

## 2-ACYLTHIOACETAMIDES IN THE BIGINELLI REACTION

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*We have demonstrated for the first time a Biginelli reaction of 2-acylthioacetamides with aromatic aldehydes and ureas or thioureas, leading to  $N\text{-Ar}^1\text{-4-Ar}^2\text{-6-R}^1\text{-1-R}^2\text{-2-oxo(thioxo)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamides}$ . The regioselectivity of this process matched the concept of hard/soft Lewis acids and bases. It was established that nitrous acid or other oxidants converted the synthesized compounds into  $N\text{-Ar}^1\text{-4-Ar}^2\text{-6-R}^1\text{-1-R}^2\text{-2-oxo(thioxo)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamides}$ , and not the expected  $4\text{-Ar}^2\text{-6-R}^1\text{-1-R}^2\text{-5-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ones(thiones)}$ .*

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2-Acylthioacetamides are known as polyfunctional reagents useful as starting materials for the synthesis of various nitrogen- or sulfur-containing compounds [1]. Nevertheless, multicomponent reactions of 2-acylthioacetamides remain little known. Some examples are known of one-pot condensation between 2-acylthioacetamide and nitriles or aldehydes with activated methylene groups [2, 3], or with Meldrum's acid and aldehydes [4], leading to 1,4-dihydropyridines or 1,5-dihydro-4*H*-thiochromeno[2,3-*b*]pyridin-5-ones, respectively. However, the heterocyclization of 2-acylthioacetamides with aldehydes and ureas/thioureas (the Biginelli reaction) so far has not been investigated.

The Biginelli reaction is a general method for the synthesis of 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-ones with antiviral, antitumor, antihypertensive, antimalarial, and antituberculosis properties [5, 6]. This work is aimed at introducing 2-acylthioacetamides in the Biginelli reaction and investigating the regioselectivity in such reactions.

We established that the 2-acylthioacetamides **1a-d** reacted with the aldehydes **2a-f** and the ureas/thioureas **3a-c** in the presence of boric acid as a catalyst. The synthesis was performed in acetic acid at 100-110°C. The reaction did not proceed in the absence of boric acid. Using propionic acid instead of acetic acid and increasing the reaction mixture temperature to 130-135°C had essentially no impact on the product yield.

The reaction was selective and produced  $N\text{-Ar}^1\text{-4-Ar}^2\text{-6-R}^1\text{-1-R}^2\text{-2-oxo(thioxo)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamides}$  **4a-m** in 53-72% yields. The potential reaction products **5a-m** were not observed. Electron-donating substituents in the phenyl rings of the starting materials slightly improved the yields of the

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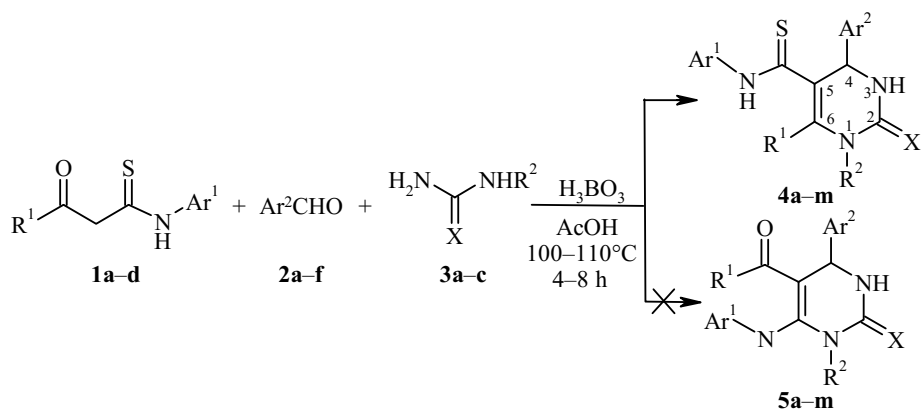
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expected products (70-72%), compared to electron-withdrawing substituents (51-58%). The reaction with unsymmetrical *N*-methylthiourea (**3c**) was selective and produced 1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-2-thione **4k**.

