SYNTHESIS, STRUCTURE,
AND ALKYLATION OF N-METHYLMORPHOLINIUM 5-THENOYL- AND
5-BENZOYL-3-CYANO-6-TRIFLUOROMETHYLPYRIDINE-2-THIOLATES

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By reaction of ethoxymethylene derivatives of trifluorothenoyl- and trifluorobenzoylacetone with cyanothioacetamide in the presence of excess N-methylmorpholine, we have obtained the corresponding N-methylmorpholinium 5-acyl-3-cyano-6-trifluoromethylpyridine-2-thiolates and have studied their alkylation.

Keywords: N-methylmorpholine, pyridine, thieno[2,3-*b*]pyridine, cyanothioacetamide, ethoxyethylene, alkylation.

In the literature, we find descriptions of trifluoromethyl-substituted pyridinethiones obtained by reaction of cyanothioacetamides with activated olefins or 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds [1-4]. Trifluoromethyl-substituted aromatic and heterocyclic compounds [5] and also 4-unsubstituted pyridine-2(1H)-thiones [6-8] are known to have biological activity. Continuing studies in this direction, we have developed a method for synthesis of 5-thenoyl-and 5-benzoyl-3-cyano-6-trifluoromethylpyridine-2-thiolates.

Reaction of ethoxymethylene derivatives of trifluorothenoyl- (1) or trifluorobenzoylacetone (2) with cyanothioacetamide (3) in the presence of a two-fold excess of N-methylmorpholine at room temperature leads to N-methylmorpholinium 5-thenoyl- (4) or 5-benzoyl-3-cyano-6-trifluoromethylpyridine-2-thiolate (5) in 85% and 51% yields respectively. The reaction probably occurs with formation of adducts 6, 7, undergoing ring closure to salts 4 and 5 respectively.

EtO
$$CF_3$$
 R
 O
 H_2N
 S
 O
 CN
 CN
 CN
 F_3C
 O
 CN
 CN

1, 4, 6 R = thienyl-2; 2, 5, 7 R = Ph

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The structure of the latter has been confirmed by the results of elemental analysis and spectroscopic studies (Tables 1 and 2), and also is consistent with literature data on condensation of 1,1,1-trifluoroacetylacetone with cyanothioacetamide [2]. In the IR spectra of salts 4, 5 we see absorption bands for the stretching vibrations of the carbonyl group in the 1600-1630 cm⁻¹ region and the conjugated nitrile group in the 2190 cm⁻¹ region.

In the ¹H NMR spectra of compounds **4**, **5**, we observe triplets in the 3.17-3.80 ppm region typical for protons of the N-methylmorpholinium cation, and also a singlet signal from the proton of the 4-H pyridine ring in the 7.27-7.74 ppm region. The signals from protons of the thenoyl moiety of salt **4** have the form of a triplet and two doublets in the 7.16 ppm and 7.70 ppm, 7.89 ppm region respectively. The benzoyl moiety of thiolate **5** appears as a multiplet at 7.34-8.04 ppm.

Treatment of salts 4 and 5 with equimolar amounts of halides 8a-f in DMF in the presence of KOH (method A) leads to formation of the alkylthio derivatives 9a-f and 10a-f respectively. When treating thiolates 4 and 5 with 4-bromophenacyl bromide 7g or α -chloroacetamide 8h according to method A, in all cases we see formation of the linear product 9g,h or 10g,h with the corresponding thienopyridine 11g,h and 12g,h. By briefly heating the indicated reagents in DMF without KOH (method B), we were able to obtain pure linear derivatives 9h and 10g,h. We should note that the relatively high capacity of product 9g for cyclization did not allow us to isolate it as a pure compound under the conditions of methods A and B.

