.79; N 17.56.

6-Amino-7-methyl-5H-1,3-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-5-one (IVa). A three-necked flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer and reflux condenser was charged with a mixture of 500 ml of propan-2-ol and 120 ml of water, 39.0 g (0.696 mol) of reduced iron powder was added under vigorous stirring, and 11.7 g (0.112 mol) of 35% aqueous HCl was then added dropwise from a dropping funnel. The mixture was heated to 75°C, kept for 5 min at that temperature, and cooled to room temperature, 36.3 g (0.172 mol) of nitro compound **IIIa** was added, and 24.6 g (0.236 mol) of 35% aqueous HCl was slowly added dropwise from a dropping funnel. The mixture was heated for 4 h at 75–80°C, a saturated solution of 18.5 g (0.174 mol) of sodium carbonate was added, and the mixture was kept for 1 h at 75–80°C. The mixture was filtered while hot, and the precipitate was washed on a filter with hot propan-2-ol (150 ml) and treated with chloroform (50 ml). The filtrate was combined with the washings, evaporated to a volume of 10–15 ml, and extracted with chloroform (3×50 ml). The combined extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from propan-2-ol. Yield 17.7 g (57%), mp 162–164°C (from *i*-PrOH). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ , ppm: 2.22 s (3H, CH₃), 4.45 br.s (2H, NH₂), 7.35 d (1H, 2-H, ³*J* = 4.9 Hz), 7.82 d (1H, 3-H, ³*J* = 4.9 Hz). Found, %: C 46.84; H 3.96; N 23.08. C₇H₇N₃OS. Calculated, %: C 46.40; H 3.89; N 23.19.

Compounds **IVb–IVe** were synthesized in a similar way.

6-Amino-2,7-dimethyl-5*H***-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-***a***]-pyrimidin-5-one (IVb).** Yield 70%, mp 139–141°C (from *i*-PrOH). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ, ppm: 2.19 s (3H, CH₃), 2.37 s (3H, CH₃), 4.40 br.s (2H, NH₂), 7.62 s (1H, 3-H). Found, %: C 49.28; H 4.73; N 21.44. C₈H₉N₃OS. Calculated, %: C 49.21; H 4.65; N 21.52.

6-Amino-3,7-dimethyl-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one (IVc). Yield 52%, mp 201–204°C (from *i*-PrOH). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 2.17 s (3H, CH₃), 2.68 s (3H, CH₃), 4.35 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.79 s (1H, 2-H). Found, %: C 49.15; H 4.54; N 21.61. C₈H₉N₃OS. Calculated, %: C 49.21; H 4.65; N 21.52.

6-Amino-3-ethyl-7-methyl-5*H***-[1,3]thiazolo-[3,2-***a***]pyrimidin-5-one (IVd). Yield 81%, mp 150– 151°C (from** *i***-PrOH). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-***d***₆), δ, ppm: 1.22 t (3H, CH₃, {}^{3}J = 6.9 Hz), 2.17 s (3H, 7-CH₃), 3.16 q (2H, CH₂, {}^{3}J = 6.9 Hz), 4.36 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.79 s (1H, 2-H). Found, %: C 51.57; H 5.37; N 20.17. C₉H₁₁N₃OS. Calculated, %: C 51.66; H 5.30; N 20.08.**

6-Amino-2,3,7-trimethyl-5H-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-5-one (IVe). Yield 71%, mp 164–167°C (from *i*-PrOH). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ, ppm: 2.15 s (3H, CH₃), 2.21 s (3H, CH₃), 2.62 s (3H, CH₃), 4.31 br.s (2H, NH₂). Found, %: C 51.51; H 5.26; N 20.15. C₉H₁₁N₃OS. Calculated, %: C 51.66; H 5.30; N 20.08.

6-Amino-3-(4-aminophenyl)-7-methyl-5H-[1,3]thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-5-one (IVf). A three-necked flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer and reflux condenser was charged with a mixture of 45 ml of propan-2-ol and 11 ml of water, 2.8 g (0.05 mol) of iron powder was added under vigorous stirring, and 1.17 g (0.0112 mol) of 35% aqueous HCl was then added from a dropping funnel. The mixture was heated to 75°C, kept for 5 min at that temperature, and cooled to room temperature, 1.8 g (0.0054 mol) of compound IIIf was added, and 1.5 g (0.0144 mol) of 35% aqueous HCl was slowly added from a dropping funnel. The mixture was heated for 4 h at 75-80°C, a saturated solution of 1.4 g (0.0132 mol) of sodium carbonate was added, and the mixture was kept for 1 h at 75-80°C and filtered while hot. The precipitate was washed on a filter with hot propan-2-ol and treated with chloroform. The filtrate was combined with the washings, evaporated to a small volume, and extracted with chloroform $(3 \times 50 \text{ ml})$. The combined extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was recrystallized from propan-2-ol. Yield 0.08 g (5%), mp 233-235°C (from *i*-PrOH–EtOAc, 4:1). ¹H NMR spectrum $(DMSO-d_6)$, δ , ppm: 2.20 s (3H, CH₃), 4.52 br.s $(2H, NH_2), 4.91 \text{ br.s} (2H, NH_2), 6.51 \text{ d} (2H, H_{arom}, {}^3J =$ 7.9 Hz), 6.83 s (1H, 2-H), 7.01 d (2H, H_{arom}, ${}^{3}J =$ 7.9 Hz). Found, %: C 57.41; H 4.57; N 20.43. C₁₃H₁₂N₄OS. Calculated, %: C 57.34; H 4.44; N 20.57.

7-Methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5*H*-[1,3]thiazolo-[3,2-*a*]pyrimidin-5-one (V). Thiazolopyrimidinone IIf, 3.80 g (0.0157 mol), was dissolved in a mixture of 10 ml of 96% sulfuric acid and 0.70 g (0.0071 mol) of 65% nitric acid on cooling to $0-5^{\circ}$ C, 0.83 g (0.0086 mol) of 65% nitric acid was added dropwise under stirring at $0-5^{\circ}$ C, and the mixture was stirred for 3 h, allowing it to slowly warm up to 15°C. The mixture was poured onto ice, and the precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized from propan-2-ol. The product was dissolved in ethyl acetate, the solution was filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Yield 1.90 g (42%), mp 210–213°C (from *i*-PrOH). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 2.30 s (3H, CH₃), 6.03 s (1H, 6-H), 7.49 s (1H, 2-H), 7.64 d (2H, H_{arom}, ${}^{3}J = 8.9$ Hz), 8.21 d (2H, H_{arom}, ${}^{3}J = 8.9$ Hz). Found, %: C 54.47; H 3.25; N 14.55. C₁₃H₉N₃O₃S. Calculated, %: C 54.35; H 3.16; N 14.63.

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