2-Acylthioacetamides played the role of 1,2-reactive bifunctional reagents in this [2+1+3]-cyclocondensation reaction.

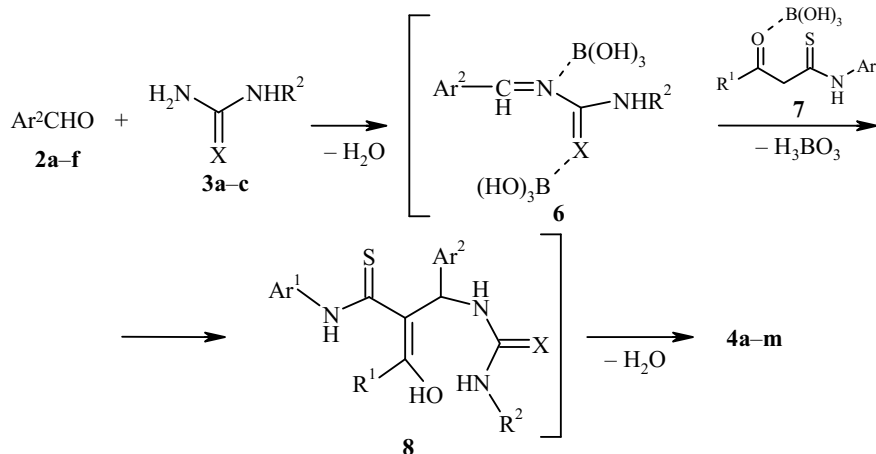
It should be pointed out that the heterocyclization reactions occurred at the carbonyl group, not the thiocarbonyl group of the starting 2-acylthioacetamides **1a-d**. Since the carbonyl group has a lower polarizability and smaller size than the thiocarbonyl group, and amino group is a hard nucleophile, the regioselectivity of this reaction was in agreement with the hard-soft acid-base theory.



**1a,d, 4a,d-m, 5a,d-m** Ar<sup>1</sup> = Ph; **1b, 4b, 5b** Ar<sup>1</sup> = 4-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **1c, 4c, 5c** Ar<sup>1</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
**2a, 4a-c,h,i, 5a-c,h,i** Ar<sup>2</sup> = Ph; **2b, 4e,k,l, 5e,k,l** Ar<sup>2</sup> = 4-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
**2c, 4f,m, 5f,m** Ar<sup>2</sup> = 3-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **2d, 4d, 5d** Ar<sup>2</sup> = 4-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **2e, 4j, 5j** Ar<sup>2</sup> = 2-thienyl;  
**2f, 4g, 5g** Ar<sup>2</sup> = 2-furyl; **1a-c, 4a-g,i-m, 5a-g,i-m** R<sup>1</sup> = Me; **1d, 4h, 5h** R<sup>1</sup> = Ph;  
**3a,b, 4a-j,l,m, 5a-j,l,m** R<sup>2</sup> = H; **3c, 4k, 5k** R<sup>2</sup> = Me  
**3a, 4, 5 a-h** X = O; **3b,c, 4, 5 i-m** X = S

According to review articles [5, 6], a Biginelli reaction in acidic medium probably involves azomethine intermediates, formed from aldehyde and urea/thiourea. It has been proposed [7] that boric acid with azomethine and the 2-acylthioacetamide **1a-d** formed reactive adducts **6** and **7**, having highly electrophilic carbon atoms in the C=N and C=O groups, respectively.

The reaction of the adducts **6** and **7** apparently led to the intermediate **8**, which underwent intramolecular cyclization accompanied by elimination of water and formation of the tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ones(thiones) **4a-m**.

