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ABSTRACT

A novel and efficient method for the synthesis of a new variety of 2-(*N*-acetoarylsulfonylhydrazide)-2-thiazolin-4-ones and their corresponding thiazolo[2,3-*a*]pyridines by the reaction of *N*-cyanoacetoarylsulphonylhydrazides with thioglycolic acid. The synthetic potential of the method is demonstrated.

We have previously reported several new approaches for the synthesis of azolopyridines and azolopyrimidines utilizing the 2-substituted methyl azolyl derivatives as starting materials.^[1–7] In conjunction of this work we report here on the utility of reactions of *N*-cyanoacetoarylsulphonyl-

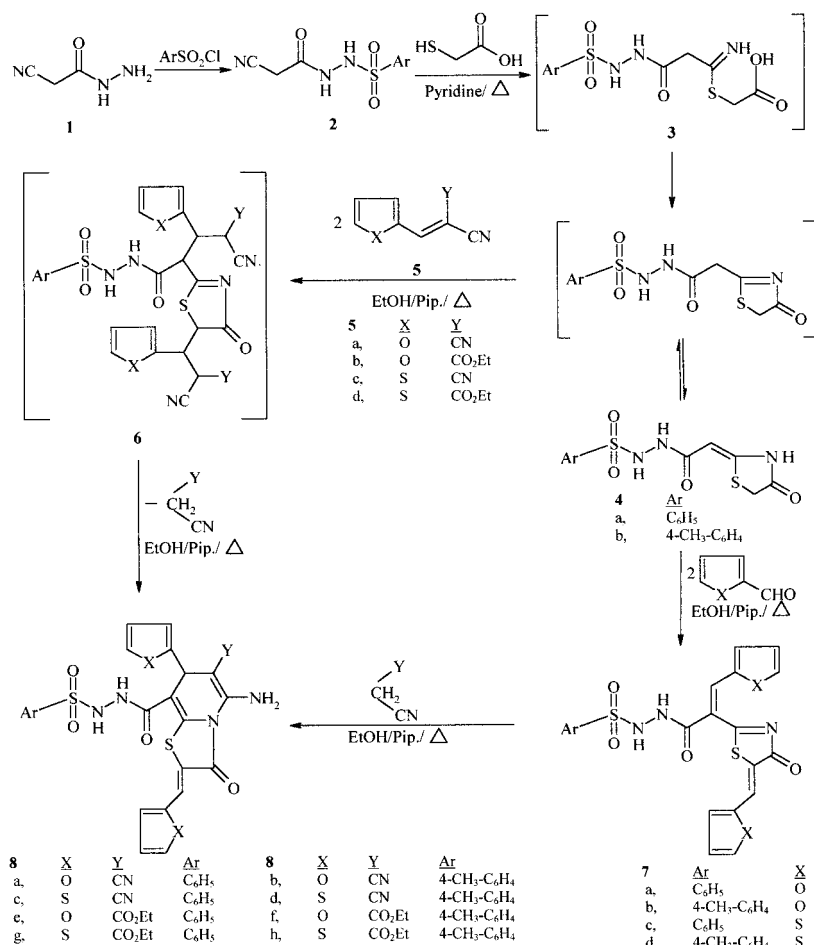
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hydrazides with thioglycolic acid for the synthesis of 2-(*N*-acetoarylsulfonylhydrazide)-2-thiazolin-4-ones. Moreover, the scope and limitation of our procedure for the synthesis of thiazoles are also reported. Thus, it has been found that *N*-cyanoacetoarylsulphonyl-hydrazides **2** react with thioglycolic acid in refluxing pyridine for 3 h to give the condensation products **4** by water elimination. The analytical data for the product **4a** revealed a molecular formula $C_{11}H_{11}N_3S_2O_4$ (M^+ 313). Two tautomeric structures were considered in solutions. The structure of the 2-functionally substituted methyl-2-thiazolin-4-one form was readily ruled out based on 1H NMR spectra, which revealed one proton signal at $\delta = 5.49$ ppm. This signal can be only interpreted in terms of the 2-substituted methylidene form. The formation of **4** by the reaction of compound **2** with thioglycolic acid is assumed to proceed via the intermediacy of **3**, which formed by addition of thioglycolic acid to the cyano group in compound **2**. Compound **4** bearing latent functional substituents were found useful to synthesize its fused ring derivatives. Thus, compound **4** readily reacted with furan-2-al or thiophen-2-al in refluxing ethanol containing a catalytic amount of piperidine in a 1:2 molar ratio to give the corresponding difuranylidene and dithiophenyldiene derivatives **7a–d**. The structures of **7** were established on the basis of elemental analysis and spectral data (MS, IR, 1H NMR). Compound **4** reacted with 2- β -cyanoethylenefuran derivatives **5a,b** and 2- β -cyanoethylene-thiophene derivatives **5c,d** to yield products for which the 5-amino-8-(*N*-formamidoarylsulfonylhydrazid)-7*H*-thiazolo[2,3-*a*]pyridine structure **8** were assigned. Each structure of **8** was confirmed on the basis of elemental analysis and spectral data (IR, MS, 1H NMR). Thus, analytical data for compound **8a** revealed a molecular formula $C_{24}H_{17}N_5O_6S_2$ (M^+ 535). The 1H NMR spectrum of **8a** revealed a signal at 5.00 ppm assignable to a pyridine H-4 and three broad signals at $\delta = 6.33$, 10.60 and 12.00 ppm assignable to the NH_2 group and two NH groups, respectively. Moreover, the IR spectrum revealed the presence of two carbonyl groups at 1710 and 1680 cm^{-1} . The formation of **8** by the reaction of **4** with **5** may be assumed to proceed via formation of 1:2 Michael adduct intermediates **6**, which cyclize with loss of malononitrile or ethyl cyanoacetate to give compounds **8**. Compounds **8** could also be obtained via direct reaction of **7** with malononitrile or ethyl cyanoacetate in refluxing ethanol containing catalytic amounts of piperidine.

