

Reactions of α -Halo Ketones with 5-Benzyl- and 5-Phenoxymethyl-2*H*,3*H*-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thiones

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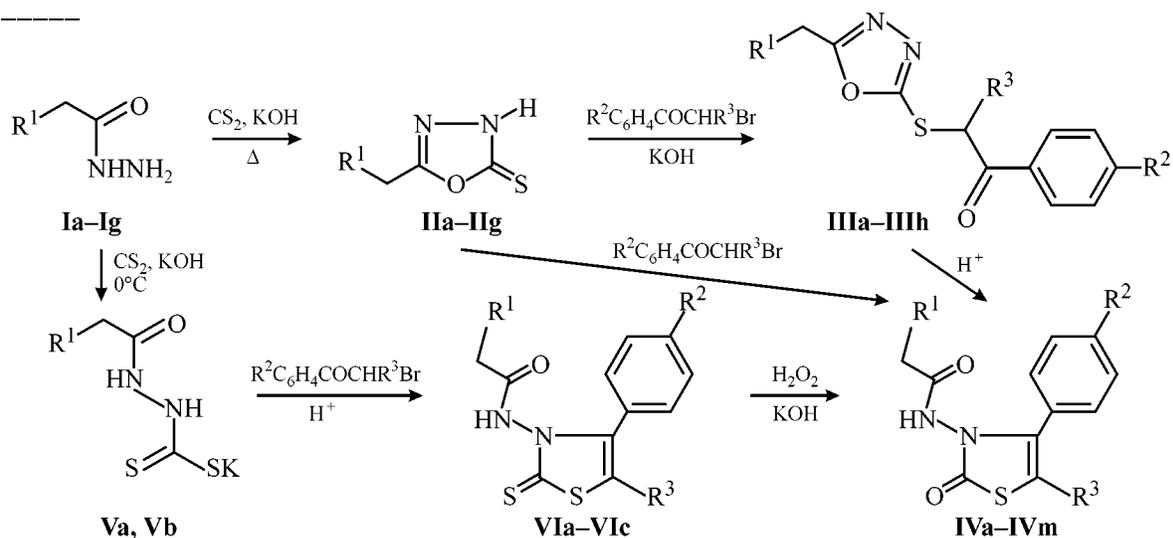
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Abstract—Alkylation of 5-substituted 2*H*,3*H*-1,3,4-oxadiazole-3-thiones with α -bromo ketones in alkaline solutions yields 5-substituted 2-arylmethylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazoles; in acidic solutions these compounds rearrange into 4-aryl-3-arylacetamido-2*H*,3*H*-1,3-thiazol-2-ones.

It is known that carboxylic acid hydrazides **I** react with CS₂ in alkaline solutions to give 5-*R*-2*H*,3*H*-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thiones **II**, which react with α -halo ketones in alkaline solutions to form the corresponding *S*-substituted compounds **III** [1–3]. We found that the reaction pathway and the structure of the products are largely influenced by pH, nature of the 5-substituent in the substrate, and temperature. For example, oxadiazoles **IIa–IIg**, when heated in alkaline solutions with α -phenacyl bromides, yield 5-substituted 2-arylmethylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazoles **IIIa–IIIh**, whereas in acidic solutions the rearrangement products, 4-aryl-3-arylacetamido-2*H*,3*H*-1,3-thiazol-2-ones **IVa–IVm**, were obtained.

The structures of the rearrangement products was proved by independent synthesis, and that of **IVb**, by single crystal X-ray diffraction. For example, reaction of potassium (*N*-phenylacetimidato)formodithioates **Va** and **Vb** with α -halo ketones yielded 4-aryl-3-arylacetamido-2*H*,3*H*-1,3-thiazole-2-thiones **VIa–VIc**. These compounds, as shown in [4, 5], when treated with hydrogen peroxide, transform into compounds **IVb**, **IVc**, and **IVf**. The ¹H NMR and IR spectra of the compounds obtained by different methods are identical. The yields, constants, elemental analyses, and IR and ¹H NMR spectra of **III**, **IV**, and **VI** are listed in Tables 1 and 2.



