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# **SYNTHESIS OF SPIRO- TETRAHYDROBENZOTHIENO-1,2,3- SELENA/ THIADIAZOLES AND SPIRO-TETRA HYDROTHIO- CHROMENO-1,2,3-SELENA/THIADIAZOLES**

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The title compounds have been prepared by exploiting  $\alpha$ -ketomethylene group in spiro-tetrahydrobenzothienones/thiochromenones by oxidative cyclization with  $\text{SeO}_2$  and Hurd-Mori reaction process with  $\text{SOCl}_2$ . The latter compounds have been obtained by the reaction of mercaptoacetic/propanoic acids with spiro-pyrimidinetriones and isoxazolidinediones followed by cyclodehydration with  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ .

**Keywords:** tetrahydrobenzothienones; tetrahydrothiochromenones; 1,2,3-selenadiazoles; 1,2,3-thiadiazoles; cyclodehydration; condensation; Hurd-Mori reaction; oxidative cyclization

## **INTRODUCTION**

Much emphasis has been placed on the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds resembling a steroid moiety because of the interest in their chemical and physical properties<sup>[1-3]</sup>. One such class of compounds are polycyclicpolythia compounds, which are thia-analogues of steroids. The latter, resembling gonasteroids contain heteroatoms such as N, O and S in the steroidal skeleton, but there are less reports with the other heteroatoms such as Se.

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Earlier, the *gem*-ester functionality of 2,6-dimethyl-4-oxocyclohexan-1,1-dicarboxylates was found to be a useful one for the development of spiro-pyrimidinetriones, pyrazolidinediones and isoxazolidinediones<sup>[4,5]</sup>. Furthermore, the  $\alpha$ -ketomethylene group in the above, has been explored to synthesize fused heterocycles<sup>[6,7]</sup>. In pursuit of this and our continued interest in the study of molecules which incorporates the 1,2,3-selena/thiadiazole group in a rigid frame work the synthesis of title compounds was carried out. The preliminary bioassay of spiro-pyrimidinetriones, pyrazolidinediones and isoxazolidinediones were found to possess antimicrobial activity<sup>[8]</sup> and as such the incorporation of 1,2,3-selena/thiadiazole moiety is expected to enhance the bioactive nature.

The condensation of **I** and **II** with thioglycolic and mercapto propanoic acid in the presence of p-toluenesulfonic acid resulted in the corresponding thioacids **III-VI** which on cyclodehydration with P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> led to the formation of **VII-X**. The semicarbazones of the latter (**XI-XIV**) by oxidative cyclization with SeO<sub>2</sub> and Hurd-Mori reaction process with SOCl<sub>2</sub> furnished 6,8-diarylspiro[5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo[4,5]thieno[3,2-*d*][1,2,3]selena/thiadiazole-7,5'-(hexahydropyrimidine)]-2', 4',6'-triones(**XV/XIX**)-7,4'-(tetrahydroisoxazole)]-3',5'-diones (**XVI/XX**) and 7',9'-diarylspiro [hexahydropyrimidine-5,8'-(6',7',8',9'-tetrahydro-4'*H*-thiochromene[4,3-*d*][1,2,3]selena/thiadiazole]-2,4,6-triones (**XVII/XXI**)/[tetrahydroisoxazole-4,8'-(6',7',8',9'-tetrahydro-4'*H*-thiochromene[4,3-*d*][1,2,3]selena/thiadiazole)]-3,5-diones (**XVIII/XXII**) (see Scheme and Tables I & II).

