

**Pyridinethiones; XIII. Alkylation of 1,5-Pentenedione Enolates, New Synthons for the Preparation of 5-Substituted 2(1*H*)-Pyridinethiones**

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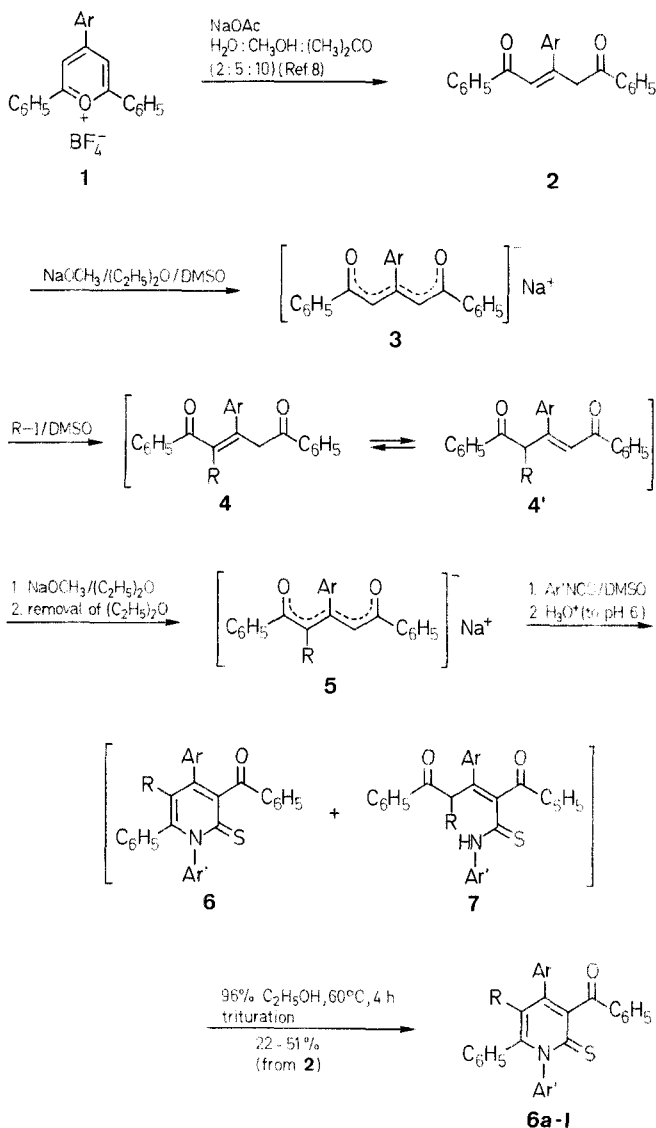
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Anions **3** of 1,5-pentenediones can be alkylated to give 2-alkyl-1,5-pentenediones **4**, whose anions **5** react with isothiocyanates to yield the oxoenoles **7**. These cyclize to give the new 5-substituted 2(1*H*)-pyridinethiones **6** in fair yields. Anions of unsymmetrical 1,5-pentenediones yields mixtures of 2(1*H*)-pyridinethiones **9** and **10**.

The glutacondialdehyde anion is an ambident anion, which, depending upon the nature of the electrophile, can react at the carbanion in the C-2 or C-4 position or at oxygen<sup>1</sup>.

Deuteration<sup>2</sup> in the glutacondialdehyde enol anion also takes place at C-2 or C-4. Recently, it has been shown that 1,5-pentenediones can easily be deuterated at C-2 and C-4<sup>3</sup>. When treated with catalytic amounts of bases such as triethylamine and deuterium oxide, exchange takes place in the enol anion. Cyclization can then give pyrylium salts deuterated at position 3 or 5. It was previously demon-

strated<sup>4</sup> that 1,5-pentenediones derived from 2,4,6-trisubstituted pyrylium salts could be alkylated at the 2-position when treated with methyl iodide in basic solution. Reinvestigation of this reaction<sup>5</sup> showed that 1,3,5-triaryl-1,5-pentenedione enolates reacted in dipolar aprotic solvents with various types of alkyl iodides. These results were in excellent agreement with our previous findings<sup>6</sup>, and we have therefore been prompted to investigate the formation of new 5-substituted-2(1*H*)-pyridinethiones *via* alkylation of the stable 1,5-pentenedione enolates. Interestingly, it has been reported that related potassium 1,5-pentenedione enolates cannot be alkylated<sup>7</sup>.



