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Synthesis of Trifluoroalkyl- and Fluoroaryl-Substituted 4,5-Dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-5-thiones

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Abstract—Reactions of 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-, 4-(4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl)-, 4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-, 4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-, 4-piperidino-, and 4-(3-pyridyl)thiosemicarbazides with esters gave the corresponding 3,4-disubstituted 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-5-thiones and their *S*-alkyl derivatives. Analogous reactions with methyl 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-octafluoropentanoate and 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-octafluoropentanenitrile afforded, respectively, the acylation and addition products.

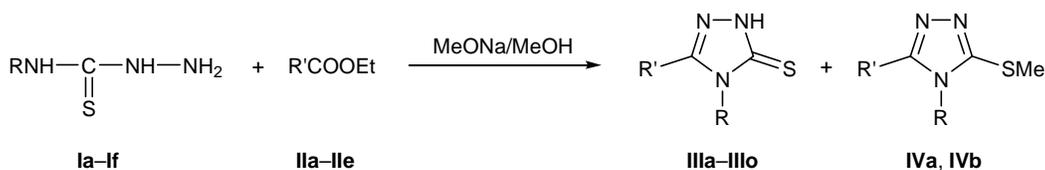
4,5-Dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-5-thiones are known to exhibit biological activity. They can be synthesized by cyclization of 1-acyl-substituted thiosemicarbazides [1, 2] or by direct reaction of thiosemicarbazides with carboxylic acid esters [3]. Introduction of polyfluorinated substituents into various positions of the 1,2,4-triazole ring seems to be fairly promising, for fluorine-containing compounds are characterized by stronger biological activity as compared to non-fluorinated analogs [4].

Published data on fluorine-containing 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-5-thiones are very scanty. Vershilov *et al.* [5] performed condensation of fluorine-free thiosemicarbazides with a number of polyfluorinated acyl fluorides and obtained a series of compounds possessing surfactant activity, which were assigned the

structure of triazole derivatives. Reactions of 2,4-disubstituted thiosemicarbazides with trifluoroacetic anhydride were reported to afford polyfluorinated 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-5-thiones [6]. However, no rigorous proofs for the assumed structures were given in these publications [5, 6].

In the present work we introduced fluorinated substituents into the 1,2,4-triazole ring by using as starting compounds both fluoroaryl-substituted thiosemicarbazides and fluorine-containing electrophile. For this purpose, we examined reactions of 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-, 4-(4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl)-, 4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-, 4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-, 4-piperidino-, and 4-(3-pyridyl)thiosemicarbazides **Ia–If** with esters derived carboxylic (**IIa, IIb**), hetarene-carboxylic (**IIc, IId**), and fluorocarboxylic acids (**IIe**) (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1.



Ia, IIIe–IIIg, IVa, R = 4-FC₆H₄; **Ib, IIIa–IIIc**, R = 4-CF₃OC₆H₄; **Ic, IIId**, R = 3,4-F₂C₆H₃; **Id, IIIh–IIIj**, R = 4-CF₃C₆H₄; **Ie, IIIk–IIIm, IVb**, R = piperidino; **If, IIIn, IIIo**, R = 3-pyridyl; **IIa, IIIa, IIIh, IIIk**, R' = H; **IIb, IIIb, IIId, IIIi, IIIl, IIIn**, R' = Me; **IIc, IIIf**, R' = 3-pyridyl; **IId, IIIe**, R' = 2-thienyl; **IIe, IIIc, IIIg, IIIj, IIIm, IIIo, IVa, IVb**, R' = CF₃.

^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 4.7 br.s (2H, NH_2), 7.09–7.60 m (4H, C_6H_4), 9.13 s (2H, 2NH). Found, %: C 45.40; H 4.37; F 10.24. $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{FN}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 45.40; H 4.40; F 10.26.