I, **II**, **V**, R¹ = C₆H₅ (**a**), 4-CH₃OC₆H₄ (**b**), 4-C₂H₅OC₆H₄ (**c**), 2,4-Cl₂C₆H₃O (**d**), 4-BrC₆H₄O (**e**), 4-CH₃OC₆H₄O (**f**), 5-phenyl-2*H*-1,2,3,4-tetrazolyl (**g**). **III**, R¹ = C₆H₅ (**a–d**), 4-CH₃OC₆H₄ (**e**, **f**), 4-C₂H₅OC₆H₄ (**g**), 2,4-Cl₂C₆H₃O (**h**); R² = F (**a**, **h**), Cl (**b**, **g**), Br (**c**, **f**), CH₃O (**d**), H (**e**); R³ = H (**a–h**). **IV**, R¹ = C₆H₅ (**a–d**, **i**), 4-CH₃OC₆H₄ (**e**, **f**), 4-C₂H₅OC₆H₄ (**g**), 2,4-Cl₂C₆H₃O (**h**, **j**), 4-BrC₆H₄O (**k**), 4-CH₃OC₆H₄O (**l**), 5-phenyl-2*H*-1,2,3,4-tetrazolyl (**m**); R² = F (**a**, **h**), Cl (**b**, **g**, **m**), Br (**c**, **f**, **k**, **l**), CH₃O (**d**), H (**e**, **i**); R³ = H (**a–e**, **h–m**), CH₃ (**g**). **VI**, R¹ = C₆H₅ (**a**, **b**), 4-CH₃OC₆H₄ (**c**); R² = Cl (**a**), Br (**b**, **c**); R³ = H (**a–c**).

Table 1. Yields, constants, and elemental analyses of heterocyclic compounds **IIIa–IIIh**, **IVa–IVm**, and **VIa–VIc**

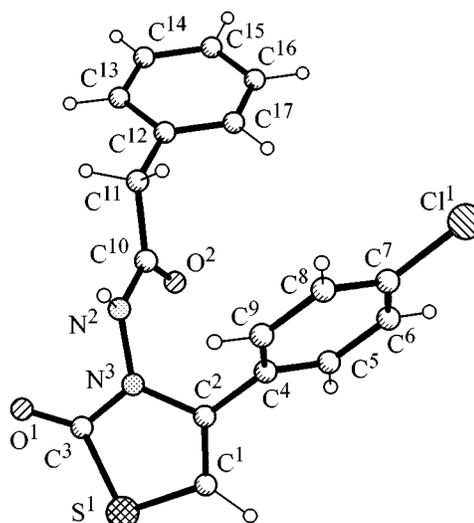
Comp. no.	Yield, % ^a	mp, °C	Found, %		Formula	Calculated, %	
			N	S		N	S
IIIa	78	124–125	8.43	9.68	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ FN ₂ O ₂ S	8.49	9.71
IIIb	69	106–107	8.09	9.26	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ O ₂ S	8.12	9.30
IIIc	74	120–121	7.15	8.22	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ BrN ₂ O ₂ S	7.20	8.24
III d	74	123–124	8.19	9.37	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃ S	8.23	9.42
III e	68	116–117	8.18	9.36	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃ S	8.23	9.42
III f	73	130–130.5	6.65	7.62	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ BrN ₂ O ₃ S	6.68	7.65
III g	70	98–99	7.17	8.21	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ ClN ₂ O ₃ S	7.20	8.24
III h	82	129–131	6.75	7.74	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ FN ₂ O ₃ S	6.78	7.76
IVa	78, 80	158–159	8.50	9.78	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ FN ₂ O ₂ S	8.53	9.76
IVb	80, 82, 72	220–221	8.08	9.34	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ O ₂ S	8.12	9.30
IVc	86, 85, 75	241–242	7.24	8.25	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ BrN ₂ O ₂ S	7.20	8.24
IVd	62, 70	176–177	8.18	9.40	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃ S	8.23	9.42
IVe	68, 76	143–144	8.21	9.43	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃ S	8.23	9.42
IVf	80, 85, 77	164–165	6.65	7.68	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ BrN ₂ O ₃ S	6.68	7.65
IVg	76, 79	149–150	7.24	8.29	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ ClN ₂ O ₃ S	7.20	8.24
IVh	78, 81	217–218	6.73	7.78	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ FN ₂ O ₃ S	6.78	7.76
IVi	79	185–186	8.59	9.91	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₂ S	8.64	9.88
IVj	82	241–242	5.73	6.63	C ₁₇ H ₁₂ Br ₂ N ₂ O ₃ S	5.79	6.62
IVk	85	227–228	5.87	6.72	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ BrCl ₂ N ₂ O ₃ S	5.91	6.76
IVl	82	212–213	6.45	7.39	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ BrN ₂ O ₄ S	6.44	7.37
IVm	75	214–215	20.44	7.72	C ₁₈ H ₁₃ ClN ₆ O ₂ S	20.38	7.77
VIa	62	209.5–211	7.71	17.84	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ OS ₂	7.76	17.82
VIb	74	228–229	6.90	15.87	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ BrN ₂ OS ₂	6.91	15.83
VIc	71	198–199	6.45	14.78	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ BrN ₂ O ₂ S ₂	6.43	14.75

