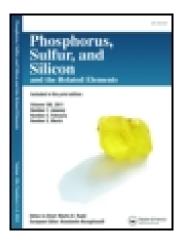
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The three steps synthesis of new 2-hydrazonophenylthioacetamides having a N-monosubstitued thioamide group is described. The selective acylation of the thioamide nitrogen atom involves an intramolecular cyclisation affording 3,6-dihydro-2H-1,3,4-thiadiazines with good yields.

*Keywords:* 2-hydrazonophenylacetamides; 2-hydrazonophenylthioacetamides; 3,6-dihydro-2H-1,3,4-thiadiazines

#### INTRODUCTION

We have recently reported the synthesis and some properties of 2-hydrazonophenylthioacetamides  $^{1-3}$  (2,4-diamino-3-phenyl-1-thia-4-azabutadienes) the molecular structure of which presents an original heteroatomic chain. These compounds were obtained later than 2-hydrazonothioacetophenones which have been used in heterocyclic synthesis to build thiazoles,  $\Delta^4$ -thiazolines,  $\Delta^4$ -thiazines,  $\Delta^4$ -thiazines,  $\Delta^4$ -thiazines,  $\Delta^4$ -thiazines and 1,4-thiazines.

The 2-hydrazonophenylthioacetamides present the advantage of a greater stability than the former compounds but their reactivity is quite different. Particularly, the dienic chain does not allow the [4 + 2] cycloaddition reaction.

I. T. Barnish had already observed the same difference between  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenic thioketones<sup>6-8</sup> and thioamides analogs,<sup>9</sup> the latter being inefficient as dienes in Diels-Alder cycloadditions.

In 1989 this author has described the dihydrothiopyranes synthesis starting from  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenic thioamides which react with dienophile reagents only if acetyl chloride and pyridine are added to the reaction mixture. <sup>9</sup> It is likely that the in-situ acylation of the nitrogen of the thioamide thus bearing an electron withdrawing group enhances the reactivity of the dienophile.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R \\ H \\ \hline \\ Ar \end{array} \begin{array}{c} CH_3COC1 \\ \hline \\ Pyridine \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R \\ \hline \\ CH_3CO \\ \hline \\ Ar \end{array} \begin{array}{c} X \\ \hline \\ Ar \end{array} \begin{array}{c} X \\ \hline \\ X - CH = CH - Y \\ \hline \\ Ar \end{array} \begin{array}{c} CH_3CO \\ \hline \\ Ar \end{array} \begin{array}{c} X \\ \hline \\ Ar \end{array}$$

In this paper we report firstly on the preparation of new 2-hydrazonophenyl-thioacetamides with a N-monosubstituted thioamide group and secondly the substitution of the nitrogen atom by electron withdrawing groups with the aim to get closer to the Barnish models. The synthetized molecules do not even react with dienophiles but they lead to 3,6-dihydro-2H-1,3,4-thiadiazines. The aim of this paper is to present this new way of synthesis of these compounds.

#### RESULTS

2-Hydrazonophenylthioacetamides 2 are obtained in three steps starting from methylbenzoylformate which reacts with primary amines to give benzoylformamides. Condensation of substituted hydrazines leads to the 2-hydrazonophenyl-

acetamides 1. Then the latter are thionated using Lawesson reagent affording compounds 2.

The isolated compound 1f presents two diastereoisomeric forms. The determination of the corresponding geometries has been already discussed in a previous paper.<sup>3</sup>

Deprotonation of compounds 2 by sodium hydride followed by substitution of the anion using acid chlorides, methylchloroformate or mesyl chloride yields the corresponding N-substituted compounds 3.

In most of the cases compounds 3 are not isolated. In fact the substitution reaction is spontaneously followed by an intramolecular cyclisation to give 6-acylamino-3,6-dihydro-2H-1,3,4-thiadiazines 4. This annelation proceeds probably through the zwitterionic form of compound 3 which isomerises to a tautomer. In the latter the thiolate is added to the iminium carbon.