4-(4-Trifluoromethoxyphenyl)thiosemicarbazide (Ib). Yield 60%, colorless crystals, mp 124–125°C (from toluene). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 4.8 br.s (2H, NH_2), 7.28–7.84 m (4H, C_6H_4), 9.25 s (2H, 2NH). Found, %: C 38.12; H 2.90; F 22.67; N 16.67. $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{OS}$. Calculated, %: C 38.25; H 3.21; F 22.69; N 16.73.

4-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)thiosemicarbazide (Ic). Yield 65%, colorless crystals, mp 173–174°C (from ethanol). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 3.3 br.s (1H, NH), 5.3 br.s (2H, NH_2), 7.18–8.04 m (3H, C_6H_3), 9.2 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 41.45; H 3.50; F 18.70. $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 41.37; H 3.47; F 18.70.

4-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)thiosemicarbazide (Id). Yield 68%, colorless crystals, mp 162–163°C (from ethanol). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 5.2 br.s (2H, NH_2), 7.60–7.98 m (4H, C_6H_4), 9.40 s (2H, 2NH). Found, %: C 40.85; H 3.43; F 24.23; N 17.86. $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 40.70; H 3.38; F 24.23; N 17.81.

4-Piperidinothiosemicarbazide (Ie). Yield 65%, colorless crystals, mp 170–171°C (from ethanol). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 0.92–1.14 m (2H, CH_2), 2.29–2.49 m (4H, 2 CH_2), 2.68–2.89 m (4H, 2 CH_2), 4.7 br.s (2H, NH_2), 8.66 s (2H, 2NH). Found, %: C 41.63; H 7.80; N 32.25; S 18.36. $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 41.35; H 8.10; N 32.15; S 18.40.

4-(3-Pyridyl)thiosemicarbazide (If). Yield 70%, colorless crystals, mp 177–178°C (from ethanol). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 5.2 br.s (2H, NH_2), 6.88–8.70 m (4H, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$), 9.32 s (2H, 2NH). Found, %: C 42.75; H 4.61; N 33.01. $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 42.84; H 4.79; N 33.31.

General procedure for the synthesis of compounds IIIa–IIIo, IVa, and IVb. Carboxylic acid ester IIa–IIe, 0.03 mol, was added to a solution of 0.02 mol of sodium methoxide in 10 ml of anhydrous methanol. The mixture was heated to the boiling point, a solution of 0.01 mol of thiosemicarbazide Ia–If in 5 ml of anhydrous methanol was added dropwise over a period of 1 h, and the mixture was heated for 15 h under reflux. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in 10 ml of boiling water, a small amount of charcoal was added, and the

solution was heated for 5 min at the boiling point and filtered. After cooling, the precipitate was filtered off, reprecipitated from DMF with water, and recrystallized from hexane. We thus isolated compounds IV. The filtrate was cooled and acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid to pH 2–3. The precipitate of compound III was filtered off and recrystallized from appropriate solvent.

4-(4-Trifluoromethoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (IIIa). Yield 60%, colorless crystals, mp 178–179°C (from toluene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 7.58–7.85 m (4H, C_6H_4), 8.74 s (1H, HC=N), 14.0 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 41.09; H 2.61; F 21.68; N 15.99. $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{OS}$. Calculated, %: C 41.22; H 2.69; F 21.73; N 16.02.

3-Methyl-4-(4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (IIIb). Yield 55%, light yellow crystals, mp 110–111°C (from toluene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 2.22 s (3H, CH_3), 7.26–7.52 m (4H, C_6H_4), 11.9 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 43.59; H 3.01; F 20.50; N 15.24. $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{OS}$. Calculated, %: C 43.64; H 2.93; F 20.71; N 15.27.

4-(4-Trifluoromethoxyphenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (IIIc). Yield 58%, light yellow crystals, mp 163–164°C (from toluene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 7.37–7.98 m (4H, C_6H_4), 11.5 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 36.50; H 1.50; F 34.51; N 12.69. $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{OS}$. Calculated, %: C 36.48; H 1.53; F 34.62; N 12.76.

