

HALOCYCLIZATION OF SUBSTITUTED 2-(ALKENYLTHIO)PYRIMIDIN-6-ONES

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Bromination and iodation of 2-(alkenylthio)pyrimidin-6-ones occur selectively and lead to formation of the corresponding 7-oxo-2,3-dihydrothiazolopyrimidinium or 8-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrimidothiazinium salts. The selectivity of the reaction is controlled by the nature of the alkenyl substituent on the sulfur atom and the basicity of the N₍₁₎ and N₍₃₎ atoms of the pyrimidine ring. The iodation reaction rate increases as the basicity of the N₍₃₎ atom increases.

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Iodation of 2-allylthio-1H-pyrimidin-6-ones leads to formation of 3-iodomethyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydro-8H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidinium iodides and triiodides [1]. An analogous conversion is also observed in the case of halogenation of 2-(allylthio)thienopyrimidin-6-ones [2, 3].

This work was devoted to determining the selectivity of halocyclization of substituted 2-(alkenylthio)-4-R-pyrimidin-6-ones **1a-g** and studying the effect of the nature of the substituent R on the rate of the indicated reaction.

The starting compounds **1a-d** were synthesized from the sodium salt of 6-methylthiouracil and the corresponding alkenyl halide by the procedure in [3]. Compounds **1e-g** were obtained from 6-amino-4-hydroxy-2-mercaptopyrimidine and the corresponding alkenyl halide by the procedure in [1].

When compounds **1a-g** were reacted with bromine or iodine in chloroform or acetic acid, after treatment of the initially formed trihalo derivatives (see [1]) with acetone we selectively obtained substituted 7-oxo-2,3-dihydrothiazolopyrimidinium salts **2a-d**, **3a-d** or 8-oxo-3,4-dihydropyrimidothiazinium salts **4a-c**, **5a-c** (Scheme 1).

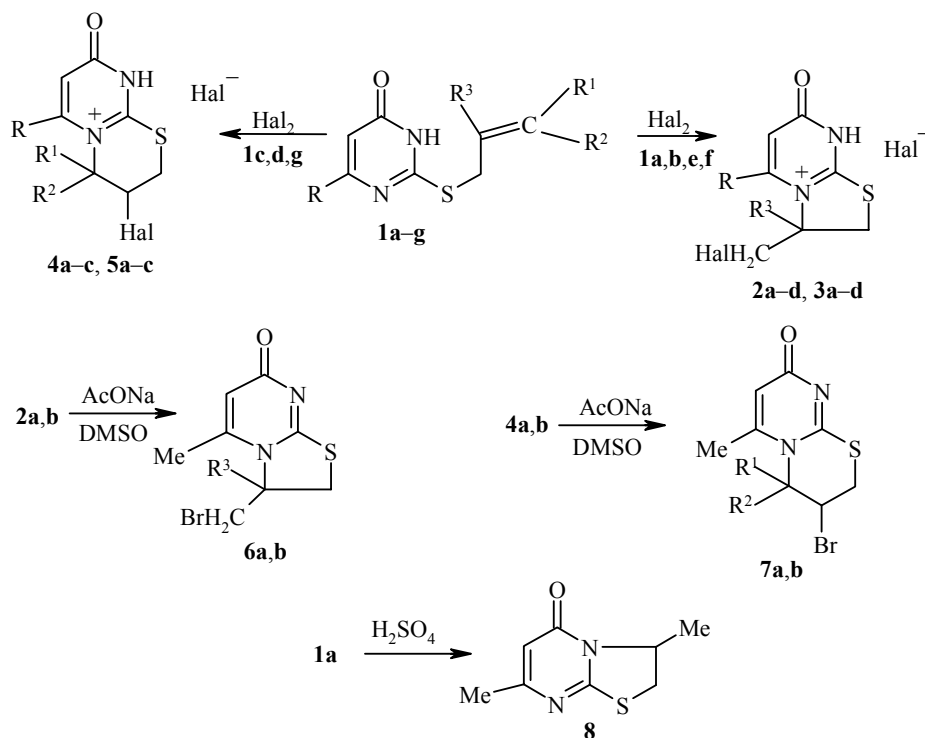
Obviously the selectivity of cyclization is determined by the nature and position of the substituents on the allyl moiety bonded to the sulfur atom. Thus from compounds **1a,b,e,f**, which have allyl and methallyl substituents, only the salts **2a-d**, **3a-d** are formed, while only the salts **4a-c**, **5a-c** are formed from compounds **1c,d,g** with a thiocinnamyl or thio-2-methylbutenyl group.