NMR spectra of the compounds 4 allow to observe only one diastereomer signal. The relative configuration of both carbons in the 2 and 6 position can be determinated observing  $4m^{-1}H$  spectrum. This compound bears a methylen group in the 2 position and only one of the two hydrogens is coupled (J = 1.0 Hz) with the proton in 6 position. According to Karplus, it is reasonable to think that both coupled protons are on the same side of the ring. In all the other cases, hydrogens at the 2 and 6 positions are not coupled. Thus, relative configuration of the corresponding carbons is probably 2RS, 6RS. Compounds 3 which can be isolated give easily the corresponding dihydrothiadiazines 4 in quantitative yields when they are heated in benzene.

The proposed mecanism needs an hydrogen atom in the α position of the nitrogen of the hydrazono group. Compounds 3 bearing a diphenylhydrazono group are quite stable. Surprisingly, such stable compounds 3 treated with dienophile reagents do not react as thiazadienes and we have never obtained the desired 1,4-thiazines.

#### CONCLUSION

The mode of synthesis of the 1,3,4-thiadiazine ring system described in this work is quite different relatively to the methods already described in the litterature. However  $\text{Hojo}^{11}$  has obtained 1,3,4-thiadiazines by sulfuration of C-trifluoroalkylketones  $\alpha$ -dialkylhydrazones using Lawesson reagent.

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CF_3 & O & R^2 & R \cdot L \cdot \\
R^1 & N & N & R^3
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^2 & R \cdot L \cdot \\
R^1 & N & N & R^3
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CF_3 & S & R^3 \\
R^1 & N & N & R^3
\end{array}$$

This author supposes thiocarbonyl compounds as intermediates but never isolates them. This result shows like in our case that an electron withdrawing group  $\alpha$  to the  $\beta$ -group is an important factor in the cyclisation process. Many 1,3,4-thiadiazines are used particularly in therapeutic area. <sup>12</sup> Thus a new way to synthetise this ring system is interesting.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

Melting points were measured using a Reichert microscope and are uncorrected. Kieselgel 60 (70-230 mesh) from Merck was used for silica gel chromatography. TLC was done on Merck silica gel 60  $F_{254}$  precoated plates. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC 200 NMR spectrometer operating at 200 MHz and 50.3 MHz respectively. Chemical shifts were reported as  $\delta$  value in part per million relative to tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. All samples were dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Mass spectra were measured on a Hewlett Packard 5989A at an ionizing voltage of 70 eV. Microanalysis were performed by the analyses central service of CNRS.

2-Hydrazonophenylacetamides 1 general procedure: substituted hydrazine (3.10<sup>-2</sup> mol) (or the corresponding chlorhydrate (10<sup>-2</sup> mol) for 1a and 1g) was added to an ethanolic solution (20mL) of benzoylformamide (10<sup>-2</sup> mol) and acetic acid (4.10<sup>-2</sup> mol) (or sodium acetate (10<sup>-2</sup> mol) for 1a and 1g). After refluxing (7 h for 1a, i, j, 24 h for 1c, e-h, k) the solvent was removed and the residue, diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, was chromatographed. After elution by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/AcOEt (19/1 for 1a and F<sub>1</sub> of 1f, 9/1 for 1c, e, i, k and 7/3 for F<sub>2</sub> of 1f, 1g, h, j) compounds 1 were crystallised from Et<sub>2</sub>O.

Compound 1a: yield 70%; mp 149°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ 1.63-1.82 (4H, m, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.88 (3H, d, J = 5.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.98-3.11 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.00 (1H, br.s, NH),

7.30 (5H, br.s,  $C_6H_5$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  23.9 (t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.6 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 54.9 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 126.8, 127.3, 129.8 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 133.8 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 134.4 (s, C=N), 166.0 (s, C=O); MS  $C_{13}H_{17}N_3O$  231 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calcd: C, 67.50; H,7.41, N,18.17. Found: C, 67.41; H, 7.52; N, 18.09.