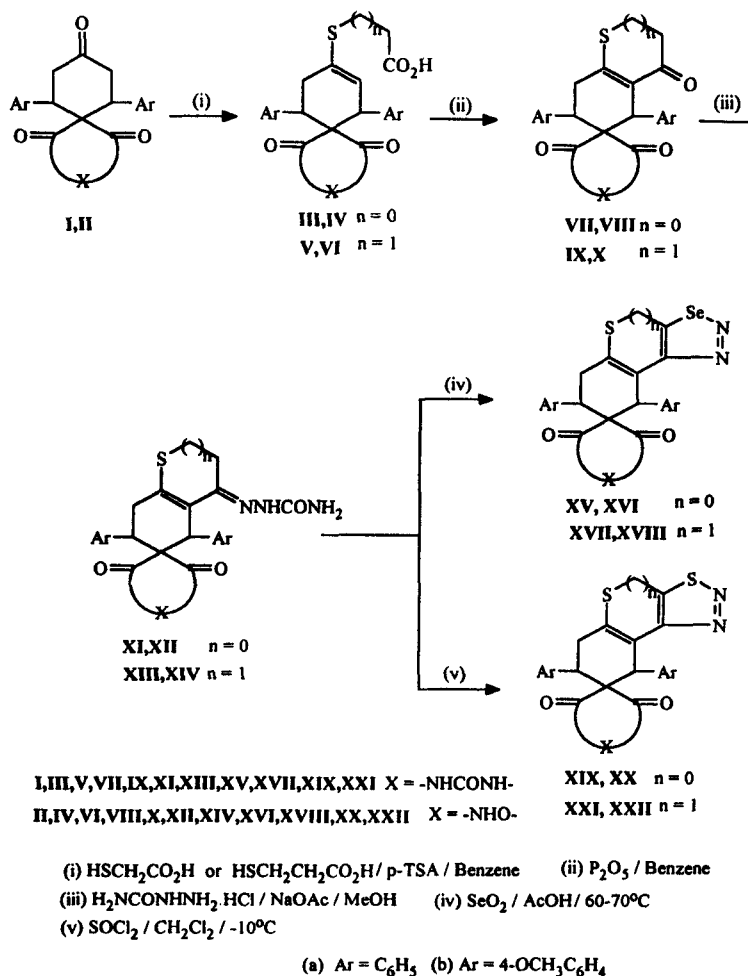
TABLE I Physical data compounds III-XIV

Compd No.	m.p. (°C)	Yield (%)	Compd No.	m.p. (°C)	Yield (%)
<b>IIIa</b>	>300	58	<b>IVa</b>	187–188	60
<b>IIIb</b>	274–276	62	<b>IVb</b>	244–246	61
<b>Va</b>	>300	55	<b>VIa</b>	202–204	55
<b>Vb</b>	258–260	52	<b>VIb</b>	257–259	59
<b>VIIa</b>	284–286	58	<b>VIIIa</b>	155–156	55
<b>VIIb</b>	255–256	55	<b>VIIIb</b>	223–225	59
<b>IXa</b>	292 (d)	62	<b>Xa</b>	177–178.5	64
<b>IXb</b>	224–225.5	59	<b>Xb</b>	248–250	60
<b>XIa</b>	>300	68	<b>XIIa</b>	224–226	70

<i>Compd No.</i>	<i>m.p. (°C)</i>	<i>Yield (%)</i>	<i>Compd No.</i>	<i>m.p. (°C)</i>	<i>Yield (%)</i>
<b>XIb</b>	294(d)	71	<b>XIIb</b>	254–256	65
<b>XIIIa</b>	>300	72	<b>XIVa</b>	202–203.5	69
<b>XIIIb</b>	275–277	66	<b>XIVb</b>	274(d)	72