6	Ar	Ar'	R
a	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
b	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-CH <sub>3</sub> O-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
c	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
d	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
e	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4-CH <sub>3</sub> O-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
f	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
g	4-CH <sub>3</sub> O-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
h	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
i	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-CH <sub>3</sub> O-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
j	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
k	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4-CH <sub>3</sub> O-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
l	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4-F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra revealed that the initial product obtained in the alkylation of 1,3,5-triphenyl-1,5-pentenedione with methyl iodide was a mixture of 2- and 4-methyl-1,5-pentenediones. Treatment of this mixture with base allows the isolation of a single isomer: 2-Methyl-1,3,5-triphenyl-1,5-pentenedione.

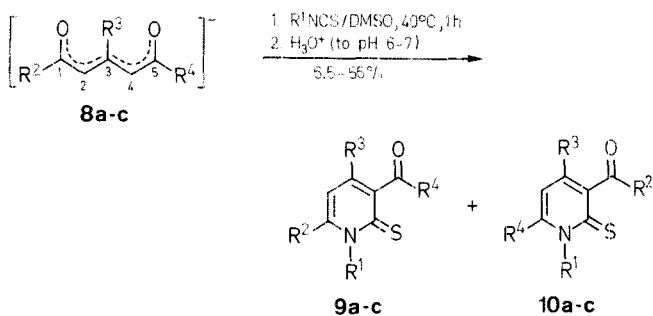
In general, the alkylated 1,5-pentenedione 4/4' need not be isolated; the ether solution obtained is dried and treated with sodium methoxide to give the anion 5. Removal of solvent *in vacuo* is followed by reaction of 5 with an aryl isothiocyanate in dry DMSO.

Addition of water to the reaction mixture precipitated a mixture of compounds composed of the cyclized product 6 as well as the non cyclic thioamide 7. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture of 6h and 7h (R = CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) for example clearly showed both a OH and a NH resonance. Trituration of this crude reaction mixture promotes cyclization resulting in acceptable overall yields of the thiones 6.

This result with easy formation of the 2(1*H*)-pyridinethiones 6 was a surprise to us since unsymmetrical anions of 1,5-pentenediones such as 8a gave only a low total yield, 6.5%, of thiones 9a/10a (17:3) beside a number of unidentified products.

**Table 1.** Spectral Data for 5-Alkyl-3-benzoyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydro-pyridines [5-Alkyl-3-benzoyl-2(1*H*)-pyridinethiones] 6

Product 6	IR (KBr) $\nu$ (C=O) [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	UV (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH) $\lambda$ [nm] (log $\epsilon$ )	<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (CDCl <sub>3</sub> /TMS <sub>int</sub> ) $\delta$ [ppm]
a	1674	248 (4.44) 295 (4.17) 399 (3.93)	1.65 (s, 3H); 7.0–8.0 (m, 20H)
b	1673	247 (4.36) 293 (4.11) 399 (3.82)	1.60 (s, 3H); 3.75 (s, 3H); 6.8–8.2 (m, 19H)
c	1673	248 (4.38) 294 (4.10) 402 (3.84)	1.61 (s, 3H); 7.1–7.9 (m, 19H)
d	1673	249 (4.37) 294 (4.12) 402 (3.84)	1.60 (s, 3H); 7.1–7.9 (m, 19H)
e	1671	248 (4.45) 289 (4.21) 402 (3.88)	1.59 (s, 3H); 3.68 (s, 3H); 6.6–7.9 (m, 18H)
f	1670	250 (4.40) 294 (4.14) 404 (3.85)	1.60 (s, 3H); 6.9–7.9 (m, 18H)
g	1673	248 (4.33) 296 (4.25) 398 (3.86)	1.65 (s, 3H); 3.70 (s, 3H); 7.0–8.0 (m, 19H)
h	1674	248 (4.40) 296 (4.15) 398 (3.87)	3.50 (s, 2H); 6.6–8.0 (m, 25H)
i	1674	246 (4.37) 296 (4.17) 400 (3.82)	3.50 (s, 2H); 3.70 (s, 3H); 6.5–8.0 (m, 24H)
j	1673	248 (4.33) 297 (4.19) 400 (3.88)	3.50 (s, 2H); 6.5–8.0 (m, 24H)
k	1670	247 (4.38) 296 (4.16) 401 (3.81)	3.50 (s, 2H); 3.70 (s, 3H); 6.8–8.2 (m, 23H)
l	1672	248 (4.36) 296 (4.15) 400 (3.85)	3.45 (s, 2H); 6.6–7.9 (m, 23H)

