

## Phenylenediamine and 4,4'-Diaminodiphenyls in Cyclothiomethylation with CH<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>S

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**Abstract**—Cyclothiomethylation of *o*-phenylenediamine with CH<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>S gives rise to 1,2,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*d*][1,3,6]thiadiazepine and 1,2,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,3,5,8]dithiadiazonine, whereas *m*-phenylenediamine forms benzothiaza macroheterocycles of various structure, comprising 4–8 molecules of the starting diamine, formaldehyde, and hydrogen sulfide. 4,4'-Diaminodiphenyls give bis(1,3,5-dithiazinanes), along with oligomeric hetero(N,S,O)atomic compounds.

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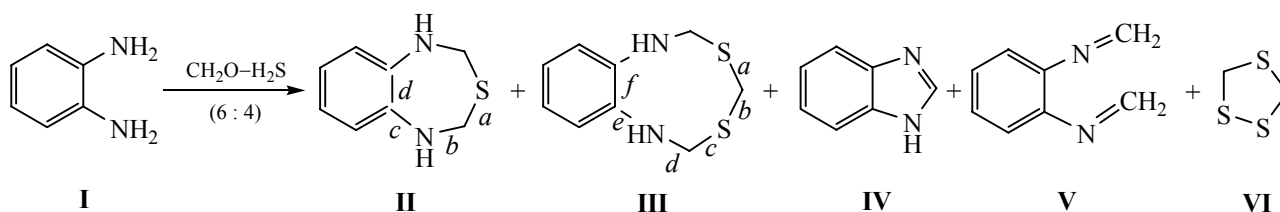
According to [1–4], cyclothiomethylation of aliphatic and aromatic primary amines, as well as amides of carboxylic acids [5, 6] with CH<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>S gives rise to the corresponding 1,3,5-dithiazinanes; but with functionally substituted anilines, benzothiaza macroheterocycles were obtained [3, 4]. Hydrazines [7, 8] and aliphatic α,ω-diamines [9, 10] form condensed bicycles or bis(1,3,5-dithiazinanes), depending on cyclothiomethylation conditions. As known, aryl-containing hetero(N,S,O)atomic compounds, including macrocycles, hold promise as photochromic molecular sensors for metal analysis [11, 12].

Before our research, cyclothiomethylation of isomeric phenylenediamines and 4,4'-diaminodiphenyls and their derivatives with CH<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>S has never been reported.

With the aim to synthesize a new class of nitrogen- and sulfur-containing heterocycles and explore the possibility to involve in cyclothiomethylation the above-mentioned aromatic amines, we have studied intra- and intermolecular reactions of the latter with CH<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>S.

It was found that *o*-phenylenediamine (**I**) enters multicomponent intramolecular condensation with CH<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>S to form a complex mixture of heteroatomic compounds, including 1,2,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*d*][1,3,6]thiadiazepine (**II**), 1,2,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*][1,3,5,8]dithiadiazonine (**III**), 1*H*-1,3-benzimidazole (**IV**), *N,N'*-dimethylene-1,2-phenylenediamine (**V**), and 1,2,4-trithiolane (**VI**) (Scheme 1). The mixture of compounds **II**–**V** was separated by column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub>. The structure of heterocycles **II** and **III** was established by spectral methods.

Scheme 1.



Effect of reaction temperature and starting reagent ratio on the yield and composition of *o*-phenylenediamine (**I**) cyclothiomethylation products

$T, ^\circ\text{C}$	<b>I</b> : $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ : $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ratio	Yield of reaction products (wt %)				
		<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>VI</b>
0	1 : 2 : 1	35	4	10	16	3
20	1 : 2 : 1	32	4	13	18	3
40	1 : 2 : 1	40	3	19	10	7
0	1 : 3 : 2	18	16	27	10	2
20	1 : 3 : 2	26	12	23	8	2
40	1 : 3 : 2	41	16	11	11	1
20	1 : 6 : 4	35	10	13	15	6
70	1 : 6 : 4	42	7	14	18	6