Compound 1c: yield 70%; mp 112°C;  ${}^{1}H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.43-1.51 (6H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.88 (3H, d, J = 5.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.92-3.00 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.13 (1H, br.s, NH), 7.37 (5H, br.s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  23.8 (t, CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.8 (t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 54.8 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.8, 128.3, 128.7 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 134.1 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 139.7 (s, C=N). 165,7 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 245 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 1e: yield 88%; mp 71°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.44-1.53 (8H, m, 4CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.87 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.12-3.23 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.01 (1H, br.s, NH), 7.28 (5H, br.s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  25.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 27.2 (t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.5 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.1, 127.6, 129.8 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 131.4 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 135.3 (s, C=N), 166.5 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 259 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 1f: yield 88%

 $F_1$ : mp 105°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 2.92 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH), 3.42 (3H, s, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 6.11 (1H, br.s, NH), 6.97-7.68 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 26.2 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>NH), 41.0 (q, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 115.9, 121.9, 127.7, 128.5, 128.9, 129.6 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 134.2, 138.9 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 148.6 (s, C=N), 165.9 (s, C=O).  $F_2$ : mp 150°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 2.94 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH), 2.95 (3H, s, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 6.03 (1H, br.s, NH), 7.21-7.42 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 25.8 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>NH), 39.3 (q, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 115.5, 120.8, 126.3, 128.3, 128.8, 129.2 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.1, 142.6 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 149.5 (s, C=N), 168.1 (s, C=O) MS  $C_{16}H_{17}N_{3}O$  267 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 1g: yield 82%; mp 140°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.42 (3H, d, J = 4.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.38 (1H, br.s, NH), 7.06-7.82 (15H, m, 3C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  25.3 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 122.9, 124.5, 126.5, 128.4, 129.0 (9d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 129.1, 135.7, 145.9 (3s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 147.0 (s, C=N), 165.7 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 329 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calcd: C, 76.57; H, 5.81; N, 12.76. Found: C, 76.63; H, 5.96; N, 12.59.

Compound 1h: 73%; mp 146°C;  ${}^{1}H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.27 (6H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.01-3.06 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78-3.83 (4H, m, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.31 (1H, h.d, J = 6.6 Hz and J = 8.2 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 6.14 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, NH), 7.32-7.41 and 7.70-7.77 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  22.5 (q, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 41.3 (d, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 55.7 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 66,2 (t, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.1, 128.4, 130.3 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 133.9 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 158.2 (s, C=N), 164.7 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 275 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 1i: yield 86%: mp 83°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.19 (6H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 1.34-1.53 (6H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.91-2.99 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.08 (1H, h.d, J = 6.6 Hz and J = 8.2 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 7.01 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, NH), 7.26-7.72 (5H, m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  22.9 (q, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 23.9 and 25,0 (2t, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.3

(d, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 54.9 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.9, 128.4, 128.9 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 134.2 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 139.6 (s, C=N), 164.2 (s, C=O); MS  $C_{16}H_{23}N_{3}O$  273 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 1j: yield 80%; mp 158°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  2.92-2.97 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.59-3.64 (4H, m, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (2H, d, J = 6.0 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.71 (1H, br.s, NH), 7.29-7.81 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  43.2 (t, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.8 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 66.0 (t, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.3, 127.8, 128.2, 128.5, 128.8, 130.5 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 133.8, 137.7 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 158.2 (s, C=N), 165.4 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>323 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 1k: yield 62%; mp 80°C;  ${}^{1}H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.42-1.47 (6H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.90-3.01 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.53 (2H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.32-7.53 (11H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> and NH buried);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  23.9 and 24.9 (2t, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.4 (t, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.9 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.2, 127.7, 127.9, 128.4, 128.5, 128.9 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 134.2, 138.6 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 139.1 (s, C=N), 165.1 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 321 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-Hydrazonophenylthioacetamides 2** general procedure: Lawesson reagent (2.6 10<sup>-3</sup> mol) was added to a benzenic solution (5mL) of 2-hydrazonophenylacetamide **1** (4 10<sup>-3</sup>mol) under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After refluxing (5 h for **2a, e-h,** 18 h for **2i-k**) the solvent was removed and the residue diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and chromatographed. After elution by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (for **2c, f, g, i, j**) or by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/AcOEt (19/1) (for **2a, e, h, k**) compounds **2** were crystallised from Et<sub>2</sub>O or isolated as a yellow oil (**2i, j**).