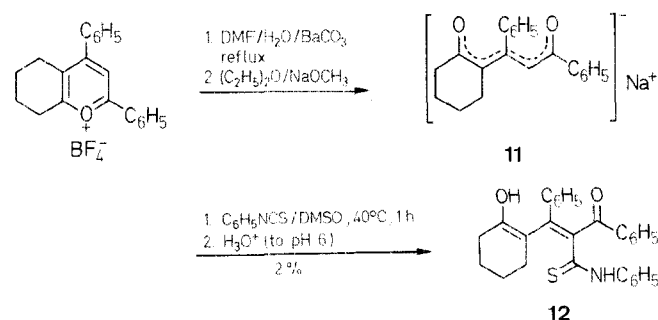


Compound	$R^1$	$R^2$	$R^3$	$R^4$
<b>8a/9a</b>	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{CH}_3$	$\text{SCH}_3$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$
<b>10a</b>	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{SCH}_3$	$\text{CH}_3$
<b>8b/9b</b>	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$4\text{-Cl-C}_6\text{H}_4$
<b>10b</b>	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$4\text{-Cl-C}_6\text{H}_4$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$
<b>8c/9c</b>	$4\text{-CH}_3\text{O-C}_6\text{H}_4$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$4\text{-Cl-C}_6\text{H}_4$
<b>10c</b>	$4\text{-CH}_3\text{O-C}_6\text{H}_4$	$4\text{-Cl-C}_6\text{H}_4$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$

**Table 2.** Spectral Data for 3-Acyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridines[3-Acyl-2(1*H*)-pyridinethiones] **9** and **10**

Product	IR (KBr) $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	UV ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ ) $\lambda$ [nm] (log $\epsilon$ )	$^1\text{H-NMR}$ ( $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{TMS}_{\text{int}}$ ) $\delta$ [ppm]
<b>9a</b>	1668	249 (4.30), 285 (4.50), 387 (3.90)	2.12 (s, 3H); 2.43 (s, 3H); 6.56 (s, 1H); 7.21 (d, 2H, $J = 6\text{ Hz}$ ); 7.40-7.54 (m, 6H); 7.98 (d, 2H, $J = 6\text{ Hz}$ )
<b>10a</b>	1700	245 (3.72), 290 (4.01), 395 (3.44)	2.47 (s, 3H); 2.68 (s, 3H); 6.58 (s, 1H); 7.03-7.10 (m, 5H); 7.18-7.26 (m, 5H)
<b>9b</b>	1673	260 (4.50), 283 (4.35), 407 (3.85)	6.79 (s, 1H); 7.19-7.46 (m, 17H); 7.78 (m, 1H); 7.93 (s, 1H)
<b>10b</b>	1672	250 (4.53), 285 (4.39), 410 (3.92)	6.74 (s, 1H); 7.14-7.42 (m, 17H); 7.85-7.97 (m, 2H)
<b>9c</b>	1670	257 (4.56), 285 (4.39), 407 (3.89)	3.70 (s, 3H); 6.77 (s, 1H); 6.83-7.92 (m, 18H)
<b>10c</b>	1670	253 (4.58), 280 (4.45), 407 (3.95)	3.73 (s, 3H); 6.73 (s, 1H); 6.85-7.95 (m, 18H)

CNDO/2 calculations<sup>10</sup> on the anion **8a** showed the electron density  $\rho_{\text{HOMO}}^{\text{C-2}} = 0.324e$  and  $\rho_{\text{HOMO}}^{\text{C-4}} = 0.307e$ . This relatively small difference explains the formation of both isomers **9a** and **10a**, albeit in low yields. A much better result was obtained with a "nearly symmetrical" anion **8b**; the total yield here was 56% of a 1:1 mixture of the thiones **9b** and **10b**.



In another experiment the enol anion **11** derived from the corresponding pyrylium salt resulted in isolation of the non-cyclic thioamide **12** in low yield (2%), along with a number of unidentified products.

Microanalyses were carried out by Mr. Preben Amsler, NOVO A/S, Bagsvaerd, Denmark. IR spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 580; UV spectra were obtained on a Varian CARY 219;  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were obtained on a Joel FX 60 Q; MS spectra were obtained on a Varian MAT 311 A. Melting points are uncorrected and were obtained with a Büchi apparatus. Yields are given for recrystallized analytical pure products.