The mass spectra of compounds **II** and **III** contain strong molecular ion peaks  $[M]^+$  at  $m/z$  166 and 212, respectively. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound **II** show, in view of the symmetric molecular structure, by three aromatic proton and carbon signals, as well as by one upfield signal at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.40 и  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  55.16 ppm, characteristic of the methylene groups bridging the N and S atoms. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound **III** contains, along with aromatic proton and carbon signals, by two methylene signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.95 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  36.92 ppm ( $\text{SCH}_2\text{S}$ ) and  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.63 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  54.93 ppm ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{S}$ ). The IR spectra of products **II** and **III** show an NH deformation vibration band at  $1618\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

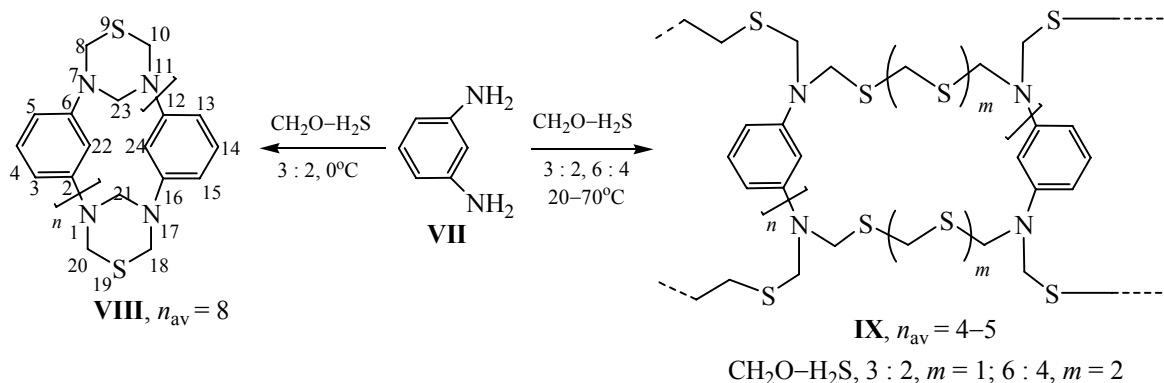
Aiming at developing a selective cyclothiomethylation procedure for *o*-phenylenediamine (**I**), we have studied the effect of temperature and starting reagent ratio on the yield and composition of this compound with  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ . The cyclothio-

methylation reaction of compound **I** involves both its  $\text{NH}_2$  groups. As seen from the table, in our experimental conditions the main reaction was, as a rule, heterocycle **II**, and, therewith, its yield increased to 40% as the reaction temperature was increased ( $40\text{--}70^\circ\text{C}$ ). At higher temperatures, along with compounds **II** and **III**, we observed formation of poorly soluble oligomeric heteroatomic compounds. The nine-membered N,S-heterocycle **III** could be prepared in low yield, and the best yield (16%) was obtained at a 1 : 3 : 2 reagent ratio (see table).

Cyclothiomethylation of *m*-phenylenediamine (**VII**) with  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  at a 1 : 3 : 2 reagent ratio and  $0^\circ\text{C}$  gave macroheterocycle **VIII** (yield 99%) as the result of intermolecular heterocyclization with the oligomerization degree  $n_{\text{av}} = 8$ . As the temperature was increased ( $20\text{--}70^\circ\text{C}$ ), an exclusive reaction product was three-membered oligomer **IX** with  $n_{\text{av}} = 4\text{--}5$  (yield 91–99%) (Scheme 2).

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of suspensions of poorly soluble cyclic oligomers **VIII** and **IX** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  display aromatic proton signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  6.60–8.05 ppm, as well as proton signals of the  $\text{SCH}_2\text{N}$  and  $\text{NCH}_2\text{N}$  groups at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.39 and 4.63 ppm, respectively, in a 2 : 1 ratio (for compound **VIII**). The  $\text{SCH}_2\text{S}$  and  $\text{NCH}_2\text{S}$  methylene proton signals in the spectrum of compound **IX** are observed at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.84 and 4.40 ppm, respectively (integral intensity ration 1 : 2). It should be noted that the oligomer **IX** produced by the reaction of *m*-phenylenediamine with excess  $\text{CH}_2\text{O-H}_2\text{S}$  (6 : 4) at temperatures above  $20^\circ\text{C}$  contains more  $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$  units ( $m = 2$ ), and, as a result, the signal at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.84 ppm in its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum has a higher intensity. The absorption band at  $720\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectra of