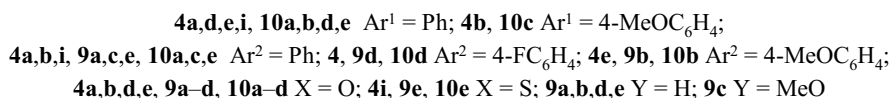
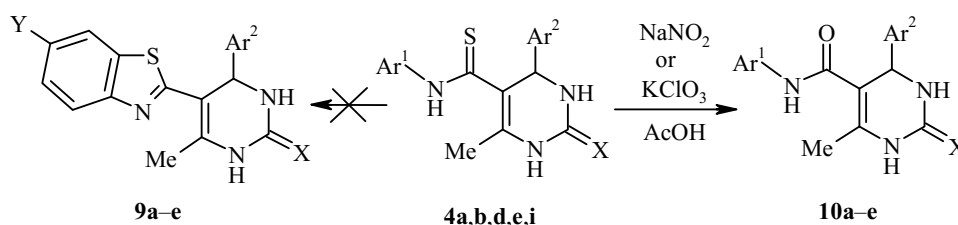


We have previously demonstrated that interaction of 2-acylthioacetamides with nitrous acid induced a cyclization of the *N*-arylthioamide moiety to a benzothiazole [8]. A further research suggested that the 1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ones **4** could be oxidized to the 5-(benzothiazol-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ones **9**.

However, data from the literature indicated that oxidation reactions of *N*-arylthioamides may proceed as heterocyclizations to 1,2,4-thiadiazoles [9] and benzothiazoles [10-12], and/or as desulfurization and conversion to amides [11-15]. The oxidants were nitrous acid [8, 9, 13], palladium chloride with atmospheric oxygen [10], phenyliodonium bis(trifluoroacetate) [11, 12], *N*-nitrosopiperidine and *N*-methyl-*N*-nitrosoaniline [14], ceric ammonium nitrate [12], and silver carbonate [15]. Other researchers have previously suggested that such reactions occur through a nitrosonium cation intermediate [13, 14], and by a radical cation mechanism [11, 12].

We should note that even with the same reagent (nitrous acid [8, 9, 13], phenyliodonium bis(trifluoroacetate) [11, 12]) the reactions can yield not only the heterocyclization products, but also products from the thioamide group oxidation to an amide group. The substrate structure is likely a major factor affecting these reactions.

We used the NaNO<sub>2</sub>/AcOH and KClO<sub>3</sub>/AcOH systems as oxidants. However, the attempt to convert the *N*-arylthioamide group of compounds **4a,b,d,e,i** into a benzothiazole system failed to close the ring and resulted in oxidation of the thioamide to an amide group. The reaction products in all cases were *N*-aryl-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamides **10a-e** in 40-48% yields.



The structures of the synthesized compounds were confirmed by IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy, and the composition was determined by elemental analysis.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds **4a-m, 10a-e** exhibited signals of all the structural fragments that contained protons. The characteristic signals were those of the 6-methyl group protons (1.89-2.10 ppm), 4-CH protons (5.35-6.00 ppm), 1-NH (8.58-8.82 ppm for the tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ones **4a-h, 10a-d** and 9.88-10.14 ppm for the tetrahydropyrimidine-2-thiones **4i-m, 10e**), 3-NH (7.48-9.46 ppm), NHCS (10.57-11.46 ppm), and NHCO (9.35-9.67 ppm). The vicinal 3-NH and 4-CH proton signals were typically present as broad singlets, probably due to the rapid deuterium exchange at the nitrogen atom. The most informative <sup>13</sup>C NMR signals of compounds **4a,d,e,i,h** and **10a,e** were those of the carbonyl groups (NHCONH (152.5-163.1 ppm), NHCO (164.9-165.2 ppm)) and the thiocarbonyl groups (NHCS (194.7-195.4 ppm), NHCSNH (173.4-174.0 ppm)).

The IR spectra of the compounds **4a-m, 10a-e** contained absorption bands of NH groups (3350-3200 cm<sup>-1</sup>), aromatic CH (3100-2950 cm<sup>-1</sup>), and carbonyl groups (1660-1690 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

Compounds **10** were also obtained in 27-82% yields by the condensation of acetoacetanilides with aldehydes and ureas [16]. We should note that this reaction required forcing conditions when no catalysts were used: a mixture of the starting materials was fused at the temperature range from 120°C to 150°C. Our reported method presents an alternative, which may be used depending on the availability of the starting acetoacetanilides and 2-acylthioacetamides.