### 5-Alkyl-3-benzoyl-1,4-diaryl-6-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridines [5-Alkyl-3-benzoyl-1,4-diaryl-6-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyridinethiones] **6**; General procedure:

The required 1,3,5-triaryl-1,5-pentenediones **2** is prepared from the appropriate 2,4,6-triaryl-pyrylium tetrafluoroborates **1** as described by Fischer and Herrmann<sup>8</sup>.

Compound **2** (0.01 mol) is dissolved in dry dimethylsulfoxide (25 ml,  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ). A solution of sodium methoxide [from sodium (0.25 g, 0.011 mol) in dry methanol (5 ml)] is added, followed by the alkyl iodide (0.011 mol). After stirring for 30 min ( $25^\circ\text{C}$ ), the reaction mixture is added to an ether/water mixture (500 ml ether/50 ml water), whereupon the ether phase is washed with water and dried with sodium sulfate. To this ether solution is added with stirring a solution of sodium methoxide [from sodium (0.25 g, 0.011 mol) in dry methanol (5 ml)] followed by concentration *in vacuo*. The dry residue is dissolved in dry dimethylsulfoxide (25 ml), the required arylisothiocyanate (0.011 mol) is added, and the mixture stirred for 2 hours ( $40^\circ\text{C}$ ). The reaction mixture is then added to water (500 ml,  $0^\circ\text{C}$ ), and the resultant mixture saturated with sodium chloride and treated with 1 molar hydrochloric acid (to pH = 6). The precipitate is isolated, washed with water and triturated with 96% ethanol (25 ml,  $60^\circ\text{C}$ ) for 4 hours. The resulting suspension was filtered hot and the yellow crystals recrystallized from toluene. Crude yields ~ 90%.

**3-Benzoyl-5-methyl-2-thioxo-1,4,6-triphenyl-1,2-dihydropyridine** [3-Benzoyl-5-methyl-1,4,6-triphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyridinethione] **6a**: The general method gave **6a** as yellow crystals; yield 2.1 g (45%); m.p.  $> 260^\circ\text{C}$ .

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 457 (41), 428 (100), 352 (12), 105 (10), 77 (40).

$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{NOS}$  calc. C 81.37 H 5.07 N 3.06  
(457.6) found 81.76 5.13 3.00

**3-Benzoyl-4,6-diphenyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine** [3-Benzoyl-4,6-diphenyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyridinethione] **6b**:

The general method gave **6b** as yellow crystals; yield 1.1 g (22%); m.p.  $> 260^\circ\text{C}$ .

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 487 (60), 458 (100), 243.5 (13), 105 (14), 77 (28).

$\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  calc. C 78.82 H 5.17 N 2.87  
(487.6) found 78.96 5.19 2.68

**3-Benzoyl-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,6-diphenyl-5-methyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine** [3-Benzoyl-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,6-diphenyl-5-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyridinethione] **6c**:

The general method gave **6c** as yellow crystals; yield: 3.3 g (33%); m.p.  $> 260^\circ\text{C}$ .

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 491 (45), 462 (100), 386 (10), 105 (21), 77 (38).

$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNOS}$  calc. C 75.67 H 4.51 N 2.85  
(492.0) found 75.76 4.50 2.68

**3-Benzoyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,6-diphenyl-5-methyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine** [3-Benzoyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,6-diphenyl-5-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyridinethione] **6d**:

The general method gave **6d** as yellow crystals; yield: 2.4 g (48%); m.p.  $> 260^\circ\text{C}$ .

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 491 (46), 462 (100), 386 (10), 105 (21), 77 (38).

$C_{31}H_{22}ClNOS$  calc. C 75.67 H 4.51 N 2.85  
(492.0) found 75.48 4.56 2.77

**3-Benzoyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-2(1H)-pyridine-thione] 6e:**

The general method gave **6e** as yellow crystals; yield: 1.5 g (29 %); m.p. > 260 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 521 (64), 492 (100), 260.5 (7), 105 (20), 77 (37).

$C_{32}H_{24}ClNO_2S$  calc. C 73.62 H 4.63 N 2.68  
(522.1) found 73.53 4.66 2.61

**3-Benzoyl-1,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-1,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-2(1H)-pyridinethione] 6f:**

The general method gave **6f** as yellow crystals; yield: 1.7 g (32 %); m.p. > 260 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 525 (40), 496 (100), 111 (12), 105 (21), 77 (42).