Scheme 2.



compounds **VIII** and **IX** provides evidence for the presence of a C–S bond. The band at  $1460\text{ cm}^{-1}$  relates to the  $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{--N}$  bond and that at  $1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assignable to the aromatic ring ( $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{--N}$ ,  $\text{C}=\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}$ ). The IR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra contain no terminal  $\text{NH}_2$ , OH, or SH signals, which is obviously explained by the formation of cyclic oligomers. The cryoscopic molecular weights  $M_{\text{cr}}$  [13] of benzothiaza macrocycle **VIII** and cross-linked cyclic oligomer **IX** are  $1598 \pm 10$  ( $n_{\text{av}}$  8) and  $1570\text{--}2207 \pm 10$  ( $n_{\text{av}}$  4–5), respectively. The mass spectra of compounds **VIII** and **IX** have low information content because of the instability of these products. A low-intensity peak of the  $[\text{CH}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NCH}_2\text{S}]^+$  ion at  $m/z$  164 is present, and the most intense peaks belong to the  $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_6]^+$  and  $[\text{CH}_2\text{S}]^+$  ions ( $m/z$  78 and 46, respectively).

The obtained evidence allowed compounds **VIII** and **IX** to be assigned cyclic oligomeric structures built of units containing *m*-phenylenediamine fragments linked by methylene sulfide  $\text{CH}_2\text{SCH}_2$  groups. The reaction at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  involves initial formation of an  $\text{NCH}_2\text{N}$  bonds followed by cyclization under the action of  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}\text{--H}_2\text{S}$  to form a 1,3,5-thiadiazine cycle. The same products are also formed at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  from anilines [14–16] and aliphatic diamines [9, 10]. It should be mentioned that cyclothiomethylation of *m*-aminophenol [4] with  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , too, involves intermolecular cyclocondensation to form macroheterocycles, whereas *o*- and *p*-aminophenols undergo intramolecular heterocyclization to form the corresponding 1,3,5-dithiazinanes. Furthermore, the intermolecular thiomethylation by two functional groups of the substrates, yielding benzothiaza macrocycles is also characteristic of *m*-aminothiophenol [3].

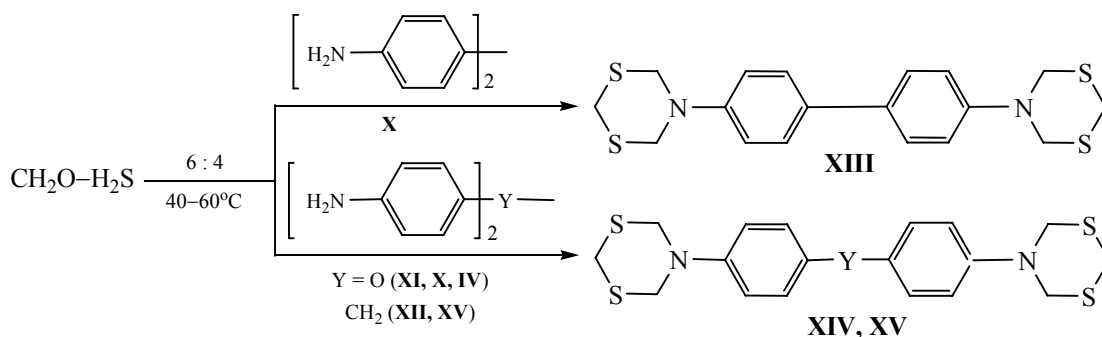
*p*-Phenylenediamine fails to enter the thiomethylation reaction at any reagent ratios and temperature conditions, probably, because of the high