Thus, we have demonstrated for the first time a Biginelli reaction with 2-acylthioacetamides. It was established that the reaction occurred between the hard reaction centers according to the hard-soft acid-base

theory. *N*-Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-Ar<sup>2</sup>-6-R<sup>1</sup>-1-R<sup>2</sup>-2-oxo(thioxo)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamides were synthesized and characterized, and the structure was confirmed by spectroscopy. The attempts at oxidation of these compounds with NaNO<sub>2</sub>/AcOH or KClO<sub>3</sub>/AcOH systems resulted in desulfurization and produced the respective carboxamides.

## EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra of compounds were acquired on a Vertex 70 spectrometer in KBr pellets. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were acquired on a Varian GEMINI 2000 instrument (400 and 100 MHz, respectively) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, with TMS as internal standard. Elemental analysis was performed on a Carlo Erba elemental analyzer. The melting points were determined with a PTP-1 apparatus. The 2-acylthioacetamides **1a-d** were synthesized by a literature method [17].

**Preparation of *N*-Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-Ar<sup>2</sup>-6-R<sup>1</sup>-1-R<sup>2</sup>-2-Oxo(thioxo)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamides **4a-m** (General Method).** A solution of 2-thioacetamide **1a-d** (1.0 mmol), aldehyde **2a-f** (1.0 mmol), urea or thiourea **3a-c** (1.0 mmol), and boric acid (0.2 mmol) in acetic acid (2-3 ml) was heated for 4-8 h at 100-110°C. A crystalline precipitate of the tetrahydropyrimidine **4a-m** formed upon cooling. In cases when there was no precipitation, the reaction mixture was poured into aqueous NaCl solution. The precipitate was filtered off, dried, and purified by crystallization.

**6-Methyl-2-oxo-*N*,4-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (**4a**).** Yield 65%; mp 235-237°C (PhCN). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3200-2950, 1675 (C=O), 1495, 1445, 1365, 1305. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.91 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 5.72 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 7.17-7.58 (11H, m, H Ph, 3-NH); 8.62 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.06 (1H, s, NHCS). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 16.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 57.8 (C-4); 113.4, 123.6, 125.9, 126.2, 127.1, 128.2, 128.3, 131.7 (C Ph); 139.2 (C-5); 143.7 (C-6); 152.5 (C=O); 195.2 (C=S). Found, %: C 66.90; H 5.27; N 12.69; S 10.15. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS. Calculated, %: C 66.85; H 5.30; N 12.99; S 9.91.

***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (**4b**).** Yield 70%; mp 179-182°C (MeNO<sub>2</sub>). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3200, 3100, 2950, 1680 (C=O), 1513, 1436, 1372, 1299. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.90 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 3.73 (3H, s, 4-CH<sub>3</sub>O); 5.71 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.85 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1, H Ar); 7.23-7.41 (7H, m, H Ph, 3-NH); 7.47 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1, H Ar); 8.58 (1H, s, 1-NH); 10.94 (1H, s, NHCS). Found, %: C 64.61; H 5.55; N 12.18; S 9.36. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S. Calculated, %: C 64.57; H 5.42; N 11.89; S 9.07.

**6-Methyl-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (**4c**).** Yield 55%; mp 238-240°C (PhCN). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3345, 3230, 3090, 2930, 1690 (C=O), 1615, 1600, 1525, 1500, 1462, 1431. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.97 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 5.71 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 7.25-7.35 (5H, m, H Ph); 7.56 (1H, s, 3-NH); 7.80 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4, H Ar); 8.20 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4, H Ar); 8.81 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.40 (1H, s, NHCS). Found, %: C 58.74; H 4.27; N 14.97; 8.48. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S. Calculated, %: C 58.68; H 4.38; N 15.21; S 8.70.

**4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (**4d**).** Yield 64%; mp 162-165°C (EtOH). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3200, 3100, 2950, 1660 (C=O), 1510, 1446, 1365, 1307. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.93 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 5.70 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 7.11-7.43 (8H, m, H Ar, 3-NH); 7.54-7.62 (2H, m, H Ar); 8.64 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.06 (1H, s, NHCS). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 16.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 57.2 (C-4); 113.3, 115.0, 115.3, 123.6, 126.0, 128.3, 128.5, 132.0 (C Ar); 139.6 (C-5); 152.4 (C-6); 162.4 (C=O); 195.2 (C=S). Found, %: C 63.44; H 4.87; N 12.04; S 9.25. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>OS. Calculated, %: C 63.32; H 4.72; N 12.31; S 9.39.