TABLE II Melting points and analytical data of XV–XXII

<i>Compd No.</i>	<i>m.p. (°C)</i>	<i>Yield (%)</i>	<i>Mol. formula (Mol.wt.)</i>	<i>Found (Calcd) (%)</i>		
				<i>C</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>N</i>
<b>XVa</b>	202–204	62	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> SSe (507.43)	54.26 (54.44)	3.26 (3.17)	11.22 (11.04)
<b>XVb</b>	147–149	67	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> SSe (567.48)	53.09 (52.91)	3.42 (3.55)	9.71 (9.87)
<b>XVIa</b>	193–195	64	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> SSe (480.40)	55.24 (55.00)	3.24 (3.14)	8.59 (8.74)
<b>XVIb</b>	133–135	59	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> SSe (540.46)	53.59 (53.33)	3.66 (3.54)	7.94 (7.77)
<b>XVIIa</b>	164–166	60	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> SSe (521.46)	55.49 (55.27)	3.30 (3.47)	10.92 (10.74)
<b>XVIIb</b>	174–176	63	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> SSe (581.51)	53.84 (53.70)	3.97 (3.81)	9.79 (9.63)
<b>XVIIIa</b>	188–190	57	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> SSe (494.43)	56.13 (55.87)	3.61 (3.46)	8.37 (8.49)
<b>XVIIIb</b>	163–165	62	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> SSe (554.48)	54.00 (54.15)	3.94 (3.81)	7.71 (7.57)
<b>XIXa</b>	254–256	62	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (460.53)	59.76 (59.98)	3.65 (3.50)	12.32 (12.16)
<b>XIXb</b>	169–170	63	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (520.58)	57.84 (57.68)	3.77 (3.87)	10.60 (10.76)
<b>XXa</b>	>300	55	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (433.51)	61.18 (60.95)	3.62 (3.48)	9.85 (9.69)
<b>XXb</b>	177–178	57	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (493.56)	58.63 (58.40)	4.02 (3.88)	8.36 (8.51)
<b>XXIa</b>	202–203.5	59	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (474.56)	60.94 (60.74)	3.93 (3.82)	11.61 (11.80)
<b>XXIb</b>	212–214	55	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (534.61)	58.57 (58.41)	4.24 (4.14)	10.35 (10.47)
<b>XXIIa</b>	275(d)	58	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (447.53)	61.96 (61.72)	3.69 (3.82)	9.23 (9.38)
<b>XXIIb</b>	237–239	59	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (507.59)	58.95 (59.15)	4.04 (4.17)	8.46 (8.27)



SCHEME

The IR spectra of ( $\nu$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ) **III-VI** displayed bands around 3100–3130 ( $COOH$ ) and 1720–1740 ( $COOH$ ) indicating their formation. The presence of absorption bands around 1610–1710 ( $C=O$ ) and the absence of bands corresponding to carboxylic group supports that cyclization indeed has taken place leading to **VII-X**. The characteristic absorption bands for

semicarbazone moiety around 3230–3260 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3410–3440 (NH), 1705–1725 (C=O) and 1425–1440 (C=N) were exhibited by **XI–XIV**. The absorption bands observed in the regions 1505–1555 (N=N), 695–710 (C–Se), 670–690 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C–S) evidenced the formation of **XV–XXII**.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (δ, ppm) of **XV**, **XVI**, **XIX** and **XX** showed sharp singlets at downfield region around 5.30–5.50 for the methine protons (C<sub>8</sub>-H) due to anisotropic effect of adjacent double bond. However, **XVII**, **XVIII**, **XXI** and **XXII** exhibited two sharp singlets for methylene (C<sub>4</sub>'-H) and methine protons (C<sub>9</sub>'-H) around 3.02–3.10 and 5.40–5.45 respectively. On the other hand, the methylene and methine protons [C<sub>5</sub>-H, H<sub>B</sub>&H<sub>X</sub>; C<sub>6</sub>-H, H<sub>A</sub>] in **XV**, **XVI**, **XIX** and **XX** and [C<sub>6</sub>'-H, H<sub>B</sub>&H<sub>X</sub>; C<sub>7</sub>'-H, H<sub>A</sub>] in **XVII**, **XVIII**, **XXI** and **XXII** of the basic moiety exhibited ABX splitting pattern. The H<sub>A</sub>, H<sub>B</sub> and H<sub>X</sub> appeared as doublet of doublets due to vicinal and geminal couplings and appeared around 4.18–4.34, 3.50–3.59 and 2.80–2.86 and 4.24–4.37, 3.42–3.55 and 2.68–2.87 respectively (see Tables III & IV).

TABLE III PMR spectral data of compounds XV, XVI, XIX and XX

Compd No.	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ, ppm					Coupling constants, Hz		
	C <sub>8</sub> -H	C <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>A</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>B</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>X</sub>	NH	J <sub>AB</sub>	J <sub>BX</sub>	J <sub>AX</sub>
<b>XVa</b>	5.48	4.26	3.50	2.82	11.02	12.5	14.8	4.6
<b>XVIb</b>	5.32	4.18	3.53	2.86	11.05	12.5	15.0	4.7
<b>XIXb</b>	5.51	4.34	3.56	2.84	10.62	13.8	14.9	4.5
<b>XXa</b>	5.36	4.28	3.59	2.85	10.84	12.7	14.7	4.5