^a Yields of compounds **IV** are given for synthesis procedures *a*, *b*, and *c*, respectively.

The structures of the synthesized compounds were proved by ¹H NMR and IR spectroscopy. For example, the IR spectra of compounds **III** contain characteristic absorption bands of the stretching vibrations $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ at 1670–1690 cm⁻¹ and $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ at 1590–1640 cm⁻¹. In the spectra of compounds **IV** and **VI** the NH stretching vibrations are observed at 2990–3030 and 3190–3240 cm⁻¹ (Table 2). The ¹H NMR spectra of oxadiazoles **III** contain, along with signals of the aromatic protons, also two-proton singlets of the methylene groups of the benzyl (δ 4.15–4.24 ppm) or phenoxyethyl (δ 4.95 ppm) fragment. The two-proton singlets of the methylene groups of the phenacyl residues are observed at δ 4.99–5.21 ppm, which suggests existence of these compounds in the open tautomeric form [6]. The ¹H NMR spectra of **IV** and **VI** contain a singlet of the methine proton of the thiazole ring at δ 6.58–7.31 ppm and an NH signal at δ 10.9–11.6 ppm (Table 2).

The structure of **IVb** was proved by single crystal X-ray diffraction. The general view of the molecule

is shown in the figure, and its selected geometric parameters are listed in Table 3.



General view of the molecule of 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylacetamido-2H,3H-1,3-thiazol-2-one (**IVb**).