**4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (**4e**).** Yield 72%; mp 184-185°C (MeNO<sub>2</sub>). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3200, 3100, 2950, 1660 (C=O), 1610, 1555, 1510, 1445. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.91 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 5.66 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.88 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2, H Ar); 7.23-7.40 (6H, m, H Ph, 3-NH); 7.59 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2, H Ar); 8.60 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.06 (1H, s, NHCS).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 16.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); 54.9 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ); 57.3 (C-4); 113.3, 123.5, 123.7, 125.7, 127.5, 128.4, 131.6, 135.8 (C Ar); 139.2 (C-5); 152.4 (C-6); 158.0 (C=O); 195.4 (C=S). Found, %: C 64.63; H 5.58; N 12.13; S 8.80.  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ . Calculated, %: C 64.57; H 5.42; N 11.89; S 9.07.

**6-Methyl-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (4f).** Yield 51%; mp 170-172°C (EtOH). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350, 3200, 3100, 2950, 1670 (C=O), 1600, 1525, 1495, 1465.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.97 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 5.77 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 7.17-7.22 (1H, m, H Ar); 7.31-7.36 (2H, m, H Ar); 7.51-7.83 (5H, m, H Ar, 3-NH); 8.12-8.17 (2H, m, H Ph); 8.82 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.17 (1H, s, NHCS). Found, %: C 58.79; H 4.10; N 14.95; S 8.98.  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ . Calculated, %: C 58.68; H 4.38; N 15.21; S 8.70.

**4-(2-Furyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-N-phenylthiocarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (4g).** Yield 53%; mp 145-147°C (EtOH). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3200, 3100, 2955, 1670 (C=O), 1600, 1510, 1445, 1365.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm ( $J$ , Hz): 1.89 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 5.76 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.25-6.29 (1H, m, H Ar); 6.37 (1H, d,  $J = 4.0$ , H Ar); 7.17-7.23 (1H, m, H Ph); 7.32-7.38 (2H, m, H Ar); 7.55-7.63 (4H, m, H Ar, 3-NH); 8.73 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.20 (1H, s, NHCS). Found, %: C 61.57; H 5.09; N 13.22; S 10.46.  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ . Calculated, %: C 61.32; H 4.82; N 13.41; S 10.23.

**2-Oxo-N,4,6-triphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (4h).** Yield 60%; mp 232-234°C (EtOH). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350, 3300, 3100, 3000, 1680 (C=O), 1595, 1530, 1490, 1460, 1430.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 5.68 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 7.05-7.63 (16H, m, H Ph, 3-NH); 8.78 (1H, s, 1-NH); 10.57 (1H, s, NHCS).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 58.2 (C-4); 123.4, 124.2, 125.6, 126.2, 126.5, 127.1, 127.5, 128.1, 128.6, 129.3, 130.0, 133.9 (C Ph); 143.1 (C-5); 152.8 (C-6); 163.1 (C=O); 195.0 (C=S). Found, %: C 71.73; H 5.23; N 11.04; S 8.12.  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ . Calculated, %: C 71.66; H 4.97; N 10.90; S 8.32.

**6-Methyl-N,4-diphenyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (4i).** Yield 70%; mp 251-253°C (PhCN). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350, 3200-3000, 2950, 1560, 1490, 1440, 1345.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.97 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 5.71 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 7.25-7.55 (8H, m, H Ph); 7.57-7.63 (2H, m, H Ph); 9.26 (1H, s, 3-NH); 9.91 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.21 (1H, s, NHCS).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 16.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); 58.1 (C-4); 114.8, 123.4, 124.2, 125.9, 126.4, 126.9, 127.5, 128.9 (C Ph); 138.6 (C-5); 142.4 (C-6); 173.4 (C=S); 194.7 (C=S). Found, %: C 63.89; H 4.88; N 12.25; S 19.17.  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{S}_2$ . Calculated, %: C 63.68; H 5.05; N 12.38; S 18.89.