TABLE IV PMR spectral data of compounds XVII, XVIII, XXI and XXII

Compd No.	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ, ppm						Coupling constants, Hz		
	C <sub>4</sub> '-H	C <sub>9</sub> '-H	C <sub>7</sub> '-H <sub>A</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> '-H <sub>B</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> '-H <sub>X</sub>	NH	J <sub>AB</sub>	J <sub>BX</sub>	J <sub>AX</sub>
<b>XVIIb</b>	3.02	5.46	4.34	3.42	2.82	11.04	13.8	14.5	4.5
<b>XVIIIa</b>	3.04	5.39	4.24	3.43	2.68	10.09	13.5	14.2	4.6
<b>XXIa</b>	3.08	5.48	4.37	3.55	2.87	10.65	13.6	14.8	4.5
<b>XXIIb</b>	3.02	5.29	4.24	3.54	2.85	10.72	12.7	14.8	4.6

### Antimicrobial activity

The lead compounds showed in the first preliminary semiquantitative antimicrobial tests by the paper disc method<sup>[9,10]</sup>, a promising activity against several strains of bacteria, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis* (gram +ve) and *Escherichia coli* (gram -ve) and fungi, *Curvularia lunata*, *Fusarium solani* and *Helminthosporium oryzae*. Further detailed studies of biological activity of these compounds are in progress.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on a Mel-Temp apparatus and are uncorrected. The purity of the compounds was checked by TLC (silica gel-G, BDH, hexane:ethyl acetate, 3:1). The IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Grating Infrared Spectrophotometer Model 337 in KBr pellets. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were scanned in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> on a Bruker Spectrospin Varian EM-360 Spectrophotometer with TMS as an internal standard. The elemental analyses were performed by Dr.Reddy's Research Foundation, Hyderabad, A.P., India.

**General procedure for the preparation of 2-(1,3,5-trioxo-7,11-diaryl-2,4-diazaspiro[5,5]undec-8-en-ylsulfanyl) acetic acid (III) / 3-(1,3,5-trioxo-7,11-diaryl-2,4-diazaspiro[5,5]undec-8-en-ylsulfanyl) propanoic acid (V) and 2-(1,4-dioxo-6,10-diaryl-2-oxa-3-azaspiro[4,5]dec-7-en-8-ylsulfanyl) acetic acid (IV) / 3-(1,4-dioxo-6,10-diaryl-2-oxa-3-azaspiro[4,5]dec-7-en-8-ylsulfanyl) propanoic acid (VI)<sup>[1,2]</sup>**

An equimolar mixture of spiro-pyrimidinetrione (I)/isoxazolidinedione (II) (10 mmol), mercaptoacetic acid / 3-mercaptopropanoic acid thiophene free dry benzene (60–70 ml) was taken in a round bottomed flask provided with a Dean-starks apparatus. To this, a catalytic amount of p-toluenesulfonic acid (500 mg) was added and refluxed over an oil bath (110–120°C) for a period of 20–24 h. Then the contents were cooled and washed thoroughly with water and extracted with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution.

The aqueous extracts were acidified with ice-cold concentrated hydrochloric acid. The product separated was extracted with chloroform and



then dried. Evaporation of the solvent gave a gummy substance. It was filtered through a column of silica gel to get **III-VI**.

**General procedure for the preparation of 4,6-diarylspiro[2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophene-5,5'-(hexahydropyrimidine)]-2',3,4',6'-tetrones (VII); 5',7'-diarylspiro[hexahydropyrimidine-5,6'-(3',4',5',6',7',8'-hexahydro-2'*H*-thiochromene)]-2,4,4',6-tetrones (IX) and 4,6-diarylspiro[2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophene-5,4'-(tetrahydroisoxazole)]-3,3',5'-triones (VIII) and 5',7'-diarylspiro[tetrahydroisoxazole-4,6'-(3',4',5',6',7',8'-hexahydro-2'*H*-thiochromene)]-3,4',5-triones (X)<sup>[1,2]</sup>**

The acid (**III-VI**) (10 mmol) in dry benzene (30 ml) and an excess of phosphorus pentoxide (10 g) were taken and refluxed for 10–12 h using Dean-Starks apparatus. After completion of the reaction, the contents were cooled and extracted with benzene. The combined benzene extracts were washed with water, saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and again with water and dried. The solvent was evaporated to get a syrupy substance, which was subjected to column chromatography to afford pure **VII-X**.

