

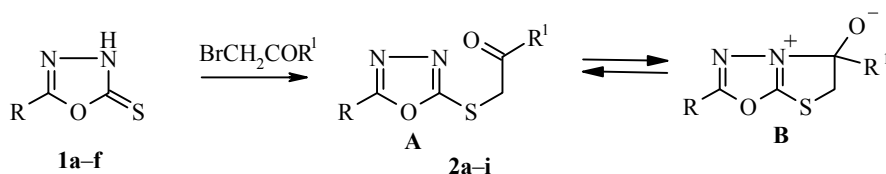
**THE REACTION OF 5-ARYL-  
(HETARYL)-2-AROYLMETHYLTHIO-  
1,3,4-OXADIAZOLES WITH ARYLDIAZONIUM  
TETRAFLUOROBORATES**

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*5-Aryl(hetaryl)-2-aroilmethylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazoles behave as CH acids and readily react with aryldiazonium tetrafluoroborates at the active methylene group to give azo coupling products. The spectroscopic properties of the compounds synthesized have been studied.*

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In a continuation of a study on the synthesis and properties of compounds containing active methylene groups [1-6], 5-aryl(hetaryl)-2-aroilmethylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazoles (**2a-i**), which can exist as two tautomeric forms A and B [8], have been obtained by the reaction of 5-aryl(hetaryl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2(3H)-thiones (**1a-f**) with substituted phenacyl bromides [7]. Analysis of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR and IR spectroscopic data (Tables 1 and 2) shows unambiguously that compounds **2a-i** exist in the form of the open chain tautomer A, analogously to N-substituted 2-acylmethylthiobenzimidazoles [9]. In fact the protons of the methylene groups of the phenacyl substituents in compounds **2a-i** appear as a singlet in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in the 5.03-5.26 ppm region, whereas for the form B the signals characteristic of an AB system would be expected as a result of the presence of an asymmetric center. In addition the IR spectra contain bands characteristic of the C=O stretching vibrations in the region of 1670-1690 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which confirms structure A.



**1a** R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; **b** R = 3-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **c** R = 4-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **d** R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>; **e** R = 3-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N; **f** R = 4-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N. **2a\*** R = R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>;  
**b** R = 3-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; **c** R = 3-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **d** R = 3-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
**e** R = 4-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **f** R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
**g\*** R = 3-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N, R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; **h\*** R = 4-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N, R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; **i** R = 4-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>  
 (\* compounds whose synthesis and properties have been described in [7]).

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Compounds **2a-i** are CH acids which react readily with aryldiazonium tetrafluoroborates at the active methylene group to give azo coupling products (**3a-m**). The mobility of the methylene group hydrogen atom is indicated in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compounds **2** by the disappearance of the  $\text{CH}_2$  proton singlet and the appearance of CH singlet at 5.0-5.1 ppm as a result of substitution of the proton on deuterium when  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  is added.

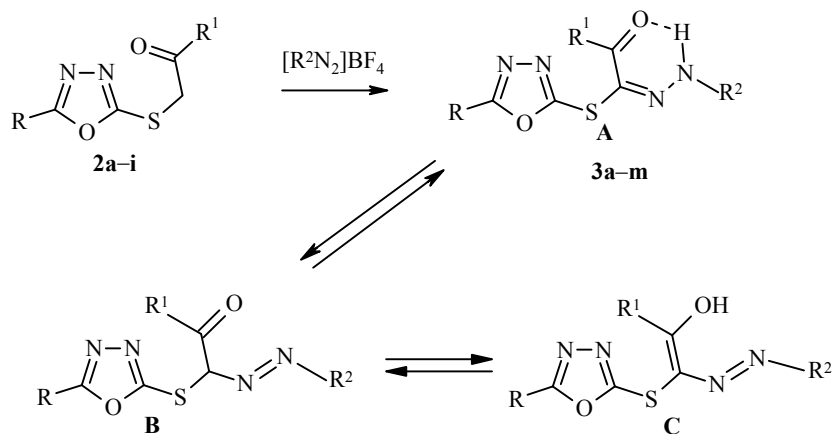
It is theoretically possible for compounds **3a-m** to exist in three tautomeric forms: the keto hydrazone (A), azo ketone (B) or azo enol forms (C). Formation of intramolecular hydrogen bonds between atoms  $\text{O}_{(1)}$  and  $\text{N}_{(3)}$  of the molecules is not excluded.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compounds **3a-m** contain signals of the NH group protons as singlets in the 10.78-11.89 ppm region, while the IR spectra include absorption bands characteristic of the CO and NH groups at 1650-1670 and 3128-3210  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  regions respectively (Table 2), so that they are assigned the structure of the corresponding keto hydrazones (A).