$C_{31}H_{21}Cl_2NOS$  calc. C 70.72 H 4.02 N 2.66  
(526.5) found 70.56 4.05 2.53

**3-Benzoyl-1,6-diphenyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-1,6-diphenyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2(1H)-pyridinethione] 6g:**

The general method gave **6g** as yellow crystals; yield: 2.5 g (51 %); m.p. > 260 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 487 (46), 458 (100), 235 (13), 105 (12), 77 (34).

$C_{32}H_{25}NO_2S$  calc. C 78.83 H 5.17 N 2.87  
(487.6) found 78.78 5.15 2.82

**3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-thioxo-1,4,6-triphenyl-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-1,4,6-triphenyl-2(1H)-pyridinethione] 6h:**

The general method gave **6h** as yellow crystals; yield: 2.3 g (43 %); m.p. > 260 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 533 (50), 504 (100), 105 (13), 91 (22), 77 (30).

$C_{37}H_{27}NOS$  calc. C 83.27 H 5.10 N 2.62  
(533.7) found 83.45 5.15 2.57

**3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-4,5-diphenyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-4,6-diphenyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2(1H)-pyridinethione] 6i:**

The general method gave **6i** as yellow crystals; yield: 2.2 g (39 %); m.p. > 260 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 563 (89), 534 (100), 105 (13), 91 (25), 77 (19).

$C_{38}H_{29}NO_2S$  calc. C 80.97 H 5.19 N 2.48  
(563.7) found 81.22 5.27 2.36

**3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,6-diphenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,6-diphenyl-2(1H)-pyridinethione] 6j:**

The general method gave **6j** as yellow crystals; yield: 2.0 g (35 %); m.p. > 260 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 567 (59), 538 (100), 105 (16), 91 (25), 77 (20).

$C_{37}H_{26}ClNOS$  calc. C 78.22 H 4.61 N 2.47  
(568.1) found 78.26 4.66 2.34

**3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-2(1H)-pyridine-thione] 6k:**

The general method gave **6k** as yellow crystals; yield: 1.4 g (24 %); m.p. > 260 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 597 (84), 568 (100), 105 (12), 91 (18), 77 (13).

$C_{38}H_{28}ClNO_2S$  calc. C 76.30 H 4.72 N 2.34  
(598.2) found 76.50 4.96 2.18

**3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-phenyl-2(1H)-pyridinethione] 6l:**

The general method gave **6l** as yellow crystals; yield: 2.5 g (42 %); m.p. > 260 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 585 (45), 556 (100), 105 (24), 91 (30), 77 (28).

$C_{37}H_{25}ClFNOS$  calc. C 75.82 H 4.30 N 2.39  
(586.1) found 76.13 4.35 2.32

**2-Benzoyl-3,N-diphenyl-3-(2-hydroxycyclohexenyl)-thiopropenamide; 12:**

2,4-Diphenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-benzopyrylium tetrafluoroborate<sup>9</sup> (3.74 g, 0.01 mol) is dissolved in dimethylformamide (30 ml) and water (25 ml) and heated to reflux, whereupon the mixture is added to a refluxing suspension of barium carbonate (6 g, 0.03 mol) in water (30 ml). Reflux is continued for 5 minutes followed by rapid cooling and extraction with ether (3 × 200 ml). The ether phase is washed with water and dried with sodium sulfate. To the dry ether solution is added a solution of sodium methoxide [from sodium (0.25 g, 0.011 mol) in dry methanol (5 ml)] and the mixture concentrated *in vacuo*. The dry residue is dissolved in dry dimethylsulfoxide (25 ml), whereupon phenylisothiocyanate (1.5 g, 0.011 mol) is added, and the mixture stirred for 1 hour at 40 °C. The reaction mixture is added to water (500 ml, 0 °C) and treated with 1 molar hydrochloric acid (to pH 6). Extraction with ether (3 × 150 ml), drying with sodium sulfate and concentration *in vacuo* gave an orange oil. Chromatography by PTLC (silica gel, eluent  $CHCl_3/CH_3OH$ , 33:1) yields orange crystals of the title compound; yield: 77 mg (2 %); m.p. 172–173 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = 439 (14), 406 (100), 105 (70).