**6-Methyl-N-phenyl-4-(2-thienyl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (4j).** Yield 68%; mp 220-222°C ( $\text{MeNO}_2$ ). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3350, 3150, 2955, 1580, 1554, 1480, 1440.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.99 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 6.00 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.95-6.99 (2H, m, H Ar); 7.18-7.23 (1H, m, H Ar); 7.35-7.45 (3H, m, H Ar); 7.60-7.64 (2H, m, H Ph); 9.46 (1H, s, 3-NH); 10.05 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.32 (1H, s, NHCS). Found, %: C 55.38; H 4.55; N 12.26; S 28.12.  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{S}_3$ . Calculated, %: C 55.62; H 4.38; N 12.16; S 27.84.

**4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,6-dimethyl-N-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (4k).** Yield 60%; mp 225-227°C ( $\text{MeNO}_2$ ). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3180, 3030, 2900, 1605, 1535, 1509, 1450, 1370.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm ( $J$ , Hz): 2.10 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.47 (3H, s,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ); 3.73 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ ); 5.56 (1H, d,  $J = 3.0$ , 4-CH); 6.88 (2H, d,  $J = 8.1$ , H Ar); 7.18-7.22 (3H, m, H Ph); 7.34-7.40 (2H, m, H Ph); 7.69 (2H, d,  $J = 8.1$ , H Ar); 9.37 (1H, d,  $J = 3.0$ , 3-NH); 11.46 (1H, s, NHCS). Found, %: C 62.90; H 5.34; N 11.23; S 16.49.  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{OS}_2$ . Calculated, %: C 62.63; H 5.52; N 10.96; S 16.72.

**4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-N-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (4l).** Yield 73%; mp 170-172°C ( $\text{MeNO}_2$ ). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3300, 3170, 2970, 1595, 1565, 1522, 1472, 1440.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm ( $J$ , Hz): 1.97 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.73 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ ); 5.64 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.90 (2H, d,  $J = 8.3$ , H Ar); 7.18-7.25 (3H, m, H Ph); 7.30-7.37 (2H, m, H Ph); 7.60 (2H, d,  $J = 8.3$ , H Ar); 9.21 (1H, s, 3-NH); 9.88 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.21 (1H, s, NHCS). Found, %: C 62.02; H 5.35; N 11.55; S 17.08.  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{OS}_2$ . Calculated, %: C 61.76; H 5.18; N 11.37; S 17.36.

**6-Methyl-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-*N*-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbothioamide (4m).** Yield 58%; mp 185-188°C (MeNO<sub>2</sub>). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3300, 3170, 2975, 1563, 1525, 1475, 1440, 1350. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 2.02 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 5.77 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 7.18-7.22 (1H, m, H Ar); 7.32-7.37 (2H, m, H Ar); 7.57-7.72 (4H, m, H Ar); 8.10-8.17 (2H, m, H Ph); 9.44 (1H, s, 3-NH); 10.14 (1H, s, 1-NH); 11.33 (1H, s, NHCS). Found, %: C 56.50; H 4.38; N 14.73; S 16.94. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 56.23; H 4.19; N 14.57; S 16.68.

**Preparation of *N*-Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-Ar<sup>2</sup>-6-R<sup>1</sup>-1-R<sup>2</sup>-2-Oxo(thioxo)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamides 10a-e** (the method by nitrous acid oxidation). A suspension of tetrahydropyrimidine **4a,b,e,d,i** (1.0 mmol) and NaNO<sub>2</sub> (172.5 mg, 2.5 mmol) in acetic acid (3 ml) was stirred for 8 h at 5°C and poured into 50 ml of cold water. The precipitate of tetrahydropyrimidine **10a-e** was filtered off, dried, and purified by crystallization.