The composition and structure of all the synthesized compounds were confirmed by elemental analysis (Table 1), IR spectra, and ¹H NMR (Table 2).

The ¹H NMR spectra indicate that the products **2**, **3**, and **4**, **5** belong to different series of compounds. The signal common to both series, for the SCH₂ moiety, in the case of salts **2**, **3** has the shape of two doublets of doublets (for R = Me) or two doublets (for R = NH₂) in the 3.44-3.46 ppm and 3.70-3.89 ppm region. The multiplet signal for the CH₂Hal group is typical of the spectra for compounds **2**, **3**, which is found in the

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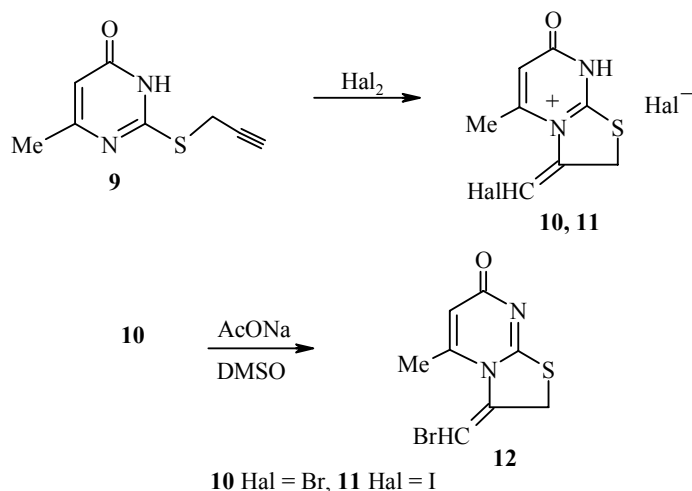
Scheme 1



2, 4 Hal = Br, 3, 5 Hal = I; 1a-d R = Me, e-g R = NH₂; a, e R¹ = R² = R³ = H, b, f R¹ = R² = H, R³ = Me, c, g R¹ = R² = Me, R³ = H, d R¹ = R³ = H, R² = Ph; 2, 3 a, b R = Me, c, d R = NH₂; a, c R³ = H, b, d R³ = Me; 4, 5 a, b R = Me, c R = NH₂; a, c R¹ = R² = Me, b R¹ = H, R² = Ph; 6 a R³ = H, b R³ = Me; 7 a R¹ = R² = Me, b R¹ = H, R² = Ph

4.15-4.18 ppm region for R = Me and in the 3.76-3.89 ppm region for R = NH₂ (compare compounds **2a**, **3a** and **2c**, **3c**, **2b**, **3b**, and **2d**, **3d**). This difference, and also the different shapes of the signals for the SCH₂ group, may be connected with the effect of the steric factor (closely surrounded by solvent molecules, the basic NH₂ group creates different steric conditions than the neutral methyl substituent). The appearance of the latter is more likely when the substituents R and CH₂Hal are close to each other, i.e., when cyclization occurs at the N₍₃₎ atom. Such a direction of the reaction is also confirmed by the conversion of the salts **2a,b** to the bases **6a,b** when treated with AcONa in DMSO. In the IR spectra of the latter, the absorption band for the carbonyl group is found at 1620 cm⁻¹, which indicates they have a *p*-quinoid structure (see [1]).

The spectra of compounds **4**, **5** are considerably different from the spectra considered above. The signal from the SCH₂ group of these compounds has the form of two multiplets, which are found 3.56-3.90 ppm and 3.82-3.89 ppm upfield from the signals of the analogous group of compounds **2,3**. A typical feature of the considered spectra is the presence of signals from the CHHal and C₍₄₎R¹R² groups. The multiplet signal from the CHHal moiety, compared with the signal from the CH₂Hal moiety of compounds **2,3**, is found downfield in the narrow interval 4.65-4.70 ppm for all salts **4**, **5**, which indicates the absence of any appreciable change in its position when the 6-Me substituent is replaced by 6-NH₂. On the other hand, such a replacement causes a 0.19-0.28 ppm upfield shift of the signal from the protons of the methyl group in the 4 position (compare **4a** and **4c**, **5a** and **5c**). As in the case of compounds **2,3**, this is possibly connected with the effect of the steric factor, i.e., it is support for the idea that the R and C₍₄₎R¹R² and R groups are close and consequently that cyclization occurs at the N₍₃₎ atom. When the salts **4a,b** are treated with AcONa in DMSO, the corresponding bases **7a,b** are formed, and the absorption band for the C=O of those compounds is found at 1630-1620 cm⁻¹, supporting the idea that they have a *p*-quinoid structure and that the direction of cyclization is at the N₍₃₎ atom.



