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Synthesis and antimicrobial activity of 3-(thieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl)propanoic and butanoic acids

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ABSTRACT

The interaction of 4-hydrazinylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidines with dicarboxylic acids anhydrides has been studied. It was found that for ethyl 4-hydrazinyl-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate this reaction proceeds with the Dimroth rearrangement even in the mild conditions. The most suitable conditions for this reaction was boiling in the glacial acetic acid media. Using 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole as the coupling reagent the series of 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methy lthieno[3,2-e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid amides were synthesized. The compounds obtained showed the moderate antimicrobial activity.

Key words: thiophene, pyrimidine, cyclization, rearrangement, antimicrobial.

INTRODUCTION

The derivatives of thieno[3,2-e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidine were reported as the biologically active compounds. For the compounds with the similar structure the anti-inflammatory [1,2], antimicrobial [3-6] and anticancer activities [7] were reported. In some cases these compounds are the products of Dimroth rearrangement [1-3].

The reported information displayed that the study of ethyl 4-hydrazinyl-5-methylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate interaction with dicarboxylic acids anhydrides may be a promising way to the novel biologically active compounds.

Earlier it was proposed that interaction of ethyl 4-hydrazino-5-methylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate **1a** [9] with Ac₂O at heating in 1,4-dioxane media resulted in the product of the structure **2** (M.p. = $177-179^{\circ}$ C) [8] (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1. Interaction of ethyl 4-hydrazinyl-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate 1a with Ac₂O



On the other hand the authors [7] have reported the preparation of the isomeric compound with the structure 3a (M.p. = $178-180^{\circ}C$) using aminonitrile cyclization. An interesting fact was the resembling of the melting points for the both products isolated by the authors [8] and [7]. However, the structure of the product obtained was not fully confirmed yet.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The starting ethyl 4-hydrazino-5-methylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate **1a** and 4-hydrazinyl-5,6-dimethylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine **1b** were prepared by the known methods [9,10].

Method for preparation of 3-(8,9-dimethylthieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl)propanoic acid 3b. To 0.4 g (0.002 mole) of 4-hydrazinyl-5,6-dimethylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine 1b 0.206 g (0.0021 моль) of succinic anhydride and 7 ml of DMF were added. The reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 120°C for 3.5 hours. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with water and the precipitate formed was filtered off and washed with water. Yield 59 %. M.p. 193-195 °C. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 2.48 (3H, s, CH₃); 2.57 (3H, s, CH₃); 2.80 (2H, t, CH₂); 3.12 (2H, t, CH₂); 9.49 (1H, s, CH); 12.22 (1H, s, COOH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 12.57; 13.23; 23.75; 31.27; 120.40; 126.27; 135.22; 136.54; 148.49; 151.62; 166.53; 173.42. Found, %: C 52.19, H 4.54, N 20.36. C₁₂H₁₂N₄O₂S. Calculated, %: C 52.16, H 4.38, N 20.28. M.w. 276.32.

Method for preparation of 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid 3c.

A) To 1.0 g (0.004 mole) of the starting ethyl 4-hydrazinyl-5-methylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate **1a** 0.4 g (0.004 mole) of succinic anhydride was added. The reaction mixture was stirred in the absolute 1,4-dioxane (20 ml) at 70-80°C for 3-4 hours. Then the cool reaction mixture was diluted with water and the precipitate formed was filtered of and washed with plenty of water.

B) To 1.0 g (0.004 mole) of ethyl 4-hydrazinyl-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate **1a** 0.4 g (0.004 mole) of succinic anhydride and 5 ml of DMF were added. The reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 120°C for 3.5 hours. Then the cool reaction mixture was diluted with water and the precipitate formed was filtered of and washed with plenty of water.

C) To 1.0 g (0.004 mole) of ethyl 4-hydrazinyl-5-methylthieno[2,3-d] pyrimidine-6-carboxylate **1a** 0.4 g (0.004 mole) of succinic anhydride and 10 ml of glacial acetic were added. The reaction mixture was boiled for 3-5 hours. Then the cool reaction mixture was diluted with water and the precipitate formed was filtered off and washed with water.