basicity of one the  $\text{NH}_2$  groups ( $K_b$   $110 \times 10^{-10}$  and  $0.035 \times 10^{-10}$ ) [17, 18]. *p*-Phenylenediamine hydrochloride, too, could not be involved in thiomethylation. As a result, *p*-phenylenediamine catalyzes polycondensation of formaldehyde with  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  to form poly(methylene sulfide) [19]. At the same time, *o*- and *m*-phenylenediamines, the basicities of the amino groups in which are  $3.3 \times 10^{-10}$  and  $7.6 \times 10^{-10}$ , undergo cyclothiomethylation. Thus, the 1,3,5-dithiazinane cycles we previously prepared by cyclothiomethylation of aliphatic and aromatic amines, and aliphatic  $\alpha,\omega$ -diamines could not be prepared from *o*-, *m*-, and *p*-phenylenediamines. At the same time, 4-(1,3,5-dithiazinan-5-yl)aniline was selectively synthesized by the transamination of 5-methyl-1,3,5-dithiazinane with *p*-phenylenediamine in the presence of a  $\text{FeCl}_3\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  catalyst in 60% [20], and *o*-phenylenediamine under the same conditions formed 1,2,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[*f*]-[1,3,5,8]dithiadiazonine (**III**) in 67% yield.

Cyclothiomethylation of 4,4'-diaminodiphenyl (**X**), 4,4'-diaminodiphenyl oxide (**XI**), and 4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane (**XII**) with  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  (1 : 6 : 4,  $40\text{--}80^\circ\text{C}$ ) in chloroform gives rise to bis(1,3,5-dithiazinanes) **XIII–XV** in yields of 62–99%. The highest yields of compounds **XIII–XV** is observed at  $40\text{--}45^\circ\text{C}$ . Along with bis(1,3,5-dithiazinane) **XV**, the reaction with 4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane (**XII**) forms oligomeric products. The yield of compounds **XIII–XV** decreases in the order: **XIV** (99%) > **XIII** (69%) > **XV** (62%) (Scheme 3).

Cyclothiomethylation of 4,4'-diaminodiphenyls at  $0\text{--}30^\circ\text{C}$  or above  $80^\circ\text{C}$  gives poorly soluble oligomeric products as the result of three-component condensation of diamines **X–XII** with  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ . The reaction products contain  $\text{--CH}_2\text{S--}$  (**XVI**) and  $\text{--CH}_2\text{O--}$  fragments (**XVII**). Bisdithiazinanes **XIII–XV** were extracted with chloroform. In the reaction with

Scheme 3.



diamine **XII**, we made use of fractional crystallization to isolate cyclic oligomers **XVI** and **XVII** is a total yield of about 30%; therewith, oligomer **XVII** precipitated immediately upon formation (Scheme 4).

The MALDI-TOF mass spectra of bisdithiazianes **XIII** and **XIV** show molecular ion peaks  $[M]^+$  at  $m/z$  392 and 408, and the spectrum of compound **XV** contains an  $[M - H]^+$  ion peak at  $m/z$  405. In the spectra of oligomers **XVI** and **XVII**, molecular ion peaks at  $m/z$  549  $[M - H]^+$  and 583  $[M + H + Na]^+$  are observed. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of bisdithiazianes **XIII–XV** contain, along with aromatic proton and carbon signals, signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.98–5.11 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  53.53–55.37 ppm, corresponding to two magnetically equivalent  $\text{NCH}_2\text{S}$  methylene carbons in the dithiazine ring, and the  $\text{SCH}_2\text{S}$  methylene signals are observed at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.29–4.36 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  34.04–34.94 ppm. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signals of compound **XV** also contain signals at  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  3.92 and  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  46.78 ppm, which can be assigned to the methylene bridge between the two benzene rings.

It should be noted that the cyclothiomethylation of diphenyldiamines **X–XI** in ethanol results in preferential formation of various cyclic dimers formed by two-component intermolecular condensation of diamines **X–XI** with  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and three-component intermolecular condensation of **X–XII** with  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .

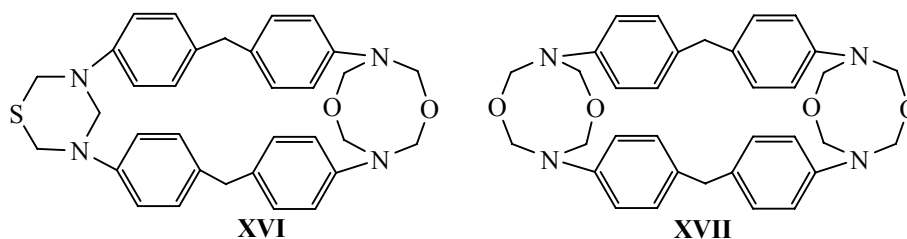
Thus, aromatic diamines in the cyclothiomethylation reaction with formaldehyde and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  tend to form benzothiaza macroheterocycles. 1,3,5-Dithiazinanes can only be synthesized from diamines with the amino groups separated by a diphenyl bridge, whereas in phenylenediamines, where the  $\text{NH}_2$  groups mutually influence each other, the cyclothiomethylation results are not so definite. The *p*-isomer fails to react, whereas the *o*- and *m*-isomers undergo cyclothiomethylation by the two  $\text{NH}_2$  groups simultaneous. With the *o*-isomer, the reaction involves intramolecular cyclization, while with *m*-isomer, intermolecular cyclization takes place.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The purity of the starting compounds was no less than 95%. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compounds **II–VI**, **VIII**, **IX**, and **XIII** were registered on a Jeol FX-90Q spectrometer [ $22.5$  ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ),  $90$  MHz ( $^1\text{H}$ )] and those of compounds **XIV–XV**, on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer [ $100.62$  ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ),  $400.13$  MHz ( $^1\text{H}$ )], solvents  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , internal standard TMS. The IR spectra were measured on a Specord 75 IR spectrometer for suspensions in mineral oil. The mass spectra of compounds **II–IX** were registered on a Finnigan 4021 GCMS system (glass capillary column  $50000 \times 0.25$  mm, stationary phase HP-5, carrier gas helium, temperature programming from  $50$  to  $300^\circ\text{C}$  at a rate of  $5$  deg/min, injector temperature  $280^\circ\text{C}$ , ion source temperature  $250^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $70$  eV). The mass spectra of compounds **XIII–XVII** were obtained on a Bruker Autoflex III MALDI TOF/TOF instrument (dried droplet sample preparation technique, matrices  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic and 2,5-dihydrobenzoic acids). The elemental compositions were determined on a Carlo Erba instrument. The melting points were measured on an RNMK 80/2617 apparatus. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on Silufol W-254 plates, development in an iodine chamber. Column chromatography was performed on a KSK silica ( $100$ – $200$   $\mu\text{m}$ ).

**Thiomethylation of *o*-, *m*-, and *p*-phenylenediamines (general procedure).** A solution of 37% formaldehyde (2.2 mL, 0.03 mol) was saturated with  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  (0.02 mol, prepared from  $\text{Na}_2\text{S} \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HCl}$ ) for 30 min at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . A solution of 1.08 g (0.01 mol) of *o*-phenylenediamine (**I**) in 50 mL of  $\text{CHCl}_3$  [*m*- and *p*-phenylenediamines were dissolved in 50 mL of EtOH (95%)] was added dropwise to the resulting solution. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at a preset temperature ( $0$ – $70^\circ\text{C}$ ) and then extracted with chloroform. The extract was dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2$ , the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was subjected to column

Scheme 4.



chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub> (eluent hexane–ethyl acetate, 3 : 1) to obtain a mixture of compounds **II–VI**. The product obtained from *p*-phenylenediamine was filtered off and washed with EtOH.

**1,2,4,5-Tetrahydrobenzo[d][1,3,6]thiadiazepine (II).** Yield 0.55 g (26% at 20°C), mp 137–139°C, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.52 (hexane–ethyl acetate, 3 : 1). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 750 (C–S), 1480 (Ar), 1600 (Ar), 1618 (NH), 2900 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3300 (N–H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMF-*d*<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 4.27 br.s (2H, NH), 4.40 br.s (2H, H<sub>2</sub>C<sup>2,7</sup>), 6.90–7.30 m (4H, HC<sup>8–11</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DMF-*d*<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.16 (C<sup>2,7</sup>), 114.46 (C<sup>8,11</sup>), 122.92 (C<sup>9,10</sup>), 135.23 (C<sup>4,5</sup>). Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  (*I<sub>rel.</sub>*, %): 166 (28) [*M*]<sup>+</sup>, 120 (100) [*M* – CH<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>, 105 (45) [*M* – CH<sub>2</sub>SCH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 92 (55) [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 77 (79) [*M* – C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. Found, %: C 57.88; H 6.64; N 16.53; S 20.30. C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S. Calculated, %: C 57.80; H 6.06; N 16.85; S 19.29.