Table 2. IR and ^1H NMR spectra of **IIIa–IIIh**, **IVa–IVm**, and **VIa–VIc**

Comp. no.	IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1}			^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm				
	$\nu(\text{CO})$	$\nu(\text{CN})$	$\nu(\text{NH})$	R^1CH_2	SCHR^3	NH	ArH, m	other signals
IIIa	1690	1640		4.24 s	5.05 s (2H)		7.29–8.11 (9H)	
IIIb	1670	1580		4.24 s	5.03 s (2H)		7.29–8.01 (9H)	
IIIc	1674	1610		4.24 s	5.04 s (2H)		7.31–7.96 (9H)	
III d	1678	1590		4.24 s	4.99 s (2H)		7.06–8.01 (9H)	3.86 s (3H, OCH_3)
IIIe	1672	1610		4.15 s	5.04 s (2H)		6.84–8.05 (9H)	3.73 s (3H, OCH_3)
III f	1670	1590		4.16 s	5.03 s (2H)		6.87–7.98 (8H)	3.73 s (3H, OCH_3)
III g	1670	1592		4.15 s	5.04 s (2H)		6.82–7.83 (8H)	3.95 q (2H, CH_2), 1.31 t (3H, CH_3)
III h	1678	1610		4.95 s	5.21 s (2H)		6.78–7.65 (7H)	
IVa	1690, 1710	1620	3020, 3192	3.48 s	6.58 s (1H)	11.1	7.04–7.38 (9H)	
IVb	1688, 1712	1620	3020, 3192	3.49 q	6.66 s (1H)	11.2	7.11–7.39 (9H)	
IVc	1680, 1705	1600	3020, 3190	3.48 q	6.66 s (1H)	11.2	7.03–7.55 (9H)	
IVd	1680, 1692	1610	3020, 3200	3.48 q	6.46 s (1H)	11.0	6.88–7.33 (9H)	3.78 s (3H, OCH_3)
IVe	1684, 1698	1620	3010, 3198	3.41 s	6.59 s (1H)	11.0	6.76–7.48 (9H)	3.72 s (3H, OCH_3)
IVf	1690, 1710	1618	3008, 3200	3.39 q	6.66 s (1H)	11.1	6.75–7.52 (8H)	3.73 s (3H, OCH_3)
IVg	1688, 1710	1640	2990, 3240	3.42 q	6.65 s (1H)	11.1	6.78–7.41 (8H)	3.98 q (2H, CH_2), 1.32 t (3H, CH_3)
IVh	1690, 1708	1620	3018, 3220	4.81 q	6.64 s (1H)	11.2	6.72–7.58 (7H)	
IVi	1690, 1710	1638	3030, 3200	3.38 q	2.05 s (3H)	10.9	6.92–7.45 (10H)	
IVj	1688, 1710	1620	3020, 3190	4.68 q	6.71 s (1H)	11.3	6.79–7.61 (8H)	
IVk	1694, 1710	1618	3020, 3240	4.80 q	6.70 s (1H)	11.2	6.72–7.65 (7H)	
IVl	1692, 1708	1620	3020, 3220	4.58 q	6.75 s (1H)	11.2	6.78–8.01 (8H)	3.71 s (3H, OCH_3)
IVm	1680, 1690	1610	3020, 3200	5.76 q	6.72 s (1H)	11.6	7.40–8.10 (9H)	
VIa	1690	1618	3020, 3200	3.42 q	7.14 s (1H)	11.6	7.14–7.40 (9H)	
VIb	1690	1620	3020, 3200	3.51 q	7.17 s (1H)	11.6	7.06–7.55 (9H)	
VIc	1690	1620	3020, 3198	3.39 q	7.31 s (1H)	11.6	6.78–7.82 (8H)	3.74 s (3H, OCH_3)

Table 3. Selected bond lengths (d , Å) and bond angles (ω , deg) in the molecule of **IVb**

Bond	d	Angle	ω	Bond	d	Angle	ω
$\text{C}^1\text{--C}^7$	1.729(6)	$\text{C}^1\text{S}^1\text{C}^3$	91.6(3)	$\text{N}^1\text{--C}^2$	1.410(6)	$\text{C}^1\text{C}^2\text{C}^4$	129.3(5)
$\text{S}^1\text{--C}^1$	1.727(6)	$\text{N}^2\text{N}^1\text{C}^3$	119.5(3)	$\text{N}^2\text{--C}^{10}$	1.333(6)	$\text{N}^1\text{C}^2\text{C}^4$	119.3(5)
$\text{S}^1\text{--C}^3$	1.770(7)	$\text{N}^2\text{N}^1\text{C}^2$	122.6(4)	$\text{C}^1\text{--C}^2$	1.319(7)	$\text{O}^1\text{C}^3\text{N}^1$	126.5(6)
$\text{O}^1\text{--C}^3$	1.194(6)	$\text{C}^3\text{N}^1\text{C}^2$	116.3(5)	$\text{C}^{10}\text{--C}^{11}$	1.493(7)	$\text{S}^1\text{C}^3\text{O}^1$	126.7(5)
$\text{O}^2\text{--C}^{10}$	1.224(5)	$\text{C}^{10}\text{N}^2\text{N}^1$	120.6(5)	$\text{C}^{11}\text{--C}^{12}$	1.481(8)	$\text{S}^1\text{C}^3\text{N}^1$	106.8(5)
$\text{N}^1\text{--N}^2$	1.375(6)	$\text{S}^1\text{C}^1\text{C}^2$	113.7(4)			$\text{O}^2\text{C}^{10}\text{N}^2$	120.2(5)
$\text{N}^1\text{--C}^3$	1.383(7)	$\text{N}^1\text{C}^2\text{C}^1$	111.4(5)			$\text{O}^2\text{C}^{10}\text{C}^{11}$	125.2(5)
						$\text{N}^2\text{C}^{10}\text{C}^{11}$	114.6(5)