**Preparation of *N*-Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-Ar<sup>2</sup>-6-R<sup>1</sup>-1-R<sup>2</sup>-2-Oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamides 10a,c** (the method by potassium chlorate oxidation). A solution of tetrahydropyrimidine **4a,b** (3 mmol) and KClO<sub>3</sub> (122.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) in acetic acid (5 ml) was stirred for 2 h at 30-40°C, cooled, and poured into 50 ml of cold water. The precipitate of tetrahydropyrimidine **10a,c** was filtered off, dried, and purified by crystallization.

**6-Methyl-2-oxo-*N*,4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10a).** Yield 48%; mp 240-243°C (PhCN) (246-248°C (EtOH) [16]). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3230, 3100, 2980, 1675 (C=O), 1620, 1595, 1520, 1440. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 2.04 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 5.40 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.95-7.02 (1H, m, H Ph); 7.18-7.29 (7H, m, H Ph, 3-NH); 7.50 (3H, m, H Ph); 8.63 (1H, s, 1-NH); 9.47 (1H, s, NHCO). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 17.1 (Me); 55.0 (C-4); 105.4, 119.5, 123.0, 126.1, 127.2, 128.4, 128.6, 138.4 (C Ph); 139.1 (C-5); 144.2 (C-6); 152.6 (C-2); 165.2 (NHCO). Found, %: C 70.37; H 5.29; N 13.90. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 70.34; H 5.58; N 13.67.

**4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10b).** Yield 45%; mp 222-223°C (PhCN). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3240, 3100, 2950, 1675 (C=O), 1625, 1600, 1510, 1450. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 2.04 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 3.71 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O); 5.35 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.86 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4, H Ar); 6.94-7.00 (2H, m, H Ph); 7.18-7.24 (3H, m, H Ph); 7.40 (1H, s, 3-NH); 7.53 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4, H Ar); 8.62 (1H, s, 1-NH); 9.45 (1H, s, NHCO). Found, %: C 67.40; H 5.39; N 12.72. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated, %: C 67.64; H 5.68; N 12.46.

***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10c).** Yield 42%; mp 229-230°C (PhCN). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3250, 3100, 2950, 1680 (C=O), 1670 (C=O), 1620, 1515, 1465, 1410. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 2.03 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 3.69 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O); 5.37 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.78 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0, H Ar); 7.27-7.33 (5H, m, H Ph); 7.42 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0, H Ar); 7.48 (1H, s, 3-NH); 8.59 (1H, s, 1-NH); 9.35 (1H, s, NHCO). Found, %: C 67.90; H 5.95; N 12.45. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated, %: C 67.64; H 5.68; N 12.46.

**4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-*N*-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10d).** Yield 41%; mp 190-193°C (MeNO<sub>2</sub>). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3280, 3100, 2950, 1670 (C=O), 1630, 1600, 1505, 1440. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 2.05 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 5.39 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.96-7.02 (1H, m, H Ph); 7.08-7.12 (2H, m, H Ar); 7.20-7.24 (2H, m, H Ar); 7.30-7.35 (2H, m, H Ar); 7.49-7.56 (3H, m, H Ar, 3-NH); 8.68 (1H, s, 1-NH); 9.49 (1H, s, NHCO). Found, %: C 66.47; H 5.24; N 13.05. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 66.45; H 4.96; N 12.92.

**6-Methyl-*N*,4-diphenyl-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10e).** Yield 40%; mp 160-162°C (MeNO<sub>2</sub>). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3270, 3100, 3000, 1675 (C=O), 1630, 1595, 1525, 1490, 1440. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 2.07 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>); 5.40 (1H, br. s, 4-CH); 6.93-7.03 (1H, m, H Ph); 7.25-7.35 (6H, m, H Ph); 7.50-7.54 (3H, m, H Ph); 9.35 (1H, s, 3-NH); 9.67 (1H, s, NHCO); 9.91 (1H, s, 1-NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 16.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 55.2 (C-4); 120.2, 123.2, 124.0, 125.5, 126.6, 127.3, 129.0, 134.7 (C Ph); 139.3 (C-5); 142.9 (C-6); 164.9 (C=O); 174.0 (C=S). Found, %: C 66.93; H 5.40; N 13.90; S 10.07. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS. Calculated, %: C 66.85; H 5.30; N 12.99; S 9.91.

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