**1,2,6,7-Tetrahydrobenzo[f][1,3,5,8]dithiadiazonine (III).** Yield 0.25 g (12% at 20°C), mp 147–148°C, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.65 (hexane–ethyl acetate, 3 : 1). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 750 (C–S), 1500 (Ar), 1600 (Ar), 1618 (NH), 2900 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3300 (N–H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.95 br.s (2H, H<sub>2</sub>C<sup>2</sup>), 4.25 br.s (2H, NH), 4.63 br.s (4H, H<sub>2</sub>C<sup>4,9</sup>), 7.00–7.30 m (4H, HC<sup>10–13</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 36.92 (C<sup>2</sup>), 54.93 (C<sup>4,9</sup>), 115.39 (C<sup>10,13</sup>), 129.39 (C<sup>11,12</sup>), 133.37 (C<sup>6,7</sup>). Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  (*I<sub>rel.</sub>*, %): 212 (20) [*M*]<sup>+</sup>, 149 (100) [*M* – NH<sub>2</sub>SCH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 133 (20) [*M* – SCH<sub>2</sub>SH]<sup>+</sup>, 120 (33) [*M* – CH<sub>2</sub>SCH<sub>2</sub>SH]<sup>+</sup>, 105 (27) [CHSCH<sub>2</sub>SCH<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 92 (40) [CH<sub>2</sub>SCH<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>, 77 (20) [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. Found, %: C 50.82; H 5.67; N 13.20; S 30.71. C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 50.91; H 5.70; N 13.19; S 30.20.

**1*H*-1,3-Benzimidazole (IV).** Yield 0.27 g (23% at 20°C), mp 164–166°C, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.34 (hexane–ethyl acetate, 3 : 1). Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  (*I<sub>rel.</sub>*, %): 118 (100) [*M*]<sup>+</sup>, 91 (33) [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH]<sup>+</sup>. The NMR spectra are identical to those in [21].

***N,N'*-Dimethylene-1,2-phenylenediamine (V).** Yield 0.11 g (8% at 20°C), mp 154–156°C, *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.30 (hexane–ethyl acetate, 3 : 1). Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  (*I<sub>rel.</sub>*, %): 132 (100) [*M*]<sup>+</sup>, 104 (27) [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NN]<sup>+</sup>, 77 (17) [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. The NMR spectra are identical to those in [20].

**1,3,4-Trithiolane (VI).** The physicochemical characteristics are identical to those in [15].

**1,7,11,17-Tetraaza-9,19-dithiapenta-cyclo-[15,3,1,1<sup>2,6</sup>,1<sup>7,11</sup>,1<sup>12,16</sup>]tetracos-2(22),3(4),5(6),-**

**12(13),14(15),16(24)-hexaene (VIII)** was synthesized by the above-described procedure at 0°C from 0.18 g (0.001 mol) of *m*-phenylenediamine dihydrochloride, 0.22 mL (0.003 mol) of 37% formaldehyde, and 0.02 mol of H<sub>2</sub>S under stirring for 3 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 50% KOH, the precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with distilled water, and dried. Yield 0.18 g (99%), mp 290°C (decomp.), *M<sub>cr</sub>* 1598 ± 10 (*n<sub>av</sub>* = 9). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 720 (C–S), 1370, 1450 (Ar), 1600 (Ar), 2900 (CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 4.39 br.s (4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>S), 4.63 br.s (2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>N), 6.75 s (1H, HC<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.40 br.s (2H, HC<sub>Ar</sub>), 8.05 s (1H, HC<sub>Ar</sub>). UV spectrum (DMSO),  $\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon$ ): 311.7 (0.75). Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  (*I<sub>rel.</sub>*, %): 164 (6) [CH<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>, 78 (59) [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 46 (100) [CHS]<sup>+</sup>. Found, %: C 60.68; H 5.46; N 15.18; S 18.43. C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S. Calculated, %: C 60.64; H 5.65; N 15.72; S 17.99.