4-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-3-methyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (IIIId). Yield 66%, colorless crystals, mp 228–230°C (from *o*-xylene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3050, 3100, 2750 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 2.12 s (3H, CH_3), 7.26–7.84 m (3H, C_6H_3), 13.7 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 47.75; H 2.91; F 17.00; N 18.49; S 14.07. $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 47.57; H 3.11; F 16.72; N 18.49; S 14.11.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(2-thienyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (IIIe). Yield 63%, colorless crystals, mp 218–220°C (from toluene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 7.23–8.18 m (7H, C_6H_4 , $\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{S}$), 11.3 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 52.23; H 2.46; N 15.16; S 23.27. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{FN}_3\text{S}_2$. Calculated, %: C 52.16; H 2.55; N 15.21; S 23.20.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(3-pyridyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_f). Yield 41%, colorless crystals, mp 255–256°C (from hexane–chloroform, 1:10). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6 - CCl_4), δ , ppm: 7.27–8.53 m (8H, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$, C_6H_4), 14.1 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 57.25; H 3.17; F 6.88; N 20.49. $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{FN}_4\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 57.34; H 3.33; F 6.97; N 20.58.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_g). Yield 22%, colorless crystals, mp 160–161°C (from water). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3090, 3100, 2750 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 7.26–7.35 m (4H, C_6H_4), 12.6 br.s (1H, NH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{F} , ppm: 53.61 s (1F), 98.30 s (3F, CF_3). Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel} , %): 263 (100) [M] $^+$, 154 (2.39), 136 (8.00), 69 (6.83). Found, %: C 40.98; H 1.62; F 28.92; N 15.86. $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{F}_4\text{N}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 41.08; H 1.92; F 28.88; N 15.97.

4-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_h). Yield 43%, colorless crystals, mp 185–186°C (from hexane–chloroform, 1:10). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 7.78–7.85 m (4H, C_6H_4), 7.98 s (1H, HC=N), 11.8 br.s (1H, NH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ_{F} , ppm: 98.94 s (3F, CF_3). Found, %: C 43.95; H 2.39; F 22.75; N 16.86. $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 44.08; H 2.47; F 23.24; N 17.14.

3-Methyl-4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_i). Yield 40%, colorless crystals, mp 186–187°C (from *o*-xylene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6 - CCl_4), δ , ppm: 2.17 s (3H, CH_3), 7.56–7.99 m (4H, C_6H_4), 13.6 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 46.39; H 2.97; F 22.05; N 16.26. $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 46.33; H 3.11; F 21.98; N 16.21.

3-Trifluoromethyl-4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_j). Yield 71%, colorless crystals, mp 173–174°C (from toluene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 7.56–7.99 m (4H, C_6H_4), 11.1 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 38.40; H 1.55; F 36.28; N 13.42; S 10.19. $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 38.35; H 1.61; F 36.39; N 13.36; S 10.24.

4-Piperidino-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_k). Yield 84%, colorless crystals, mp 192–193°C (from hexane–chloroform, 1:10). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum

(acetone- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.47–1.74 m and 3.46–3.48 m (10H, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}$), 8.23 s (1H, HC=N), 12.2 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 45.25; H 6.40; N 30.25. $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 45.63; H 6.56; N 30.41.

3-Methyl-4-piperidino-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_l). Yield 70%, colorless crystals, mp 180–181°C (from hexane–chloroform, 1:10). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 2.29 s (3H, CH_3); 1.32–1.38 m, 1.57–1.81 m, 2.91–2.93 m (10H, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}$); 10.9 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 48.54; H 6.99; N 28.19; S 16.08. $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 48.46; H 7.12; N 28.26; S 16.17.