**General procedure for the preparation of 3-semicarbazono 4,6-diarylspiro-[2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophene-5,5'-(hexahydropyrimidine)]-2',4',6'-triones (XI); 4'-semicarbazono 5',7'-diarylspirohexahydropyrimidine-5,6'-(3',4',5',6',7',8'-hexahydro-2'*H*-thiochromene)]-2,4,6-triones (XIII); 3-semicarbazono 4,6-diarylspiro [2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophene-5,4'-(tetrahydroisoxazole)]-3',5'-diones (XII) and 4'-semicarbazono 5',7'-diarylspiro[tetrahydroisoxazole-4,6'-(3',4',5',6',7',8'-hexahydro-2'*H*-thiochromene)]-3,5-diones (XIV)<sup>[11]</sup>**

An equimolar (10 mmol) mixture of thioketocompound (**VII-X**), semicarbazide hydrochloride, sodium acetate and methanol (50 ml) was taken in a round bottomed flask fitted with a reflux condenser and heated on a water bath for 7–10 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated, cooled and poured onto crushed ice. The product separated was filtered, dried and recrystallized from alcohol to get pure **XI-XIV**.

**General procedure for the preparation of 6,8-diarylspiro[5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo[4,5]thieno[3,2-*d*][1,2,3]selenadiazole-7,5'-(hexahydropyrimidine)]-2',4',6'-triones (XV); 7',9'-diarylspiro[hexahydropyrimidine-5,8'-(6',7',8',9'-tetrahydro-4'*H*-thiochromene[4,3-*d*][1,2,3]selenadiazole)]-2,4,6-triones (XVII), 6,8-diarylspiro-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo[4,5]thieno[3,2-*d*][1,2,3]selenadiazole-7,4'-(tetrahydro-isoxazole)]-3',5'-diones (XVI) and 7',9'-diarylspiro[tetrahydroisoxazole-4,8'-(6',7',8',9'-tetrahydro-4'*H*-thiochromene[4,3-*d*][1,2,3]selenadiazole)]-3,5-diones (XVIII)]<sup>[12]</sup>**

Semicarbazone of thioketocompound (XI-XIV) (10 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (5 ml) and warmed gently while stirring. To this, selenium dioxide powder (10 mmol) was added in portion wise and stirred until the evolution of gas ceased. Then the contents were cooled and allowed to attain room temperature. The selenium deposited was separated by filtration. The resultant filtrate was poured onto crushed ice and the solid separated was washed thoroughly with cold water and sodium bicarbonate. It was purified over a column of silica gel to get XV-XVIII.

**General procedure for the preparation of 6,8-diarylspiro[5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo-[4,5]thieno[3,2-*d*][1,2,3]thiadiazole-7,5'-(hexahydropyrimidine)]-2',4',6'-triones (XIX), 7',9'-diarylspiro[hexahydropyrimidine-5,8'-(6',7',8',9'-tetrahydro-4'*H*-thiochromene [4,3-*d*][1,2,3]thiadiazole)]-2,4,6-triones (XXI); 6,8-diarylspiro[5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo[4,5]thieno[3,2-*d*][1,2,3]thiadiazole-7,4'-(tetrahydro-isoxazole)-3',5'-diones (XX) and 7',9'-diarylspiro[tetrahydroisoxazole-4,8'-(6',7',8',9'-tetrahydro-4'*H*-thiochromene[4,3-*d*][1,2,3]thiadiazole)]-3,5-diones (XXII)]<sup>[13]</sup>**

To a well cooled solution of thionyl chloride (5 ml), semicarbazones of thioketocompound (XI-XIV)(10 mmol) was added in small quantities while maintaining the temperature  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It was then allowed to attain room temperature and after that dichloromethane (10–15 ml) and saturated sodium carbonate solution was added. The organic layer was separated and washed repeatedly with water and dried. The solvent was evaporated off. The gummy product so obtained was purified through a column of silica gel to furnish XIX-XXII.

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