In a similar way, from 0.18 g of *m*-phenylenediamine dihydrochloride at 20°C we obtained 0.20 g of compound **IX** [63%, *M<sub>cr</sub>* 1570 ± 10 (*n<sub>av</sub>* = 5, *m* = 1)]; at 40°C: 0.28 g [89%, *M<sub>cr</sub>* 2207 ± 10 (*n<sub>av</sub>* = 6, *m* = 1)].

**Polymer IX.** mp 290–320°C (decomp.). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 730 (C–S), 1460 (Ar), 1620 (Ar), 2930 (CH<sub>2</sub>). UV spectrum (DMSO),  $\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon$ ): 311.7 (0.75). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.84 s (4H, SCH<sub>2</sub>S), 4.40 s (8H, NCH<sub>2</sub>S), 6.62 s (2H, HC<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.27 s (4H, HC<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.93 s (2H, HC<sub>Ar</sub>). Found, %: C 46.35; H 5.05; N 8.68; S 40.50. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>. Calculated, %: C 45.53; H 5.09; N 8.85; S 40.52.

**Thiomethylation of 4,4'-diaminodiphenyls (general procedure).** A solution of 0.184 g (0.001 mol) of 4,4'-diaminodiphenyl (**X**) in 10 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added dropwise at 40°C to a solution of 37% formaldehyde (0.5 mL, 0.006 mol) saturated with H<sub>2</sub>S (0.01 mol) for 30 min at 20°C. Before adding 4,4'-diaminodiphenyl the H<sub>2</sub>S-saturated formaldehyde solution was heated to 40°C, and H<sub>2</sub>S was further bubbled at that temperature under stirring for 1 h. After bubbling was stopped, the reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 2 h and then extracted with chloroform, dried over CaCl<sub>2</sub>, and evaporated in a vacuum to obtain bis-4-(1,3,5-dithiazinan-5-yl)phenyl (**XIII**).

**Bis[4-(1,3,5-dithiazinan-5-yl)phenyl] (XIII).** Yield 0.27 g (69%), light yellow crystals, mp 170–171°C. IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 700 (C–S), 1200 (C–N), 1480 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1600 (Ar), 2900 (CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 4.36 br.s (2H, H<sub>2</sub>C<sup>2,2'</sup>), 5.11 br.s (4H, H<sub>2</sub>C<sup>4,6,4',6'</sup>), 6.65–6.80 br.s (4H, HC<sup>8,12,8',12'</sup>), 7.41

br.s (4H,  $\text{HC}^{9,11,9',11'}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm: 33.41 ( $\text{C}^{2,2'}$ ), 53.53 ( $\text{C}^{4,6,4',6'}$ ), 117.41 ( $\text{C}^{8,12,8',12'}$ ), 126.53 ( $\text{C}^{9,11,9',11'}$ ), 130.86 ( $\text{C}^{10,10'}$ ), 143.76 ( $\text{C}^{7,7'}$ ). Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 392 (28)  $[M]^+$ , 315 (100)  $[M - \text{CH}_2\text{S}_2 + \text{H}]$ , 301 (45)  $[M - (\text{CH}_2)_2\text{S}_2 + \text{H}]$ , 288 (55)  $[M - (\text{CH}_2)_3\text{S}_2 + 2\text{H}]$ , 255 (79)  $[M - (\text{CH}_2\text{S})_3 + \text{H}]$ , 223 (79)  $[\text{Ph}_2\text{N}_2(\text{CH}_2)_3 + \text{H}]$ , 209 (79)  $[\text{Ph}_2\text{N}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2 + \text{H}]$ . Found, %: C 55.45; H 5.40; N 7.62; S 32.82.  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{S}_4$ . Calculated, %: C 55.06; H 5.13; N 7.14; S 32.67.