Yield: **A:** 69%, **B:** 57%, **C:** 83%. M.p. 205-207 °C. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 1.34 (3H, t, COOCH₂CH₃); 2.81 (2H, t, CH₂); 2.96 (3H, s, CH₃); 3.14 (2H, t, CH₂); 4.33 (2H, q, COOCH₂CH₃); 9.69 (1H, s, CH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 14.13; 14.84; 23.72; 31.15; 61.59, 120.79, 126.19; 139.40; 140.21; 149.16; 155.05; 161.63; 166.95; 173.30. Found, %: C 50.45, H 4.36, N 16.82. C₁₄H₁₄N₄O₄S. Calculated, %: C 50.29, H 4.22, N 16.76. M.w. 334.36.

4-[8-(Ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-*e*]**[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-***c*]**pyrimidin-2-yl]butanoic acid 3d** was obtained similar to the **A** route for synthesis of 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid **3c**.

Yield 64 %. M.p. 180-182 °C. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 1.33 (3H, t, COOCH₂CH₃); 2.01 (2H, quint, CH₂); 2.37 (2H, t, CH₂); 2.93 (2H, t, CH₂); 2.96 (3H, s, CH₃); 4.34 (2H, q, COOCH₂CH₃); 9.69 (1H, s, CH); 12.10 (1H, s, COOH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): 14.13; 14.85; 22.78; 27.42; 32.92; 61.58; 120.80; 126.03; 139.42; 140.22; 149.14; 154.97; 161.61; 167.40; 174.15. Found, %: C 52.02, H 4.78, N 16.18. C₁₅H₁₆N₄O₄S. Calculated, %: C 51.72, H 4.63, N 16.08. M.w. 348.38.

Method for preparation of 4-[2-(5,6-dimethylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-yl)hydrazinyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid 4. To 0.2 g (0.001 mole) 4-hydrazinyl-5,6-dimethylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine **1b** 0.103 g (0.001 mole) of succinic anhydride and 5 ml of absolute 1,4-dioxane were added. The reaction mixture was heated at 70°C and stirred for 2 hours after the precipitation of the product. Then the cool reaction mixture was diluted with water; the precipitate formed was filtered off and washed with water. Yield 71 %. M.p. 187-188 °C. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 2.39 (4H, s, 2CH₂); 2.44 (3H, s, CH₃); 2.48 (3H, s, CH₃); 8.30 (1H, s, CH); 8.56 (1H, s, NH); 9.98 (1H, s, NH). Found, %: C 47.81, H 4.70, N 19.22. C₁₂H₁₄N₄O₃S. Calculated, %: C 47.72, H 4.58, N 19.04. M.w. 294.33.

Method for preparation of 3-(8,9-dimethylthieno[3,2-e][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-c]pyrimidin-3-yl)propanoic acid 5. To 0.2 g (0.001 mole) of 4-hydrazinyl-5,6-dimethylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine 1b 0.103 g (0.001 mole) of succinic anhydride and 5 ml of DMF were added. The reaction mixture was heated at 70-80°C and stirred for 1-1.5 hours. Then the cool reaction mixture was diluted with water and the product precipitated was filtered off and washed with water.

Yield 73 %. M.p. 290-291 °C. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ : 2.49 (3H, s, CH₃); 2.59 (3H, s, CH₃); 2.88 (2H, t, CH₂); 3.37 (2H, t, CH₂); 9.18 (1H, s, CH); 12.33 (COOH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ : 12.90; 13.24; 19.58; 30.63; 118.90; 127.12; 134.48; 134.79; 145.63; 145.98; 147.69; 173.27. Found, %: C 52.12, H 4.57, N 20.46. C₁₂H₁₂N₄O₂S. Calculated, %: C 52.16, H 4.38, N 20.28. M.w. 276.32.

General method for synthesis of 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid amides 6.

To 0.3 g (0.9 mmole) of 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid **3c** 0.160 g (0.99 mmole) of CDI and 3 ml of anhydrous DMF were added. The reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 50-70°C for 20 minutes. Then to the solution 0.9 mmole of the corresponding amine was added and the reaction mixture was additionally stirred for 3-5 hours. Then the cool reaction mixture was diluted with water and the precipitate formed was filtered off and crystallized from ethanol.