Compound **2a**: yield 67%; mp 108°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.61-1.82 (4H, m, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.94-3.16 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.25 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.28 (5H, br.s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 8.86 (1H, br.s, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  23,8 (t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 54.4 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 126.5, 127.4, 130.9 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.3 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 136.5 (s, C=N), 193.0 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S 247 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 2c: yield 65%; mp 85°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.42-1.59 (6H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.86-3.03 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.26 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.33 (5H, br.s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 9.06 (1H, br.s, NH);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 23.8 and 25.0 (2t, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 54.8 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.6, 128.2, 129.4 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.4 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 140.7 (s, C=N), 193.3 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S 261 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calcd: C, 67.33; H, 7.33; N, 16.08; S, 12.27. Found: C, 67.15; H, 7.45; N, 15.97; S; 12.35.

Compound **2e**: yield 62%; mp 90°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.29-1.61 (8H, m, 4CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.11-3.27 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.27 (5H, br.s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 8.91 (1H, br.s, NH);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 27.2 and 27.6 (2t, 4CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 56.4 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.0, 127.6, 130.5 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 134.1 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.2 (s, C=N), 193.6 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S 275 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 2f: yield 89%; mp 125°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.86 (3H, s, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.22 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>NH), 7.26 (10H, br.s, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 8.95 (1H, br.s, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  32.6 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>NH), 40.5 (q, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 116.3, 122.0, 127.3,

128.9, 130.2 (6d,  $CH_{arom}$ ), 136.1, 142.2 (2s,  $C_{arom}$ ), 148.5 (s, C=N), 193.4 (s, C=S);  $MS C_{16}H_{17}N_3S$  283 ( $M^+$ ).

Compound 2g: yield 80%; mp 134°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.33 (3H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.82-7.36 (15H, m, 3C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 9.26 (1H, br.s, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  32.8 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 122.9, 124.7, 127.0, 129.0, 129.0, 129.6 (9d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 135.5, 138.9, 147.2 (3s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 146.3 (s, C=N), 193.0 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S 345 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calcd: C, 73.01; H, 5.54; N, 12.16; S, 9.28. Found: C, 73.17; H, 5.63; N, 12.33; S, 9.45.

Compound 2h: yield 78%; mp 100°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.33 (6H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 2.89-2.94 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.57-3.62 (4H, m, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.67 (1H, h.d, J = 6.6 Hz and J = 8.2 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 7.26-7.36 (5H, m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  21.4 (q, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 46.8 (d, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 54.2 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 66.2 (t, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.8, 128.6, 129.3 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 135.6 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 145.1 (s, C=N), 190.2 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 291 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 2i: yield 88%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) 0.75; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.24 (6H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 1.29-1.48 (6H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.78-2.97 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.61 (1H, h.d, J = 6.6 Hz and J = 8.1 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 7.14-7.39 (5H, m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 8.77 (1H, br.s, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  21.6 (q, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 23.9 and 25.2 (2t, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.6 (d, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 54.9 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.7, 128.2, 129.5 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.5 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 140.5 (s, C=N), 190.7 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S 289 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **2j**: yield 95%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.89-2.92 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.54-3.59 (4H, m, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.93 (2H, d, J = 5.5 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.27-7.50 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 9.17 (1H, br.s, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  49.5 (t, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.1 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 66.0 (t, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.6, 128.7, 129.3 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 135.5, 136.8 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 144.1 (s, C=N), 192.0 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 339 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **2k**: yield 78%; mp 127°C;  $^{1}H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.44-1.62 (6H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.92-2.97 (4H, m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.00 (2H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.35-7.70 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 8.46 (1H, br.s, NH);  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  23.8 and 25.2 (2t, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.2 (t, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.2 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 128.6, 129.0, 129.7 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.0, 137.5 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 157.8 (s, C=N), 195.9 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S 337 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-Acyl (and 2-mesyl)amino-4-amino-1-thia-4-azabutadienes 3** general procedure: Sodium hydride (1.65  $10^{-3}$  mol) was added to a solution of 2-hydrazonophenylthioacetamide **2** (1.5  $10^{-3}$  mol) in THF (5mL) cooled at 0°C. After 1h at room temperature the mixture was cooled again and acylating reagent (acetyl chloride, benzoyl chloride methylchloroformate or mesyl chloride) (1.8  $10^{-3}$  mol) was added. After 20 h stirring at room temperature the mixture was diluted in AcOEt, whashed with brine and dried. The solvent was removed and the residue, diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, was chromatographed. After elution by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (for