In summary, we have achieved a regiospecific synthesis of interesting 2-(*N*-acetoarylsulfonylhydrazide)-2-thiazolin-4-ones and their corresponding thiazolo[2,3-*a*]pyridine derivatives using the reaction of *N*-cyanoacetosulphonylhydrazides with thioglycolic acid.

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EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were obtained (KBr disk) on a Perkin Elmer 11650 FT-IR instrument. The ^1H NMR spectra were measured on a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer for solutions in $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ using $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_4$ as an internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a Varian MAT 112 spectrometer. Analytical data were obtained from the Microanalytical Data Center at Cairo University.

**2-(*N*-Acetoarylsulphonylhydrazide)-2-thiazolin-4-ones (4a,b)**

General procedure

A mixture of an equimolar amounts of *N*-cyanoacetoaryl-sulphonylhydrazides **2** and mercaptoacetic acid was refluxed in pyridine solution for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled, poured over ice-water mixture and neutralized with dil. HCl solution. The formed solid product was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol.

4a: White (50%), m.p. 270°C, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ (KBr) 3454, 3055 (NH), 1736 (CO) and 1680 (CO); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (DMSO) δ = 3.62 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.49 (s, 1H, CH), 7.55–7.80 (m, 5H, C₆H₅), 9.70 (s, br, 1H, NH), 9.80 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 11.37 (s, br, 1H, NH); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (DMSO) δ = 31.98 (CH₂), 89.07 (CH), 127.57–132.85 (C₆H₅), 140.00 (C-2), 165.51 (CO) and 174.07 (CO); m/z 313 (Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃S₂O₄: C, 42.17; H, 3.51; N, 13.42; S, 20.45. Found: C, 41.7; H, 3.1; N, 13.6; S, 20.8%). **4b:** White (55%), m.p. 240°C, $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ (KBr) 3564, 3228 (NH), 1707 (CO) and 1655 (CO); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (DMSO) δ = 2.38 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.63 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.49 (s, 1H, CH), 7.35–7.68 (m, 4H, C₆H₄), 9.60 (s, br, 1H, NH), 9.70 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 11.35 (s, br, 1H, NH); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (DMSO) δ = 21.06 (CH₃), 31.98 (CH₂), 89.16 (CH), 127.63–129.30 (C₆H₄), 142.55 (C-2), 165.52 (CO), 174.06 (CO); m/z 327 (Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₃S₂O₄: C, 44.04; H, 3.98; N, 12.84; S, 19.57. Found: C, 43.8; H, 3.5; N, 13.1; S, 20.0%).