TABLE 1. Characteristics of Compounds **2a-i**\* and **3a-m**

Compound	Empirical formula	Found, %		mp, °C	Yield, %
		Calculated, %			
		N	S		
<b>2b</b>	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$	7.39	8.45	118.5-119	81
		7.47	8.54		
<b>2c</b>	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$	6.58	7.80	162-163	85
		6.84	7.83		
<b>2d</b>	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$	9.89	7.58	147-148.5	92
		10.0	7.63		
<b>2e</b>	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$	8.05	9.20	154-155	83
		8.11	9.24		
<b>2f</b>	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$	7.98	9.21	106-107	75
		8.12	9.30		
<b>2i</b>	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$	12.2	9.60	150-151	91
		12.7	9.65		
<b>3a</b>	$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$	13.5	8.02	168-171	54
		13.1	7.48		
<b>3b</b>	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$	12.8	6.21	267-268	72
		13.4	6.11		
<b>3c</b>	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrClN}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$	12.9	5.70	252-253	75
		12.5	5.73		
<b>3d</b>	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrCl}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$	11.0	6.01	184.5-185	64
		10.2	5.84		
<b>3e</b>	$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_5\text{O}_5\text{S}$	12.1	5.82	210-210.5	67
		12.6	5.76		
<b>3f</b>	$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_5\text{O}_5\text{S}$	13.8	6.52	253-254.5	72
		14.2	6.49		
<b>3g</b>	$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$	11.3	6.73	204-205	65
		11.7	6.69		
<b>3h</b>	$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$	14.0	6.51	241-242	68
		14.2	6.48		
<b>3i</b>	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$	16.4	7.93	194-194.5	75
		16.9	7.70		
<b>3j</b>	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}$	19.0	7.23	247-248.5	74
		18.8	7.17		
<b>3k</b>	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}$	18.5	7.20	196-197	70
		18.8	7.17		
<b>3l</b>	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_3\text{S}$	14.5	6.91	227-227.5	67
		15.0	6.87		
<b>3m</b>	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}$	17.1	6.71	262-262.5	76
		17.5	6.67		

\* Compounds **2a,g,h** are described in [7].



**3a** R = R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **b** R = 3-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
**c** R = 3-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **d** R = 3-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>,  
R<sup>2</sup> = 2,4-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>; **e** R = 3-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **f** R = 4-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>,  
R<sup>1</sup> = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **g** R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
**h** R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **i** R = 3-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N, R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
**j** R = 3-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N, R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **k** R = 4-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N, R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
**l** R = 4-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>; **m** R = 4-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N, R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>,  
R<sup>2</sup> = 4-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>

TABLE 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and IR Spectroscopic Data for Compounds **2a-i**\* and **3a-m**

Com- pound	IR spectra, ν, cm <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> H NMR spectra, δ, ppm			
		S-CH <sub>2</sub> -CO (2H, s)	N-NH- (1H, s)	H-Ar (m)	other signals
<b>2b</b>	1672	5.22		7.56-8.12 (9H)	
<b>2c</b>	1670	5.18		7.52-8.12 (8H)	
<b>2d</b>	1672	5.26		7.52-8.43 (8H)	
<b>2e</b>	1690	5.12		7.08-8.05 (8H)	3.88 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>2f</b>	1670	5.03		7.29-8.01 (9H)	4.24 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> )
<b>2i</b>	1680	5.20		7.62-8.81 (8H)	
<b>3a</b>	1650, 3120		11.30	7.40-8.21 (14H)	1.23 (3H, t, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.70 (2H, q, CH <sub>2</sub> )
<b>3b</b>	1650, 3126		11.55	7.50-8.41 (13H)	
<b>3c</b>	1650, 3120		11.58	7.50-8.41 (12H)	
<b>3d</b>	1650, 3100		11.34	7.48-8.15 (12H)	
<b>3e</b>	1650, 3130		11.44	7.10-8.39 (12H)	3.83 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>3f</b>	1660, 3160		11.44	7.17-8.50 (12H)	3.90 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>3g</b>	1660, 3184		10.78	7.09-8.18 (13H)	3.81 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.53 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> )
<b>3h</b>	1660, 3170		10.85	7.21-8.24 (13H)	3.57 (2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> )
<b>3i</b>	1650, 3160		11.49	7.36-9.03 (13H)	2.38 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>3j</b>	1650, 3130		11.69	7.61-9.06 (13H)	
<b>3k</b>	1670, 3128		11.89	7.62-8.88 (13H)	
<b>3l</b>	1660, 3168		11.56	7.11-8.75 (12H)	3.83 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>3m</b>	1660, 3126		11.76	7.71-8.79 (12H)	

\* Compounds **2a,g,h** are described in [7].

## EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra of KBr disks were recorded with a UR-20 spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of DMSO- $d_6$  solutions with TMS as internal standard were obtained with a Bruker-300 (300 MHz) instrument.

**5-R-2-Aroylmethylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazoles (2a-i).** 1,3,4-Oxadiazole-2(3H)-thione (**1a-f**) (0.01 mol) was dissolved in aqueous ethanol (40 ml) containing KOH (0.56 g, 0.01 mol) and  $\alpha$ -halo ketone (0.01 mol) dissolved in ethanol (20 ml) was added. The reaction mixture was kept for 10-15 h at 18-20°C, after which water (50 ml) was added, the precipitate was filtered off and washed with water.

**5-R-2-[1-(R<sup>2</sup>-Hydrazono)-2-R<sup>1</sup>-2-oxoethylthio]-1,3,4-oxadiazoles (3a-m).** Suspension of aryldiazonium tetrafluoroborate (0.01 mol) in mixture of AcOH (20 ml) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (5 ml) was added to solution of 5-R-2-arylmethylthio-1,3,4-oxadiazole (**2a-i**) (0.01 mol) and anhydrous AcONa (1 g) in mixture of AcOH (30 ml) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (5 ml). The reaction mixture was kept in the dark at 18-20°C for 20-24 h and the precipitate was filtered off.

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