4-Piperidino-3-trifluoromethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_m). Yield 60%, colorless crystals, mp 178–180°C (from *o*-xylene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 1.18–1.25 m, 1.65–1.77 m, 3.13–3.15 m (10H, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}$); 9.7 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 38.15; H 4.32; N 22.09; S 12.61. $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 38.09; H 4.40; N 22.21; S 12.71.

3-Methyl-4-(3-pyridyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_n). Yield 56%, colorless crystals, mp 254–255°C (from hexane–chloroform, 1:10). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (N–H). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 2.22 s (3H, CH_3), 7.26–7.52 m (4H, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$), 11.9 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 49.84; H 4.10; N 29.21; S 16.61. $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 49.98; H 4.19; N 29.14; S 16.68.

4-(3-Pyridyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5-thione (III_o). Yield 67%, colorless crystals, mp 226–228°C (from toluene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3060, 3100, 2740 (NH). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 7.36–8.25 m (4H, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$), 11.5 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 38.91; H 1.92; F 22.99; N 22.58. $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 39.03; H 2.05; F 23.15; N 22.76.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1,2,4-triazole (IV_a). Yield 32%, colorless crystals, mp 148–149°C (from hexane). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 1460 (C=N); 1188, 1170, 1148 (CF). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3), δ , ppm: 2.74 s (3H, CH_3), 6.81–7.33 m (4H, C_6H_4). Found, %: C 43.18; H 2.45; N 15.05. $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{F}_4\text{N}_3\text{S}$. Calculated, %: C 43.32; H 2.54; N 15.16.

5-Methylsulfanyl-4-piperidino-3-trifluoromethyl-1,2,4-triazole (IV_b). Yield 68%, gray crystals, mp 84–85°C (from hexane). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 1466 (C=N); 1179, 1149 (CF). ^1H NMR spectrum

(CDCl₃), δ , ppm: 1.16–1.24 m, 1.66–1.75 m, 3.11–3.16 m (10H, C₅H₁₀N); 2.75 s (3H, CH₃). Found, %: C 40.48; H 4.83; F 21.31; N 20.96. C₉H₁₃F₃N₄S. Calculated, %: C 40.60; H 4.92; F 21.40; N 21.04.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-(2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-octafluoropentanoyl)thiosemicarbazide (V). Yield 57%, colorless crystals, mp 108–109°C (from hexane–toluene, 4:1). IR spectrum, ν , cm⁻¹: 1690 (CONH), 3250 (N–H). ¹H NMR spectrum (acetone-*d*₆), δ , ppm: 6.78 t.t [1H, (CF₂)₄H, ²J_{HF} = 51.2, ³J_{HF} = 5.6 Hz], 7.04–7.59 m (4H, C₆H₄), 9.25 s (1H, NH), 9.52 s (1H, NH), 10.6 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 35.11; H 2.06; N 10.15. C₁₂H₈F₉N₃OS. Calculated, %: C 34.88; H 1.95; N 10.17.

1-(1-Amino-2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-octafluoropentylidene)-4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)thiosemicarbazide (VII). 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-Octafluoropentanenitrile (VI), 1.2 g (5.3 mmol), was added to a solution of 0.25 g (1.2 mmol) of thiosemicarbazide **Ic** in 15 ml of anhydrous methanol, and the mixture was left to stand for 48 h. The solvent was distilled off, and the residue was recrystallized from heptane. Yield 0.17 g (33%), colorless crystals, mp 104–105°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm⁻¹: 3318, 3355, 3430 (NH). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ , ppm: 5.89 s (2H, NH₂), 6.05 t.t [1H, (CF₂)₄H, ²J_{HF} = 52.1, ³J_{HF} = 5.40 Hz], 7.11–7.66 m (3H, C₆H₃), 9.10 s

(1H, NH), 10.6 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 33.75; H 1.84; N 13.39; S 7.26. C₁₂H₈F₁₀N₄S. Calculated, %: C 33.50; H 1.87; N 13.02; S 7.45.

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