**2,5-Difuranylidene- and
Dithiophenyldiene-thiazolin-4-ones (7a–d)**

General procedure

A mixture of 2-(*N*-acetoarylsulphonylhydrazid)-2-thiazoline-4-ones **4** (0.01 mole) and furan-2-al or thiophen-2-al (0.02 mole) was refluxed for 1 h in ethanol solution containing the catalytic amount of piperidine. The reaction mixture was cooled and the formed solid product was filtered off and recrystallized from the appropriate solvent.

7a: yellow, m.p. 160–162°C (from EtOH) yield (80%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3330, 3200 (NH), 1705 (CO) and 1670 (CO); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (DMSO) δ = 7.61–8.52 (m, 13H, 2 ylidenic CH, 2 furan H-3,4,5 and C₆H₅), 9.68 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 10.60 (s, br, 1H, NH); C₂₁H₁₅N₃O₆S₂ (469), Calcd: C, 53.73; H, 3.20; N, 8.96; S, 13.65. Found: C, 53.6; H, 3.3; N, 9.1; S, 13.2%. **7b:** yellow, m.p. >290°C (from EtOH) yield (78%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3220, 3100 (NH), 1710 (CO) and 1670 (CO);



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^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 2.38 (s, 3H, CH_3), 7.65–8.42 (m, 12H, ylidenic CH, 2 furan H-3,4,5 and C_6H_4), 9.60 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 11.30 (s, br, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ (483), Calcd: C, 54.66; H, 3.52; N, 8.70; S, 13.25. Found: C, 54.8; H, 3.4; N, 9.0; S, 13.0%. **7c**: yellow, m.p. 150–152°C (from EtOH); yield (85%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3360, 3270 (NH), 1715 (CO) and 1690 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 7.44–8.42 (m, 13H, 2 ylidenic CH, 2 thiophene H-3,4,5 and C_6H_5), 9.00 (s, br, 1H, NH), and 10.40 (s, br, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ (437), Calcd: C, 57.67; H, 3.43; N, 9.61; S, 29.29. Found: C, 57.5; H, 3.4; N, 9.2; S, 29.0%. **7d**: yellow, m.p. 164–166°C (from EtOH), yield (89%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3380, 2780 (NH), 1700 (CO) and 1660 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 2.30 (s, 3H, CH_3), 7.28–8.39 (m, 12H, 2 ylidenic CH, 2 thiophene H-3,4,5 and C_6H_4), 9.00 (s, br, 1H, NH), and 10.40 (s, br, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ (515), Calcd: C, 51.26; H, 3.30; N, 8.16; S, 24.85. Found: C, 51.5; H, 3.7; N, 8.0; S, 24.6%.

5-Amino-8-(*N*-formamidoarylsulfonylhydrazid)-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-7*H*-thiazolo[2,3-*a*]pyridines (8a–h)

General Procedure

Method (A): A mixture of 2-(*N*-acetoarylsulphonylhydrazid)-2-thiazolin-4-ones **4** (0.01 mol) and 2- β -cyanoethylenefuran derivatives **5a,b** or 2- β -cyanoethylenethiophen derivatives **5c,d** (0.02 mol) was refluxed in ethanol solution containing a catalytic amount of piperidine for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and the solid product was filtered off and recrystallized from the appropriate solvent.

Method (B): A mixture of 2,5-difuranylidene- or dithiophenyldiene-thiazolin-4-ones **7** (0.01 mol) and malononitril or ethyl cyanoacetate (0.01 mol) was refluxed in ethanol solution containing the catalytic amount of piperidine for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and the solid product was filtered off and recrystallized from the appropriate solvent.

8a: yellow, m.p. 228–230°C (from EtOH) yield (73%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3320 (NH_2), 2210 (CN), 1680 (CO), 1710 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 5.00 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 6.33 (s, br, 2H, NH_2), 7.19–7.62 (m, 12H, ylidenic CH, 2 furan H-3,4,5 and C_6H_5), 10.60 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 12.00 (s, br, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ (535), Calcd: C, 53.83; H, 3.24; N, 13.08; S, 11.96. Found: C, 54.0; H, 3.5; N, 13.3; S, 11.5%. **8b**: yellow, m.p. 186–188°C (from EtOH) yield