TABLE 1. Characteristics of Synthesized Compounds

Com-	Empirical	_ Found, %				mp, °C	Yield,
pound	formula	Calculated, %					
		С	Н	N	S		
4	$C_{17}H_{16}F_3N_3O_2S_2$	49.03 49.15	$\frac{3.71}{3.88}$	10.32 10.11	15.54 15.44	128-130	85
5	$C_{19}H_{18}F_3N_3O_2S$	55.90 55.74	4.21 4.43	$\frac{10.11}{10.26}$	7.99 7.83	114-116	51
9a	$C_{13}H_7F_3N_2OS_2$	$\frac{47.70}{47.56}$	$\frac{2.31}{2.15}$	$\frac{8.39}{8.53}$	19.40 19.53	145-147	72
9b	$C_{14}H_9F_3N_2OS_2$	49.01 49.12	$\frac{2.42}{2.65}$	$\frac{8.30}{8.18}$	18.84 18.73	124-126	56
9c	$C_{15}H_{11}F_3N_2OS_2$	$\frac{50.33}{50.55}$	$\frac{3.00}{3.11}$	7.99 7.86	17.32 17.19	103-105	52
9d	$C_{16}H_{13}F_3N_2OS_2$	<u>51.92</u> 51.88	3.70 3.54	7.41 7.56	17.22 17.31	76-78	53
9e	$C_{15}H_9F_3N_2OS_2$	$\frac{50.77}{50.84}$	$\frac{2.33}{2.56}$	$\frac{7.74}{7.91}$	$\frac{18.25}{18.10}$	107-109	52
9f	$C_{19}H_{11}F_3N_2OS_2$	56.55 56.43	$\frac{2.82}{2.74}$	6.80 6.93	15.71 15.86	126-128	58
9h	$C_{14}H_8F_3N_3O_2S_2$	$\frac{45.10}{45.28}$	$\frac{2.34}{2.17}$	11.50 11.32	17.12 17.27	130-132 subl.	61
10a	$C_{15}H_9F_3N_2OS$	55.76 55.90	$\frac{2.59}{2.81}$	$\frac{8.81}{8.69}$	$\frac{9.85}{9.95}$	105-107	84
10b	$C_{16}H_{11}F_3N_2OS$	57.30 57.14	$\frac{3.18}{3.30}$	$\frac{8.12}{8.33}$	9.66 9.53	86-88	55
10c	$C_{17}H_{13}F_3N_2OS$	$\frac{58.11}{58.28}$	$\frac{3.55}{3.74}$	$\frac{8.25}{8.00}$	$\frac{9.06}{9.15}$	83-85	53
10d	$C_{18}H_{15}F_3N_2OS$	<u>59.41</u> 59.33	4.39 4.15	7.54 7.69	$\frac{8.62}{8.80}$	74-76	52
10e	$C_{17}H_{11}F_3N_2OS$	$\frac{58.50}{58.62}$	$\frac{3.11}{3.18}$	$\frac{8.33}{8.04}$	$\frac{9.40}{9.20}$	97-99	52
10f	$C_{21}H_{13}F_3N_3OS$	63.14 63.31	$\frac{3.12}{3.29}$	7.22 7.03	$\frac{8.13}{8.05}$	75-77	56
10g	$C_{22}H_{12}BrF_3N_2O_2S$	<u>52.42</u> 52.29	$\frac{2.11}{2.39}$	5.34 5.54	6.60 6.35	80-82	58
10h	$C_{16}H_{10}F_3N_3O_2S$	52.43 52.60	$\frac{2.59}{2.76}$	$\frac{11.71}{11.50}$	$\frac{8.92}{8.78}$	108-110	61
11g	$C_{20}H_{10}BrF_3N_2O_2S_2$	46.76 46.98	$\frac{1.80}{1.97}$	5.59 5.48	12.61 12.54	88-90	58
11h	$C_{14}H_8F_3N_3O_2S_2$	45.51 45.28	$\frac{2.32}{2.17}$	11.14 11.32	17.10 17.27	73-75	56
12g	$C_{22}H_{12}BrF_3N_2O_2S$	<u>52.14</u> 52.29	2.22 2.39	5.61 5.54	6.49 6.35	134-136	54
12h	$C_{16}H_{10}F_3N_3O_2S$	$\frac{52.71}{52.60}$	$\frac{2.92}{2.76}$	$\frac{11.41}{11.50}$	$\frac{8.55}{8.78}$	70-73	57

TABLE 2. Spectral Characteristics of Synthesized Compounds

Com- IR spectrum, cm ⁻¹		¹ H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm; spin–spin coupling constant (<i>J</i>), Hz				
pound	$C_{\equiv}N$	C=O, NH ₂	4-H pyridine ring (1H, s)	R (H _{thienyl} or H _{phenyl})	protons of methylmorpholinium or SCH ₂ , R ¹ , NH ₂	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
4	2190	1635	7.27	7.16 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.70 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3H); 7.89 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	2.80 (3H, s, CH ₃); 3.80 (4H, t, <i>J</i> = 5.0, CH ₂ NCH ₂); 3.78 (4H, t, <i>J</i> = 5.0, CH ₂ OCH ₂)	
5	2190	1660	7.74*	7.34-8.04 (5H, m)*	2.79 (3H, s, CH ₃); 3.17 (4H, t, <i>J</i> = 5.0, CH ₂ NCH ₂); 3.78 (4H, t, <i>J</i> = 5.0, CH ₂ COCH ₂)	
9a	2220	1660	8.12	7.26 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3-H); 8.24 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	2.69 (3H, s, CH ₃)	
9b	2224	1570	8.11	7.26 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3-H); 8.23 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	1.34 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$, CH ₃); 3.31 (2H, q, $J = 7.5$, SCH ₂)	
9c	2210	1680	8.13	7.26 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.93 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3-H); 8.24 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	1.04 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5, CH ₃); 1.75 (2H, m, <u>C</u> H ₂ CH ₃); 3.29 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5, SCH ₂)	
9d	2210	1640	8.15	7.28 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3-H); 8.26 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	0.93 (3H, t, J = 7.5, CH ₃); 1.62 (4H, m, CH ₂ (<u>C</u> H ₂) ₂); 3.29 (2H, t, J = 7.5, SCH ₂)	
9e	2210	1650	8.15	7.27 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.92 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3-H); 8.25 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	4.01 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.5, SCH ₂); 5.14 and 5.41 (2H, two d, <i>J</i> = 7.5, CH ₂ =); 5.98 (1H, m, CH=)	
9f	2200	1670	8.18	7.48 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3-H); 8.27 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	4.65 (2H, s, SCH ₂); 7.30 (5H, m, Ph)	
9h	2230	1600, 1660, 3400	8.14	7.22 (1H, m, 4-H and 1-H, NH ₂)*; 7.96 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3-H); 8.26 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	4.07 (2H, s, SCH ₂); 7.64 (1H, br. s, NH ₂)	

TABLE 2 (continued)

1	2	3	4	5	6
10a	2235	1600	8.18	7.58 (3H, m, 3-, 4- and 5-H); 8.31 (2H, m, 2- and 6-H)	2.77 (3H, s, SCH ₃)
10b	2225	1670	8.17	7.58 (3H, m, 3-, 4- and 5-H); 8.28 (2H, m, 2- and 6-H)	1.40 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$, CH ₃); 3.39 (2H, q, $J = 7.5$, SCH ₂)
10c	2200	1670	8.15	7.57 (3H, m, 3-, 4- and 5-H); 8.28 (2H, m, 2- and 6-H)	1.03 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5, CH ₃); 1.76 (2H, m, CH ₃ CH ₂); 3.35 (2H, m, SCH ₂)
10d	2290	1665	8.15	7.60 (3H, m, 3-, 4- and 5-H); 8.24 (2H, m, 2- and 6-H)	0.92 (3H, m, CH ₃); 1.28-1.88 (4H, m, 2CH ₂); 3.38 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5, SCH ₂)
10e	2235	1600	8.17	7.58 (3H, m, 3-, 4- and 5-H); 8.29 (2H, m, 2- and 6-H)	4.09 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.5, SCH ₂); 5.21 and 5.46 (2H, two d, <i>J</i> = 7.5, CH ₂ =); 6.01 (1H, m, CH=)
10f	2210	1630	8.21	7.21-7.68 (8H, m, 3-, 4-, 5-H, and CH ₂ Ph)*; 8.31 (2H, m, 2- and 6-H)	4.74 (2H, s, SCH ₂)
10g	2210	1660	8.16	7.81-8.03 (10H, m, 2Ph)	5.10 (2H, s, SCH ₂)
10h	2220	1640, 3410	8.20	7.58 (3H, m, 3-, 4- and 5-H); 8.32 (2H, m, 2- and 6-H)	4.12 (2H, s, SCH ₂); 7.25 (1H, s, NH ₂); 7.75 (1H, s, NH ₂)
11g	_	1585, 1600, 3510	8.29	7.24 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.76-7.90 (3H, m, 3-H and NH ₂); 8.25 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	7.74 (4H, br. s, C ₆ H ₄)
11h	_	1600, 1660, 3330, 3440	8.24	7.24 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 4-H); 7.81 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3-H); 8.18 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 4.6, 5-H)	6.66 (2H, br. s, NH ₂); 7.45 (2H, br. s, CONH ₂)
12g	_	1600, 1680, 3340	8.13-8.28 (3H, m, 4-, 2-, 6-H Ph)	7.39-7.92 (5H, m, 3-, 4-, 5-H, and NH ₂)*	7.75 (4H, br. s, C ₆ H ₄)*
12h	_	1600, 1680, 3360, 3480	8.21 (3H, m, 4-H, 2-, 6-H Ph)	7.49 (5H, m, 3-, 4-, 5-H, and CONH ₂)	6.68 (2H, br. s, NH ₂)

^{*} The signals overlap.

$$4 + \text{HalCH}_2R^1 \xrightarrow{\text{KOH, DMF}} \text{(method A)}$$

$$8\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{f}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_3\mathbf{C} \qquad \mathbf{N} \qquad \mathbf{SCH}_2R^1$$

$$\mathbf{9a} - \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{10a} - \mathbf{f}$$

$$\mathbf{8g,h} \qquad \mathbf{9g,h}, \mathbf{10g,h} + \mathbf{R} \qquad \mathbf{NH}_2$$

$$\mathbf{11g,h} \quad \mathbf{12g,h}$$

The structure of the obtained alkyl derivatives **9a-f,h** and **10a-h**, and also thienopyridines **11g,h** and **12g,h** is confirmed by the results of elemental analysis (Table 1), IR and ¹H NMR spectra (Table 2).

EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra of the synthesized compounds were recorded on an IKS-29 instrument for a suspension in vaseline oil. The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker WP-100 SY spectrometer (100 MHz) for solutions in DMSO-d₆, internal standard TMS. The course of the reaction and the purity of the compounds obtained were monitored by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates in a 3:5 acetone–heptane system, with iodine as the visualizing agent.

N-Methylmorpholinium 3-Cyano-5-thenoyl-6-trifluoromethylpyridine-2-thiolate (4). N-methylmorpholine (10 ml, 0.09 mol) was added with stirring to a mixture of ethoxyethylene 1 (12.5 g, 45 mimol) and cyanothioacetamide 3 (4.5 g, 45 mmol) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) at 20°C. After the starting compounds were completely dissolved, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pleated filter. The filtrate was stirred for 4 h. The precipitate of product formed was filtered off and washed with acetone. Yield of compound 4 15.9 g.

N-Methylmorpholinium 5-Benzoyl-3-cyano-6-trifluoromethylpyridine-2-thiolate (5) was obtained similarly to compound 4, from amide 3 and ethoxyethylene 2.

- **2-Alkylthio-** and **2-Benzylthio-3-cyano-5-thenoyl-6-trifluoromethylpyridines** (9a-f). 10% KOH (1.3 ml, 2.4 mmol) was added with stirring to a solution of salt 4 (1 g, 2.4 mmol) in DMF (8 ml). After 10 min, the corresponding alkyl halide **8a-f** (2.4 mmol) was added to the reaction mass, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pleated filter, and the filtrate was stirred for 4 h. The precipitate of product formed was filtered off and washed with alcohol.
- **2-Alkylthio- and 5-Benzoyl-2-benzylthio-3-cyano-6-trifluoromethylpyridines (10a-f)** were obtained similarly to compounds **9a-f**, from salt **5** (1 g, 2.4 mmol) and the corresponding alkyl halide **8a-f** (2.4 mmol).
- **2-Carbamoylmethylthio-3-cyano-5-thenoyl-6-trifluoromethylpyridine** (9h). α -Chloroacetamide 8h (0.22 g, 2.4 mmol) was added with stirring to a solution of salt 4 (1 g, 2.4 mmol) in DMF (8 ml). The reaction mixture was heated to boiling and filtered hot through a pleated filter. The filtrate was held for 12 h at room temperature. The precipitate formed was filtered off and washed with alcohol.
- 2-(4-Bromophenylcarbonylmethylthio)- and 5-Benzoyl-2-carbamoylmethylthio-3-cyano-6-trifluoromethylpyridines (10g,h) were obtained similarly to compound 9h, from salt 5 and 4-bromophenacyl bromide 8g or amide 8h respectively.
- 3-Amino-2-(4-bromophenylcarbonyl)- and 3-Amino-2-carbamoyl-5-thenoyl-6-trifluoromethyl-thieno[2,3-b]pyridines (11g,h). 10% KOH (1.3 ml, 2.4 mmol) was added with stirring to a solution of salt 4 (1 g, 2.4 mmol) in DMF (8 ml), and after 10 min an equimolar amount of compound 8g or 8h was also added. The

reaction mass was stirred for 0.5 h, then 10% KOH (1.3 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 4 h. The precipitate of product formed was filtered off and washed with alcohol.

3-Amino-2-(4-bromophenylcarbonyl)- and 3-Amino-5-benzoyl-2-carbamoyl-6-trifluoromethyl-thieno[2,3-b]pyridines (12g,h) were obtained similarly to compounds 11g,h, from salt 5 and compound 8g or 8h respectively.

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