IR (KBr):  $\nu$  = 3700–3100 (OH, NH); 1670  $cm^{-1}$  (C=O).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR ( $CDCl_3/TMS$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.08 (br., 4H,  $CH_2$ ); 2.75 (br., 2H,  $CH_2$ ); 3.23 (br., 2H,  $CH_2$ ); 7.25–8.29 ppm (m, 15  $H_{arom}$ ).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR ( $CDCl_3/TMS$ ):  $\delta$  = 25.84 ( $CH_2$ ); 26.94 ( $CH_2$ ); 30.65 ( $CH_2$ ); 162.34 (=C–OH); 171.35 (C=S); 197.60 ppm (C=O).

$C_{28}H_{25}NO_2S$  calc. C 76.51 H 5.73 N 3.19  
(439.6) found 75.93 5.72 3.10

**3-Acyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridines[3-Acyl-2-(1H)-pyridine-thiones] 9 and 10; General Procedure:**

The required 1,3,5-trisubstituted-1,5-pentenedione enolate **8** is prepared according to a previously reported method<sup>6</sup>.

To a solution of the enolates **8** (0.01 mol) in dry dimethylsulfoxide (25 ml) is added arylisothiocyanate (0.011 mol), and the mixture stirred for 1 hour at 40 °C. The reaction mixture is then cooled to room temperature, added to ice-cold water (500 ml), and the mixture stirred for 30 minutes. The aqueous phase is saturated with sodium chloride and treated with 1 molar hydrochloric acid (to pH 6–7). Extraction with ether (3 × 150 ml), drying with sodium sulfate and concentration *in vacuo* gives a brown-orange oil. Chromatography by PTLC (silica gel, eluent  $CHCl_3$ , developed 3 times) with isolation of the orange bands yielded yellow-orange crystals of **9** and **10**.

**3-Benzoyl-6-methyl-4-methylthio-1-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine and 3-acetyl-1,6-diphenyl-4-methylthio-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-Benzoyl-6-methyl-4-methylthio-1-phenyl-2(1H)-pyridinethione 9a and 3-acetyl-1,6-diphenyl-4-methylthio-2(1H)-pyridinethione 10a]:**

The general method gave **9a** and **10a** as orange crystals; total yield: 0.23 g (6.5 %, 17:3); m.p. 252–253 °C, respectively 238–239 °C.

MS:  $m/e$  (rel. int., %) = (**9a**) 351 (43), 322 (100), 105 (7), 77 (40); (**10a**) 351 (33), 336 (100), 77 (13).

$C_{20}H_{17}NOS_2$  calc. C 68.37 H 4.88 N 3.99  
(351.1) found (**9a**) 68.44 4.78 4.04

HRMS (Peak matching) calc. 351.0752  
found (**10a**) 351.0749

3-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-2-thioxo-1,4,6-triphenyl-1,2-dihydropyridine and 3-benzoyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4-diphenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-1,4,6-triphenyl-2(1H)-pyridine-thione **9b** and 3-benzoyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4-diphenyl-2(1H)-pyridinethione **10b**]:

The general method gave **9b** and **10b** as orange crystals; total yield: 2.7 g (56%, 1:1); m.p. 243–244°C, respectively 263–264°C.

MS: *m/e* (rel. int., %) = (**9b**) 477 (41), 448 (100), 139 (6), 77 (13); (**10b**) 477 (42), 448 (100), 105 (12), 77 (32).

C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>20</sub> ClNOS	calc.	C 75.38	H 4.22	N 2.93
(478.0)	found ( <b>9b</b> )	75.28	4.21	2.73
	found ( <b>10b</b> )	74.75	4.05	2.91

3-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-4,6-diphenyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine and 3-benzoyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine[3-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-4,6-diphenyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2(1H)-pyridinethione **9c** and 3-benzoyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-2(1H)-pyridinethione **10c**]:

The general method gave **9c** and **10c** as orange crystals; total yield: 2.3 g (45%, 2:1); m.p. 270–271°C, respectively 251–252°C.

MS: *m/e* (rel. int., %) = (**9c**) 507 (75), 478 (100), 139 (14), 77 (6); (**10c**) 507 (83), 478 (100), 105 (17), 77 (26).

C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>22</sub> ClNO <sub>2</sub> S	calc.	C 73.29	H 4.36	N 2.76
(508.0)	found ( <b>9c</b> )	72.77	4.37	2.71
	found ( <b>10c</b> )	73.12	4.40	2.86

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