Antimicrobial activity study. Microbiological experiment was performed by "The microorganism biochemistry and nutrient media laboratory of Institute microbiology and immunology n.I.I.Mechnikov NAMS of Ukraine". According to the WHO recommendations [11,12] to estimate the activity of the compounds tested the following strains of microorganisms were used: *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853, *Proteus vulgaris* ATCC 4636, *Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6633, *Candida albicans* ATCC653/885. The inoculum suspension was prepared using Densi-La-Meter apparatus (made by PLIVA-Lachema, Czech Republic; 540-nm wavelength). The cultures were synchronized using the low temperature conditions (4 °C). Inoculum's density was 10^7 cells in 1 ml of media and was determined by comparing with McFarland standard. 18 to 24-hour old culture of the microorganism was used for the test. Mueller-Hinton agar was employed («HIMedia Laboratorles Pvt. Ltd India») for bacteria. The strain of *Candida albicans* was cultivated using Sabouraud agar («HIMedia Laboratorles Pvt. Ltd India»). The studied compounds were introduced as 0.3 ml DMSO (100 µg/ml) solution aliquots.



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To identify the structure of the **1a** cyclization product with Ac_2O we have obtained the NOESY spectrum of the sample. For to the structure **2** the protons of triazole ring CH₃ should be in the close proximity with CH proton of pyrimidine cycle, therefore the corresponding cross-peak should be observed for these groups of protons. But the spectrum contained no cross peaks for these groups of protons. This may be the evidence of thieno[3,2-e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidine **3a** structure for the compound obtained and the easiness of the rearrangement ethyl 4-hydrazino-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate in the reaction with carboxylic acids anhydrides, even in mild conditions. Therefore the next step of our research was the study of the reaction between 4-hydrazinyllthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidines and dicarboxylic acid anhydrides.

As the results of these experiments it was found that ethyl 4-hydrazinyl-5-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6carboxylate **1a** interaction with succinic and glutaric anhydrides required the higher temperature to form the single products. The NOESY spectra of the isolated compounds contained no cross-peaks of pyrimidine ring proton with any of the other groups of protons. But as the source of misinterpretation the not enough distance between the protons for NOE observation was possible. Therefore we have decided to study this interaction in details.





The first step was base on the application of the simple hydrazide **1b** [10] for the reaction. But the low solubility of the compound **1b** complicated the cyclization reaction and the product **4** was isolated. For better solubility of the starting compound **1b** its interaction with succinic anhydride was performed in DMF media. As the result of starting reagents heating at 70-80°C for 1-1.5 hours the single product, which showed the signal of CH proton of pyrimidine ring at 9.18 ppm and the cross-peak of this signal with the downfield peak of succinic CH₂ group. The longer term heating resulted in the mixture of the isomeric products, which was established by LC-MS. The signal of pyrimidine CH proton for the other isomeric compound was observed at 9.49 ppm, and no cross-peak with succinic acid residue was found for this signal in the NOESY-spectrum.

The heating of the hydrazide **1b** with succinic anhydride in DMF media at 120°C for 3.5 hours resulted in the single product **3b**. Probably the presence of only electron-donating substituents in the thiophene ring is not favorable for pyrimidine ring opening and complicates Dimroth rearrangement step.

The obtained information about the reaction was used for 3c derivative synthesis optimization. The following reaction may be performed in 1,4-dioxane (70-80°C), but this solvent appeared to be hardly suitable for the preparation of the greater amounts (from 2 g of the starting hydrazide **1a**). It is also possible to obtain the target

compound 3c in DMF at 120°C; the disadvantage of this method is the possibility of the product resinification. The most suitable way for the synthesis was boiling of the starting compounds in the glacial acetic acid, which gave the highest yield of the target acid 3c.

The presence of the carboxyl group in the molecule of the compound 3c was favorable for chemical diversity enlargement by amidation reaction using CDI as the coupling reagent. As the result of this combinatorial stage starting from the compound 3c the series of amides 6 was prepared (table 1).