The structure of compounds **2c-5c** is supported by the presence in the IR spectra of a signal from the NH group in the 10.01-10.60 ppm region, which however is missing in the spectra of the rest of the salts **2-5** (also see [3]).

Formation of products **2-5** suggests that halocyclization of compounds **1a-g** occurs, as we might expect [4], with participation of the more basic N₍₃₎ atom. However, when the pyrimidinone **1a** is treated with sulfuric acid, cyclization occurs at the N₍₁₎ atom to form 3,7-dimethyl-5-oxo-2,3-dihydro-8H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidine (**8**), the structure of which is supported by the ¹H NMR data (Table 2) and the IR spectrum (the absorption band for the C=O group is found at 1680 cm⁻¹, which suggests an *o*-quinoid structure for compound **8** (see [1])). In this case, the change in the direction of the reaction is probably connected with the high degree of protonation of the more basic N₍₃₎ atom in compound **1a**.

TABLE 1. Characteristics of the Synthesized Compounds

Compound	Empirical formula	Found, %			mp, °C	R _f *	Yield, %
		Calculated, %					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1b	C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₂ OS		14.03	16.30	146-147	0.84	81
			14.28	16.34			
1c	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂ OS		13.19	15.07	166-167	0.79	89
			13.33	15.25			
1d	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₂ OS		9.97	11.65	160-161	0.74	86
			10.55	12.41			
1e	C ₇ H ₉ N ₃ OS		22.18	17.74	Oil	0.89	67
			22.96	17.50			
1f	C ₈ H ₁₁ N ₃ OS		21.11	16.34	Oil	0.88	60
			21.33	16.26			
1g	C ₉ H ₁₃ N ₃ OS		20.14	15.29	Oil	0.87	64
			19.91	15.18			
2a	C ₈ H ₁₀ Br ₂ N ₂ OS		47.11	9.12	155-156	0.46	73
			46.70	9.37			
2b	C ₉ H ₁₂ Br ₂ N ₂ OS		45.26	8.98	161-162 (dec.)	0.47	76
			44.90	9.11			
2c	C ₇ H ₉ Br ₂ N ₃ OS		46.83	9.18	148-149	0.54	63
			46.59	9.34			
2d	C ₈ H ₁₁ Br ₂ N ₃ OS		45.01	8.62	153-155	0.53	60
			44.77	8.98			

TABLE 1 (continued)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3a	C ₈ H ₁₀ I ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>58.50</u> 58.21		<u>7.13</u> 7.35	184 (dec.)	0.43	79
3b	C ₉ H ₁₂ I ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>56.82</u> 56.41		<u>7.01</u> 7.12	189-190 (dec.)	0.45	63
3c	C ₇ H ₉ I ₂ N ₃ OS	<u>58.43</u> 58.10	<u>9.31</u> 9.62		177-178	0.56	61
3d	C ₈ H ₁₁ I ₂ N ₃ OS	<u>56.61</u> 56.30	<u>9.20</u> 9.32		182-183	0.54	57
4a	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ Br ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>43.47</u> 43.19		<u>8.34</u> 8.66	182-183 (dec.)	0.44	78
4b	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ Br ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>37.98</u> 38.20		<u>7.51</u> 7.67	169-176* ²	0.44, 0.62	77
4c	C ₉ H ₁₃ Br ₂ N ₃ OS	<u>43.28</u> 43.08		<u>8.34</u> 8.16	158-159	0.55	69
5a	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ I ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>55.03</u> 54.71		<u>6.88</u> 6.90	222 (dec.)	0.42	61
5b	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ I ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>49.83</u> 49.58	<u>5.21</u> 5.47		200-209* ² (dec.)	0.43, 0.60	64
5c	C ₉ H ₁₃ I ₂ N ₃ OS	<u>54.78</u> 54.62	<u>9.16</u> 9.04		185-186	0.57	58
6a	C ₈ H ₉ Br ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>30.62</u> 30.59		<u>12.04</u> 12.27	139-140	0.81	80
6b	C ₉ H ₁₁ BrN ₂ OS	<u>29.32</u> 29.04		<u>11.83</u> 11.65	148-149	0.80	75
7a	C ₁₀ H ₁₃ BrN ₂ OS	<u>27.51</u> 27.63	<u>9.83</u> 9.69		165-166	0.85	78
7b	C ₁₄ H ₁₃ BrN ₂ OS	<u>24.02</u> 23.69	<u>8.56</u> 8.31		148-160* ²	0.83, 0.92	79
8	C ