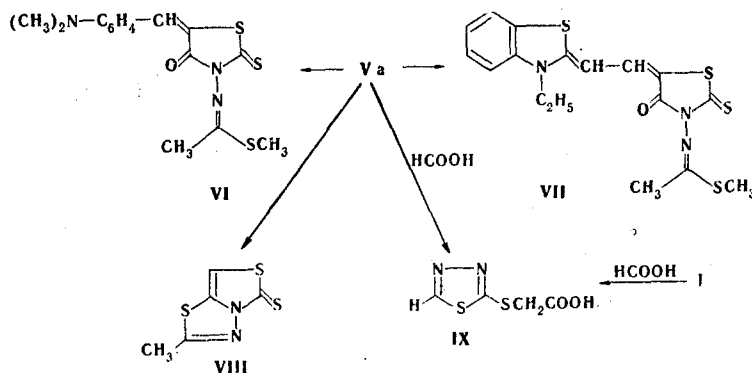




TABLE 1. 3-[R-(Alkylthio)methylene]aminothiazolidine-2-thion-4-one Derivatives (V-VII)

Compound	mp, °C (from alcohol)	Found, %		Empirical formula	Calc., %		Yield, %
		N	S		N	S	
Va	148-149	12,8	43,5	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS <sub>3</sub>	12,7	43,2	79
Vb	75-76	12,0	41,1	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS <sub>3</sub>	12,0	41,0	60
Vc	138-139	9,6	32,3	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS <sub>3</sub>	9,5	32,4	55
Vd	182-183	9,8	33,7	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS <sub>3</sub>	9,9	34,0	30
Ve	82-83	12,1	40,7	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS <sub>3</sub>	12,0	41,0	48
VI	140-141	11,9	27,3	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OS <sub>3</sub>	12,0	27,4	40
VII	232-233	10,3	31,4	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OS <sub>4</sub>	10,3	31,4	75

merocyanine dye VII, respectively, were obtained in the reaction of 3-[N-( $\alpha$ -methylthio)ethylidene]aminothiazolidine-2-thion-4-one (Va) with p-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde and 3-ethyl-2-(2-acetanilidovinyl)benzothiazolium iodide.



It is known that thiorhodanines are usually formed by the action of phosphorus pentasulfide on rhodanines [8]. However, in the case of Va this reaction leads to 5H-2-methylthiazolo[4,3-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole-5-thione (VIII), which is identical to a sample obtained by another method [9]. In the hydrolysis of Va in 50% formic acid the initially formed 3-aminopyridine is converted to 2-carboxymethylthio-1,3,4-thiadiazole (IX) as a result of formylation and subsequent isomerization, as in [1].

#### EXPERIMENTAL

The PMR spectra of solutions of the compounds in CDCl<sub>3</sub> were measured with a Tesla BS-467 spectrometer (60 MHz) with hexamethyldisiloxane as the internal standard. The UV spectra of solutions of the compounds in CH<sub>3</sub>OH were recorded with an SF-8 spectrophotometer. The IR spectra of KBr pellets of the compounds were recorded with a UR-10 spectrometer.

3-[N-( $\alpha$ -Methylthio)ethylidene]aminothiazolidine-2-thion-4-one (Va). A mixture of 13.9 g (6.4 mmole) of iodide IIa and 9.5 g (6.5 mmole) of rhodanine I was fused at 80°C for 2 h, after which the crystallized melt was triturated with acetone. The precipitate was removed by filtration and washed with ether to give 11 g (Table 1) of a product with  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 295 (3.50) and 240 nm (3.22).

Rhodanines Vb-e were similarly obtained from I and IIb-e.

5-(p-Dimethylaminobenzylidene)-3-[N-( $\alpha$ -methylthio)ethylidene]aminothiazolidine-2-thion-4-one (VI). A mixture of 0.44 g (2 mmole) of rhodanine Va, 0.3 g (2 mmole) of p-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde and 0.1 g (4 mmole) of sodium acetate was refluxed in 2 ml of acetic acid for 1 h, after which the dye was removed by filtration and washed with alcohol to give 0.25 g of a product with  $\lambda_{\max}$  488 nm. PMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>COOH):  $\delta$ , 2.45 (3H); s, 2.62 (3H); s, 3.05 (6H); m, 7.38 (4H); s, 7.55 ppm (1H).

3-[N-( $\alpha$ -Methylthio)ethylidene]amino-5-[(3-ethylbenzothiazolin-2-ylidene)ethylidene]-thiazolidin-2-thion-4-one (VII). A mixture of 0.43 g (1 mmole) of 3-ethyl-2-(2-acetanilidovinyl)benzothiazolium iodide and 0.22 g (1 mmole) of Va in 10 ml of absolute alcohol was heated to the boiling point, and 0.1 g (1 mmole) of triethylamine was added. The precipitated dye was removed by filtration to give 0.3 g of a product with  $\lambda_{\max}$  533 nm.

5H-2-Methylthiazolo[4,3-b]-1,3,4-thiadiazole-5-thione (VIII). A mixture of 0.22 g (1 mmole) of rhodanine Va, 0.22 g (1 mmole) of phosphorus pentasulfide, and 3 ml of dioxane was refluxed for 2 h, after which the dioxane was evaporated, and the residue was crystallized from alcohol to give 0.1 g (53%) of a product with mp 234-235°C (mp 235°C [9]). Found: N 14.7; S 50.9%.  $C_5H_4N_2S_3$ . Calculated: N 14.8; S 51.1%.

2-Carboxymethylthio-1,3,4-thiadiazole (IX). A solution of 0.22 g (1 mmole) of rhodanine Va in 5 ml of 50% formic acid was heated at 80°C for 2 h, after which it was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was triturated with acetonitrile to give 0.1 g (52%) of a product with mp 158-159°C (from acetonitrile) (mp 156-158°C [9]). Found: N 15.9; S 35.8%.  $C_4H_4N_2O_2S_2$ . Calculated: N 15.9; S 36.4%.

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#### REACTION OF A FISCHER BASE AND ITS DERIVATIVES WITH BENZOYLACETALDEHYDES

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The corresponding 2-(3-benzoyl-2-propen-1-ylidene)indolines, which exist in the form of merocyanines and do not display tendencies to undergo intramolecular cyclization to the spiro form, were obtained as a result of the reaction of 1,3,3-trimethyl-2-methyleneindoline and its analogs with p-substituted benzoyl-acetaldehydes.

Indolinespiropyrans presently constitute one of the most promising classes of photochromic substances [1]. The overwhelming majority of compounds of this type are synthesized by the reaction of a Fischer base and its derivatives with substituted salicylaldehydes and have indoline-2-spiro-2'-[2H]chromene structures. Recently performed quantum-chemical calculations have shown [2] that the photochromic properties of these compounds depend markedly on the electronic structure of the pyran fragment. Thus, for example, the transition from benzopyran derivatives to pyran derivatives sharply increases the stability of the open form, which leads to the loss of photochromic properties. In this connection, it seemed of interest to study the properties of indoline merocyanines in which one might have expected the formation of a closed form with a pyran fragment containing a phenyl substituent. We selected 2-(3-benzoyl-2-propenylidene)indolines as the subjects of this investigation.

It is known [3] that  $\beta$ -dicarbonyl compounds (primarily  $\beta$ -keto aldehydes) react smoothly with primary or secondary amines to give  $\beta$ -aminovinyl ketones. We have established that the reaction of  $\beta$ -keto aldehydes (IVa-g) with Fischer bases (I-III), which can be regarded

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