Compnd. №	R1	Molecular formula M.w., M.p., °C	Yield, %
6a	-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	C ₂₁ H ₂₁ N ₅ O ₃ S 423.50 211-212	64
6b	-CH ₂ (4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₅)	C ₂₂ H ₂₃ N ₅ O ₃ S 437.52 224-226	57
6с	$-CH_2(4-C_2H_5C_6H_5)$	C ₂₃ H ₂₅ N ₅ O ₃ S 451.55 220-221	83
6d	-CH ₂ (4-FC ₆ H ₅)	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ FN ₅ O ₃ S 441.49 226-228	77
6e	-CH ₂ (2-ClC ₆ H ₅)	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ ClN ₅ O ₃ S 457.94 233-234	64
6f	-CH ₂ (4-OCH ₃ C ₆ H ₅)	C ₂₂ H ₂₃ N ₅ O ₄ S 453.52 201-202	80
бg		C ₂₂ H ₂₇ N ₅ O ₃ S 441.56 225-227	92
6h		$\begin{array}{c} C_{28}H_{35}N_7O_4S\\ 565.70\\ 184186\end{array}$	87

 Table 1. The properties 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid amides 6

¹H NMR spectra of amides **6** contain the signals of methyl protons of thiophene nuclei in the range 2.94-2.99 ppm and the signals of aliphatic protons of propanoic acid residue, which are observed as two triplets at 2.62-2.78 and 3.16-3.24 ppm. The signal of pyrimidine CH is present in the region 9.67-9.70 ppm, and the NH protons give their peak in the region from 7.88 to 8.51 ppm, which position much depends upon the amide hydrocarbon radical (table 2).

Table 2. ¹H NMR spectra of 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid amides 6

	Chemical shift, δ, ppm					
Compound. №	CH, NH	CH ₃ (3H, c.)	Aliphatic protons	Aromatic protons		
6a *	9.69 (s, CH); 8.47 (t, NH);	2.94	1.32 (3H, t, CH ₃); 2.74 (2H, t, CH ₂); 3.17 (2H, t, CH ₂); 4.17-4.45 (4H, m, 2CH ₂);	7.19 (5H, m)		
6b	9.70 (s, CH); 8.41 (t, NH);	2.99	1.34 (3H, t, CH ₃); 2.21 (3H, s, CH ₃); 2.73 (2H, t, CH ₂); 3.24 (2H, t, CH ₂); 4.20 (2H, d, NHC <u>H₂</u>); 4.36 (2H, q, OC <u>H₂</u>);	6.92-7.13 (4H, m, Ar-H);		
6с	9.67 (s, CH); 8.42 (t, NH);	2.94	1.09 (3H, t, CH ₃); 1.32 (2H, t, CH ₃); 2.48 (2H, m, CH ₂); 2.72 (2H, t, CH ₂); 3.16 (3H, t, CH ₂); 4.20 (2H, d, NHC <u>H₂</u>); 4.36 (2H, q, OC <u>H₂</u>);	6.91-7.17 (4H, m, Ar-H);		
6d	9.69 (s, CH); 8.46 (t, NH);	2.99	1.34 (3H, t, CH ₃); 2.74 (2H, t, CH ₂); 3.18 (2H, t, CH ₂); 4.24 (2H, d, NHC <u>H₂</u>); 4.36 (2H, q, OC <u>H₂</u>);	7.05 (2H, t, H-2' + H-6'); 7.23 (2H, m, H-3' + H-5');		
6e	9.69 (s, CH); 8.51 (t, NH);	2,96	1.32 (3H, t, CH ₃); 2.78 (2H, t, CH ₂); 3.18 (2H, t, CH ₂); 4.22-4.42 (4H, m, 2CH ₂);	7.08-7.42 (4H, m, Ar-H);		
6f	9.70 (s, CH); 8.38 (t, NH);	2.98	1.34 (3H, t, CH ₃); 2.72 (2H, t, CH ₂); 3.17 (2H, t, CH ₂); 3.68 (3H, s, OCH ₃); 4.18 (2H, d, NHC <u>H₂</u>); 4.36 (2H, q, OC <u>H₂</u>);	6.76 (2H, t, H-3' + H-5'); 7.10 (2H, m, H-2' + H-6');		
6g	9.69 (s, CH); 7.88 (t, NH);	2.98	1.34 (3H, t, CH ₃); 1.45 (4H, m); 1.71-2.05 (6H, m); 2.62 (2H, t, CH ₂); 3.03- 3.18 (4H, m); 4.34 (2H, q, OC <u>H₂</u>); 5.31 (1H, c, =CH);	-		
6h **	9.68 (s, CH); 7.96 (t, NH);	2.98	1.31 (3H, t, CH ₃); 1.53 (2H, t, CH ₂); 2.18 (2H, m); 2.64 (2H, t, CH ₂); 2.79- 3.21 (12H, m); 3.64 (3H, s, OCH ₃); 4.32 (2H, q, OCH ₂);	6.68-6.88 (4H, m, Ar-H);		