The thiazoline ring $\text{S}^1\text{N}^1\text{C}^{1-3}$ is planar within 0.026(3) Å, and the O^1 , N^2 , and C^4 atoms deviate from this plane by 0.072(8), 0.183(7), and 0.044(8) Å, respectively. The geometry of this ring is usual. As in other thiazoline systems [7–9], in the molecule of **IVb** the $\text{S}^1\text{--C}^1$ bond [1.727(6) Å] is somewhat shorter than

the $\text{S}^1\text{--C}^3$ bond [1.770(7) Å], and the length of the formally ordinary $\text{N}^1\text{--C}^3$ bond [1.383(7) Å], owing to the $n(\text{N}^1)\text{--}\pi^*(\text{C}^3=\text{O}^1)$ conjugation, is noticeably smaller than the common values for $\text{N}(sp^2)\text{--C}(sp^2)$ bonds (1.43–1.45 Å) [10, 11]. Similarly, the $n(\text{N}^2)\text{--}\pi^*(\text{C}^{10}=\text{O}^2)$ conjugation results in shorten-

ing of the N^2-C^{10} bond to 1.333(6) Å. The N^1 and N^2 atoms have a practically trigonal planar configuration, with the bond angle sums amounting to 358.4° and 358.6°, respectively. Owing to steric interactions, the benzene ring C^{4-9} is turned by 55.0° relative to the thiazoline ring plane. The $N^1N^2C^{10}H^{2N}$ is almost orthogonal to the thiazoline ring (the corresponding dihedral angle is 81.6°), which may be due not only to steric interactions, but also to repulsion between the lone electron pairs of the N^1 and N^2 atoms. In the crystal of **IVb**, the molecules are linked in infinite chains by fairly strong [12, 13] intermolecular hydrogen bonds $N^2-H^{2N}\cdots O^2$. The main geometric parameters of these hydrogen bonds are as follows: $N^2\cdots O^2$ 2.766(5), N^2-H^{2N} 0.76(4), $H^{2N}\cdots O^2$ 2.035(4) Å; $N^2H^{2N}O^2$ angle 165.6(3)°.

EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra of **III**, **IV**, and **VI** (KBr pellets) were taken on a UR-20 spectrophotometer. The 1H NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker-300 spectrometer with a working frequency of 300 MHz (solutions in $DMSO-d_6$, internal reference TMS). The mass spectra were recorded on a Varian MAT-311A spectrometer.

Single crystal X-ray diffraction study of IVb was performed at room temperature on an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 automatic four-circle diffractometer (MoK_{α} radiation, graphite monochromator, scanning rate ratio $\omega/2\theta$ 1.2, θ_{max} 22°, sphere segment $0 \leq h \leq 15$, $0 \leq k \leq 12$, $-10 \leq l \leq 10$). The unit cell parameters and the orientation matrix of the crystal of **IVb** ($0.2 \times 0.3 \times 0.55$ mm) were determined from 22 reflections with $12^\circ < \theta < 13^\circ$. A total of 2082 reflections were measured, including 1991 unique reflections (averaging R factor 0.029). Crystal data: monoclinic, a 14.557(3), b 11.759(2), c 9.690(2) Å; β 100.48(3)°, V 1631.0(6) Å³, Z 4, d_{calc} 1.40 g cm⁻³, μ 0.372 mm⁻¹, $F(000)$ 712, space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14). The structure was solved by the direct method and refined by full-matrix least-squares in the anisotropic approximation using the SHELXS and SHELXL 93 programs [14, 15]. In the refinement we used 1267 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ {212 refined parameters, 5.98 reflections per parameter, weight scheme $\omega = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0684P)^2 + 0.2635P]$, $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$, ratio of the maximal/average shift to the error in the last cycle 0.024/0.002}. Correction was made for anomalous scattering; corrections for absorption were not introduced. All hydrogen atoms were revealed and refined with fixed positional and thermal parameters $U_{iso} = 0.08$ Å² (except the H^{2N} atom involved in

Table 4. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and their equivalent isotropic thermal parameters U_{eq} (Å² $\times 10^3$) in the molecule of **IVb**