**3b-h**) or by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/AcOEt (4/1) (for **3a**) compounds **3** were crystallised from Et<sub>2</sub>O (**3c-e**, **g**) or isolated as a red oil (**3a**, **b**, **f**, **h**).

Compound **3a**: yield 65%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/AcOEt: 4/1) 0.66;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  2.54-2.64 and 2.79-2.89 (4H, 2m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.61-3.79 (4H, m, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 3.74 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 7.24-7.41 and 7.70-7.81 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  36.2 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 54.2 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 54.5 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 65.8 (t, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.6, 127.9, 130.0 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>)( 134.3 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 152.8 (s, C=N), 166.5 (s, C=O), 203.8 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S 321 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **3b**: yield 70%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) 0.63; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.62 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>), 3.24 (3H, s, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.60 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 6.84-7.78 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  38.5 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 39.7 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>), 42.0 (q, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 116.3, 121.54, 127.6, 128.2, 129.0, 129.4 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.4, 150.0 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 153.2 (s, C=N), 201.9 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> 361 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 3c: yield 65%; mp 88°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  3.16 (3H, s, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.58 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 3.65 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.89-7.71 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  36.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 42.4 (q, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 54.6 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 116.5, 120.9, 127.4, 128.3, 128.6, 129.6 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 135.7, 150.7 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 153.0 (s, C=N), 158.7 (s, C=O), 203.7 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 341 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **3d**: yield 57%; mp 145°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  3.26 (3H, s, N(C**H**<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.94 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 6.89-7.64 (15H, m, 3C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  40.6 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 42.0 (q, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 115.6, 122.7, 126.9, 127.1, 127.5, 128.1, 128.5, 128.7, 129.0 (9d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 131.0, 136.7, 138.1 (3s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 149.3 (s, C=N), 173.8 (s, C=O), 201.6 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 387 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **3e**: yield 59%; mp 137°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  2.79 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>), 3.18 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 7.02-7.45 and 7.61-7.79 (15H, 2m, 3C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  38.2 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 40.2 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>), 123.3, 123.5, 123.6, 127.3, 129.2, 129.3 (9d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 128.6, 129.0, 129.5 (3s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 146.7 (s, C=N), 198.8 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> 423 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **3f**: yield 67%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ligroin: 9/1) 0.60;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.92 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 3.29 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 6.81-7.40 and 7.68-7.80 (15H, 2m, 3C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  24.1 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 37.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 122.7, 122.8, 122.9, 123.8, 124.8, 127.0 ,128.2, 128.8, 128.9 (9d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 129.1, 129.5, 129.6 (3s, C<sub>arom</sub>),146.8 (s, C=N), 166.1 (s, C=O), 202.1 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 387 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 3g: yield 81%; mp 112°C;  $^1$ H NMR  $\delta$  3.29 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 3.47 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.91-7.42 and 7.67-7.81 (15H, 2m, 3C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  36.3 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 54.3 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 122.7, 122.8, 123.9, 126.7, 128.1, 128.5, 128.7 (9d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 129.3, 136.2, 151.7 (3s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 146.9 (s, C=N), 159.0 (s, C=O), 201.9 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 403 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calcd: C, 68.46; H, 5.25; N, 10.41. Found: C, 68.59; H, 5.12; N, 10.28.