Cyclothiomethylation of 4,4'-diaminodiphenyl oxide (**XI**) (0.1 g, 0.0005 mol) with  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  by the above-described procedure gave bis[4-(1,3,5-dithiazinan-5-yl)phenyl] oxide (**XIV**) (0.202 g, 99%), and from 4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane (**XII**) (0.1 g, 0.0005 mol) we obtained a mixture of compounds **XV–XVII**. Oligomer **XVII** insoluble in organic solvents was filtered off from the reaction mixture, and the filtrate was evaporated. Chloroform, 50 mL, was added to the residue, and the precipitate that formed was filtered off (oligomer **XVI**). The chloroform filtrate was evaporated to obtain product **XV**.

**Bis[4-(1,3,5-dithiazinan-5-yl)phenyl] oxide (XIV).** Yield 0.2 g (99%), light yellow crystals, mp 186–190°C. IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 750 (C–S), 1050 (C–O–C), 1600 (Ar), 2900 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 4.33 s (4H,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}^{2,2'}$ ), 5.06 s (8H,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}^{4,6,4',6'}$ ), 7.01 d, d (8H,  $\text{HC}^{8,9,11,12,8',9',11',12'}$ ,  $J^1$  9.0,  $J^2$  21.7 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm: 34.04 ( $\text{C}^{2,2'}$ ), 54.46 ( $\text{C}^{4,6,4',6'}$ ), 118.86 ( $\text{C}^{8,12,8',12'}$ ), 119.46 ( $\text{C}^{9,11,9',11'}$ ), 141.19 ( $\text{C}^{7,7'}$ ), 150.67 ( $\text{C}^{10,10'}$ ). Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 408 (28)  $[M]$ , 331 (26)  $[M - \text{SCH}_2\text{S} + \text{H}]$ , 239 (10)  $[M - (\text{CH}_2\text{S})_3\text{CH}_2\text{N} + 3\text{H}]$ , 163 (100)  $[M - \text{CH}_2\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)\text{NPh}]$ . Found, %: C 52.93; H 4.55; N 6.67; S 31.30.  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{S}_4\text{O}$ . Calculated, %: C 52.91; H 4.93; N 6.86; S 31.39.

**Bis[4-(1,3,5-dithiazinan-5-yl)phenyl]methane (XV).** Yield 0.13 g (62%), light yellow crystals, mp 167–170°C. IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 800 (C–S), 1250 (C–N), 1600 (Ar), 2900 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.92 s (2H,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}^{13}$ ), 4.29 s (4H,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}^{2,2'}$ ), 4.98 s (8H,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}^{4,6,4',6'}$ ), 7.01 d (4H,  $\text{HC}^{8,12,8',12'}$ ,  $J$  8.6 Hz), 7.19 d (4H,  $\text{HC}^{9,11,9',11'}$ ,  $J$  8.6 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm: 34.94 ( $\text{C}^{2,2'}$ ), 46.78 ( $\text{C}^{13}$ ), 55.37 ( $\text{C}^{4,6,4',6'}$ ), 117.65 ( $\text{C}^{8,12,8',12'}$ ), 129.95 ( $\text{C}^{9,11,9',11'}$ ), 133.54 ( $\text{C}^{10,10'}$ ), 142.97 ( $\text{C}^{7,7'}$ ). Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 405 (100)  $[M - \text{H}]$ , 381 (82)  $[M - \text{NC} + \text{H}]$ , 329 (59)  $[M - \text{SCH}_2\text{S} + \text{H}]$ , 315 (36)  $[M - (\text{CH}_2\text{S})_2\text{CH}_2\text{N} + \text{H}]$ . Found, %: C 55.98; H 5.45; N 6.74; S 31.32.

$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{S}_4$ . Calculated, %: C 56.12; H 5.45; N 6.89; S 31.54.

**Oligomer XVI.** Yield 15%. Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 549 (100)  $[M - \text{H}]$ , 457 (4)  $[M - \text{PhNH}_2]$ .  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4\text{SO}_2$ .

**Oligomer XVII.** Yield 15%. Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 583 (19)  $[M + \text{H} + \text{Na}]$ , 381 (100)  $[M - \text{NCH}_2\text{OH}]$ .  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ .

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