¹³С NMR (75 MHz, ДМСО-*d₆*): ***6a**: 14.5; 14.93; 24.25; 32.86; 42.10; 61.62; 120.92; 126.17; 126.66; 127.13; 128.16; 139.54; 140.27; 149.22; 155.07; 161.70; 167.27; 170.73.

****6h**: 14.16; 14.97; 21.97; 22.46; 24.36; 24.70; 27.73; 33.08; 37.25; 37.55; 61.63; 121.79; 126.22; 135.03; 139.53 140.34; 149.31; 155.56; 162.18; 167.34; 170.42.

Most of the tested compounds 3c, 3d and amides 6a-6h showed the moderate antimicrobial activity (table 3).

Table 3. Antimicrobial screening data for 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid 3c, 4-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl]butanoic acid 3d and 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9methylthieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid amides 6 (concentration 100 μg/ml)

	Diameter of growth inhibition zone in mm							
	number of repeated experiment n=3							
Compnd. №	Staphylococcus	Escherichia	Proteus	Pseudomonas	Basillus	Candida		
_	aureus	Coli	vulgaris	aeruginosa	Subtilis	aibicans		
	ATCC 25923	ATCC 25922	ATCC 4636	ATCC 27853	ATCC 6633	ATCC 653/885		
3c	14, 14, 15	15, 15, 15	13, 13, 13	16, 15, 17	16, 16, 17	14, 15, 14		
3d	growth	16, 16, 16	13, 13, 14	15, 15, 15	14, 14, 14	14, 14, 14		
6a	15, 14, 14	17, 16, 17	14, 13, 13	14, 15, 15	17, 17, 18	14, 13, 13		
6b	13, 13, 14	16, 16, 16	13, 12, 13	15, 16, 16	14, 14. 15	growth		
6c	17, 17, 18	17, 17, 17	growth	14, 14, 15	16, 16, 17	13, 15, 14		
6d	14, 14, 14	17, 17, 16	13, 14, 13	17, 15, 16	15, 16, 15	17, 16, 16		
6e	16, 16, 17	16, 17, 16	growth	15, 14, 15	17, 15, 17	14, 14, 15		
6f	14, 13, 14	17, 16, 17	13, 14, 13	16, 15, 16	15, 15, 15	16, 16, 15		
6g	15, 14, 15	15, 15, 16	14, 14, 14	14, 14, 15	14, 14, 15	14, 13, 13		
6h	14, 14, 15	17, 17, 16	growth	14, 15, 14	16, 15, 15	14, 14, 14		
Metr.**	14, 15, 14	14, 13, 14	growth	growth	16, 15, 16	14, 14, 14		
Strept.**	15, 16, 15	15, 16, 17	growth	growth	17, 16, 17	growth		

**Metr. – Metronidazole, DMSO solution, concentration 30 µg/ml;

**Strept. – Streptomycin, H_2O solution, concentration 30 μ g/ml;

CONCLUSION

The interaction of 4-hydrazinylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidines with succinic anhydride showed the easiness of Dimroth rearrangement for ethyl 4-hydrazinyl-5-methylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate. The effective conditions for synthesis of amides of 3-[8-(ethoxycarbonyl)-9-methylthieno[3,2-*e*][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidin-2-yl]propanoic acid were developed. The antimicrobial activity study for the compound synthesized revealed their moderate antimicrobial activity.

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