Compound **3h**: yield 73%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/AcOEt: 9/1) 0.52; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 2.57-2.67 and 2.85-2.95 (4H, 2m, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.62-3.66 (4H, m, 2OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.44 and 5.86 (2H, 2d, J = 15.1 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>), 7.33-7.76 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 51.4 (t, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.8 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 54.9 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 65.9 (t, 2NCH<sub>2</sub>), 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.4, 128.6 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 130.6, 135.7 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 153.0 (s, C=N), 167.5 (s, C=O), 204.1 (s, C=S); MS C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S 397 (M<sup>+</sup>).

6-Acyl (and 6-mesyl)amino-3,6-dihydro-2H-1,3,4-thiadiazines 4: In most of the cases the compounds 3 were not isolated and compounds 4 were obtained using the same procedure starting from 2-hydrazonophenylthioacetamides 2. After removal of the solvent and chromatography, elution by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (for 4a, b, e, f, i, l, s), by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/AcOEt (9/1) (for 4d, g, h, j, k, m, n, r) or by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/AcOEt (4/1) (for 4c, o-q) affords compounds 4 which were crystallised from Et<sub>2</sub>O (4a-g, i-m, o, p, r, s) or isolated as a colorless oil (4h, n, q). Compound 4f is obtained using trifluoroacetyl anhydride as acylating reagent. When compounds 2 were isolated, they gave easily the corresponding compounds 4 after heating 20 h in benzenic solution (4g, m, r from 3a, d, h). The yields were in all the cases calculated using compounds 2 as starting products.

Compound 4a: yield 31%; mp 153°C;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR δ 2.77 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>), 2.88 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N) 3.12-4.18 (7H, m, (3CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 6.25 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.24-7.41 and 7.61-7.75 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR δ 31.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 39.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>), 50.7 (d, CH, 6-C), 53.3 (d, CH, 2-C), 55.8 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 67.6, 68.8 (2t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>O), 126.5, 128.4, 128.9 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.6 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 138,4 (s, C=N); MS C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> 341 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **4b**: yield 33%; mp 120°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.38-2.21, 2.82-3.13 and 3.69-3.96 (9H, 3m, 4CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 2.76 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>), 2.89 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 6.17 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.21-7.43 and 7.60-7.82 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 23.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.5 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 31.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>), 51.7 (d, CH, 6-C), 54.2 (d, CH, 2-C), 57.1 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 126.3, 126.5, 128.3 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.5 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.0 (s, C=N); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> 339 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 4c: yield 42%; mp 140°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.75-2.08, 2.31-2.83 and 3.46-4.00 (6H, 3m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.10 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 2.86 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 4.49-4.68 (1H, m, CH, 2-H), 6.62 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.21-7.42 and 7.51-7.70 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 21.4 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.3 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 32.0 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 48.4 (d, CH, 6-C), 53.0 (d, CH, 2-C), 53.8 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 124.2, 127.4, 128.4 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 133.6 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.4 (s, C=N), 170.4 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 289 (M<sup>+</sup>).

*Compound* **4d**: yield 51%; mp 206;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  2.04 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 2.87 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 3.19-4.09 (7H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>and CH, 2-H buried), 6.80 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.30-7.34 and 7.52-7.57 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  22.1 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 32.7 (q,

CH<sub>3</sub>N), 45.8 (d, CH, 6-C), 53.3 (d, CH, 2-C), 55.7 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 67.5, 68.8 (2t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>O), 125.6, 128.4, 128.8 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.7 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 139.6 (s, C=N), 170.7 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 305 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calcd: C, 58.99; H, 6.27; N, 13.76; S, 10.50. Found: C, 58.76; H, 6.35; N, 13.91; S, 10.68.