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	U_{eq}
Cl ¹	1644(2)	7331(1)	3937(2)	110(1)
S ¹	786(1)	194(1)	3695(2)	68(1)
O ¹	2545(3)	-240(3)	3460(4)	72(1)
O ²	3134(2)	2280(3)	5860(4)	61(1)
N ¹	2061(3)	1624(4)	3478(4)	44(1)
N ²	2939(3)	2081(4)	3550(5)	47(1)
C ¹	563(4)	1632(5)	3789(6)	60(2)
C ²	1284(4)	2281(5)	3668(5)	47(1)
C ³	1958(5)	456(5)	3530(5)	54(2)
C ⁴	1363(4)	3524(4)	3715(6)	47(1)
C ⁵	1138(4)	4120(5)	4839(6)	61(2)
C ⁶	1226(5)	5290(5)	4923(7)	72(2)
C ⁷	1527(4)	5868(5)	3856(7)	66(2)
C ⁸	1734(4)	5288(5)	2707(7)	68(2)
C ⁹	1656(4)	4129(5)	2642(6)	55(2)
C ¹⁰	3424(4)	2447(4)	4769(5)	44(1)
C ¹¹	4294(4)	3085(6)	4653(6)	74(2)
C ¹²	4844(5)	3487(7)	6003(7)	75(2)
C ¹³	5658(6)	2955(9)	6576(9)	108(3)
C ¹⁴	6152(7)	3329(14)	7816(13)	172(6)
C ¹⁵	5866(12)	4245(17)	8474(14)	198(12)
C ¹⁶	5070(12)	4742(11)	7920(12)	170(7)
C ¹⁷	4557(7)	4371(7)	6685(8)	103(3)
H ^{2N}	3087(24)	2249(29)	2868(41)	1(11)

a chain of hydrogen bonds and refined isotropically). The structure was refined to $R1(F)$ 0.0618 and $R_w(F^2)$ 0.1360, GOF 1.087. The residual electron density from the differential Fourier series was 0.20 and -0.23 e/Å³. The atomic coordinates are listed in Table 4.

5-Substituted 2-arylmethylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazoles IIIa–IIIh. A solution of 10 mmol of α -halo ketone in 20 ml of ethanol was added to a solution of 10 mmol of oxadiazole **IIa–IIg** in 40 ml of aqueous ethanol, containing 10 mmol of KOH. The mixture was allowed to stand for 10–15 h at room temperature, after which 50–60 ml of water was added, and the colorless precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized from ethanol.

4-Aryl-3-arylacetamido-2H,3H-1,3-thiazol-2-ones IVa–IVm. *a.* A mixture of 10 mmol of 2H,3H-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thione **Ia–Ig** and 10 mmol of α -halo ketone in 20–30 ml of 2-propanol was refluxed for 2–3 h, cooled, and filtered; the colorless precipitate was recrystallized from ethanol.

b. A solution of 10 mmol of 5-substituted 2-arylmethylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazole **IIa–IIIh** in 40 ml of ethanol was refluxed for 1 h with 5 ml of concd. HCl, cooled, and filtered; the precipitate was recrystallized.

c. A 10-mmol portion of 4-aryl-3-arylacetylamido-2H,3H-1,3-thiazole-2-thione **VIa–VIc** was dissolved in 30 ml of 2 N aqueous NaOH, and 13 ml of 20% aqueous hydrogen peroxide was added with cooling on a water–ice bath. The mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 10 h and neutralized with 2 N HCl. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized.

4-Aryl-3-arylacetylamido-2H,3H-1,3-thiazole-2-thiones VIa–VIc. A solution of 1.12 g of KOH in 10 ml of water and 20 mmol of CS₂ were added at 0–5°C to a solution of 20 mmol of phenylacetic (**Ia**) or phenoxyacetic (**Ib**) acid hydrazide in 50 ml of methanol. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at 5°C, after which a solution of 20 mmol of α-halo ketone in 25 ml of methanol was added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stand for 10 h at room temperature. Then 5 ml of concentrated HCl was added, the mixture was refluxed for 1 h, and, after cooling, the colorless precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol or glacial acetic acid.

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