(81%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3400, 3300 and 3200 (NH_2), 2210 (CN), 1720 (CO) and 1680 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 3.32 (s, 3H, CH_3), 4.89 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 6.55 (s, br, 2H, NH_2), 7.19–7.62 (m, 11H, ylidenic CH, 2 furan H-3,4,5 and C_6H_4), 10.82 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 12.2 (s, br, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ (549), Calcd: C, 54.64; H, 3.46; N, 12.75. Found: C, 54.2; H, 3.4; N, 15.1%. **8c**: yellow, m.p. $>300^\circ\text{C}$ (from EtOH) yield (75%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3400, 3320 and 3210 (NH_2), 2205 (CN), 1730 (CO) and 1680 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 5.10 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 6.45 (s, br, 2H, NH_2), 7.39–7.49 (m, 12H, ylidenic CH, 2 thiophene H-3,4,5 and C_6H_5), 8.06 (m, 1H, NH), 10.87 (s, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ (567), Calcd: C, 50.79; H, 3.00; N, 12.35; S, 22.57. Found: C, 50.9; H, 2.9; N, 12.5; S, 22.4%. **8d**: yellow, m.p. 180°C (from EtOH) yield (70%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3390, 3300 and 3200 (NH_2), 2195 (CN), 1730 (CO) and 1650 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 2.30 (s, 3H, CH_3), 5.00 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 6.53 (s, br, 2H, NH_2), 7.00–8.11 (m, 11H, ylidenic CH, 2 thiophene H-3,4,5 and C_6H_4), 8.88 (m, 1H, NH), 9.87 (s, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}_4$ (581), Calcd: C, 51.64; H, 3.27; N, 12.05; S, 22.03. Found: C, 51.5; H, 3.7; N, 12.2; S, 22.0%. **8e**: yellow, m.p. $>300^\circ\text{C}$ (from EtOH) yield (85%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3410, 3320–3200 (NH_2), 2195 (CN), 1730 (CO) and 1650 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 1.09 (t, 3H, CH_3), 3.48 (q, 2H, CH_2), 5.20 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 6.77 (s, br, 2H, NH_2), 7.26–8.36 (m, 12H, ylidenic CH, 2 furan H-3,4,5 and C_6H_5), 10.79 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 12.45 (s, br, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}_2$ (582), Calcd: C, 53.61; H, 3.78; N, 9.62; S, 11.00. Found: C, 53.9; H, 4.1; N, 10.0; S, 11.0%. **8f**: yellow, m.p. $198\text{--}200^\circ\text{C}$ (from EtOH) yield (88%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3410, 3320 and 3200 (NH_2), 2195 (CN), 1730 (CO) and 1650 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 1.09 (t, 3H, CH_3), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.48 (q, 2H, CH_2), 5.18 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 6.80 (s, br, 2H, NH_2), 7.11–8.08 (m, 11H, ylidenic CH, 2 furan H-3,4,5 and C_6H_4), 10.50 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 11.00 (s, br, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}_2$ (596), Calcd: C, 54.36; H, 4.03; N, 9.40; S, 10.74. Found: C, 53.9; H, 4.0; N, 9.5; S, 10.5%. **8g**: yellow, m.p. 148°C (from EtOH) yield (66%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3370, 3300 and 3200 (NH_2), 2210 (CN), 1720 (CO) and 1670 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 0.99 (t, 3H, CH_3), 3.88 (q, 2H, CH_2), 4.99 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 6.78 (s, br, 2H, NH_2), 7.07–8.00 (m, 12H, ylidenic CH, 2 thiophene H-3,4,5 and C_6H_5), 10.77 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 11.08 (s, br, 1H, NH); $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{S}_4$ (614), Calcd: C, 50.81; H, 3.58; N, 9.12; S, 20.85. Found: C, 50.9; H, 4.0; N, 9.4; S, 20.5%. **8h**: yellow, m.p. $190\text{--}192^\circ\text{C}$ (from EtOH) yield (72%); IR (KBr disc) $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3380, 3310 and 3260 (NH_2), 2195 (CN), 1730 (CO) and 1650 (CO); ^1H NMR (DMSO) δ = 1.11 (t, 3H, CH_3), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.69 (q, 2H, CH_2), 5.00 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 6.48 (s, br, 2H, NH_2),



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7.00–8.22 (m, 11H, ylidenic CH, 2 thiophene H-3,4,5 and C₆H₄), 10.98 (s, br, 1H, NH) and 11.34 (s, br, 1H, NH); C₂₇H₂₄N₄O₆S₄ (628), Calcd: C, 51.59; H, 3.82; N, 8.91; S, 20.38. Found: C, 51.6; H, 3.9; N, 8.5; S, 20.0%.

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