Compound 4e: yield 56%; mp 122°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.37-1.98, 2.72-3.10 and 3.73-3.98 (9H, 3m, 4CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 2.03 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 2.87 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 6.72 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.21-7.38 and 7.47-7.62 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 22.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 24,0 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25,5 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31,2 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.7 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 46,7 (d, CH, 6-C), 54.0 (d, CH, 2-C), 57.0 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 125.3, 128.1, 128.2 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 137.1 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.8 (s, C=N), 170.4 (s, C=O); MS C  $_{16}$ H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 303 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 4f: yield 58%; mp 137°C;  $^1$ H NMR δ 2.99 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 3.23-4.09 (7H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 6.62 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.32-7.38 and 7.46-7.51 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 31.6 (qq, CH<sub>3</sub>N,  $^{4}$ J<sub>CF</sub> = 4.2 Hz), 47.7 (d, CH, 6-C), 53.0 (d, CH, 2-C), 55.7 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>, 67.6, 68.7 (2t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>O), 116.0 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $^{1}$ J<sub>CF</sub> = 288.0 Hz), 125.4, 128.7 129.3 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.0 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.4 (s, C=N), 157.0 (q, C=O,  $^{2}$ J<sub>CF</sub>= 36.6 Hz); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 359 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 4g: yield 52%; mp 143°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 2.79 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 3.11-4.19 (7H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 3.73 (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.40 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.22-7.43 and 7.49-7.61 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 31.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 49.4 (d, CH, 6-C), 53.3 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>O and d, CH, 2-C), 55.5 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 67.6, 68.9 (2t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>O), 125.7, 128.5, 128.7 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 137.0 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 138.9 (s, C=N), 156.3 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S 321 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **4h**: yield 49%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) 0.39; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.36-2.18, 2.77-3.15 and 3.31-3.85 (9H, 3m, 4CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 2.77 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 3.70 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.32 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.19-7.38 and 7.50-7.71 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 23.8 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.4 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.0 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.1 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 50.0 (d, CH, 6-C), 52.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 53.8 (d, CH, 2-C), 56.6 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 125.2, 127.9, 128.1 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.9 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.2 (s, C=N), 156.0 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 319 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 4i: yield 63%; mp 123°C;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.62-2.18, 2.41-2.63 and 3.50-3.97 (6H, 3m, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.82 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.46-4.75 (1H, m, CH, 2-H), 7.23-7.72 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR δ 21.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.9 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.4 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.5 (d, CH, 6-C), 53.2 (d, CH, 2-C), 53.7 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 124.6, 126.7, 127.6, 128.4, 128.5, 129.8 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 134.2, 135.8 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.6 (s, C=N), 171.3 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 351 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **4j**: yield 49%; mp 198°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  2.81 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.09-4.18 (7H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 6.92 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.01-7.68 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  33.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 46.4 (d, CH, 6-C), 54.0 (d, CH, 2-C), 56.0 (t,

NCH<sub>2</sub>), 67.7, 69.0 (2t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>O), 126.2, 126.9, 128.6, 129.1, 130.2 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 135.4, 137.0 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 140.7 (s, C=N), 171.6 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 334 (M<sup>+</sup> - SH). Anal. calcd: C, 65.37; H, 5.76, N; 11.43; S, 8.73. Found: C, 65.51; H, 5.61; N, 11.58; S, 8.88.

Compound **4k**: yield 67%; mp 113°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.52-2.12, 2.81-3.17 and 3.73-3.99 (9H, 3m, 4CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 2.78 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.87 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.12-7.70 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 24.1 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C), 25.6 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.1 (d, CH, 6-C), 54.7 (d, CH, 2-C), 57.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 125.9, 126.7, 128.3, 128.5, 129.9 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 135.6, 137.4 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 138.7 (s, C=N), 171.6 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 332 (M<sup>+</sup> - SH).

Compound 4I: yield 45%; mp 110°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.50-2.26, 3.70-3.91 and 4.49-4.68 (11H, 3m, 5CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H), 2.79 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>N), 6.90 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.13-7.71 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 25.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.3, 29.8 (2t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.5 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.8 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.7 (d, CH, 6-C), 57.0 (d, CH, 2-C), 58.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 125.2, 126.9, 127.6, 128.5, 128.6, 129.9 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 133.0, 136.0 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 138.2 (s, C=N), 171.5 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 4m: yield 38%; mp 163°C;  ${}^{1}H$  NMR  $\delta$  2.84 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.68 and 5,03 (2H, d and dd, J = 1.0 Hz and J = 12.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.88-7.80 (16H, m, 3C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> and CH, 6-H buried);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  34.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.8 (t, CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.4 (d, CH), 115.9, 122.3, 125.6, 126.9, 128.6, 129.3, 130.1 (9d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 135.5, 137.0, 146.5 (3s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.5 (s, C=N), 171.6 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 387 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 4n: yield 51%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) 0.44; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 0.73 and 1.34 (6H, 2d, J = 6.6 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 1.45-2.07, 2.91-3.04 and 3.81-3.87 (9H, 3m, 4CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 3.51-3.65 (1H, m, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.76 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.21 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.22-7.39 and 7.51-7.69 (5H, 2m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 20.9 (q, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 24.2 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.4 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.2 (d, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 51.1 (d, CH, 6-C), 52.5 (d, CH, 2-C), 53.6 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 57.0 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 126.0, 128.3 (3d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 136.3 (s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.8 (s, C=N), 156.2 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 347 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **4o**: yield 38%; mp 152°C;  ${}^{1}H$  NMR δ 0.83-0.86 and 1.18-1.29 (6H, 2m, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.52-4.10 (7H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 3.24-3.50 (1H, m, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 6.97 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.35 (10H, br.s, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  ${}^{13}C$  NMR δ 20.8 (q, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH, 50.6 (d, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 51.3 (d, CH, 6-C), 53.8 (d, CH, 2-C), 55.9 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 67.8, 69.1 (2t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>O), 126.2, 127.7, 128.3, 128.7, 129.8 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 130.4, 137.0 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 138.3 (s, C=N), 171.9 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 395 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **4p**: yield 53%; 135°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.83 and 1.56 (6H, 2d, J = 6.7 Hz, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 1.15-2.02, 2.93-3.07 and 3.73-3.81 (9H, 3m, 4CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H

buried), 3.66-3.72 (1H, m, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 7.06 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.37 (10H, br.s,  $2C_6H_5$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  20.6 (q, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 24.1 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.3 (d, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH), 51.0 (d, CH, 6-C), 54.4 (d, CH, 2-C), 57.1 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 126.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 129.5 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 126.9, 128.6 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.2 (s, C=N), 171.6 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 393 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 4q: yield 55%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) 0.42;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.97 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.97-4.54 (7H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 4.37 and 4.48 (2H, 2d, J = 14.2 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.21-7.53 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 22.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 46.8 (t, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.0 (d, CH, 6-C), 52.6 (d, CH, 2-C), 54.9 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 67.2, 68.2 (2t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>O), 125.3, 126.1, 127.6, 128.1, 128.2 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 133.2, 136.4 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.8 (s, C=N), 171.5 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 381 M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound **4r**: yield 48%; mp 155°C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  3.02-4.12 (7H, m, 3CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 3.77 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.60 and 4.79 (2H, 2d, J = 14.1 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.28 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.12-7.48 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  49.0 (t, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.0 (d, CH, 6-C), 52.8 (d, CH, 2-C), 53.6 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.1 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 67.7, 68.7 (2t, 2CH<sub>2</sub>O), 125.7, 127.6, 128.0, 128.6, 128.7 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 127.4, 128.9 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.7 (s, C=N), 156.7 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S 397 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Compound 4s: yield 48%; Rf (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) 0.46;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.18-1.86, 2.57-2.94 and 3.66-3.83 (9H, 3m, 4CH<sub>2</sub> and CH, 2-H buried), 3.77 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.65 and 4.83 (2H, 2d, J = 14.3 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.19 (1H, s, CH, 6-H), 7.10-7.62 (10H, m, 2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  21.1 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.8 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C), 25.6 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.6 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.7 (t, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.8 (d, CH, 6-C), 53.4 (d, CH, 2-C), 56.3 (t, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 125.2, 127.5, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5 (6d, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 128.7, 130.7 (2s, C<sub>arom</sub>), 137.7 (s, C=N), 156.6 (s, C=O); MS C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 395 (M<sup>+</sup>).

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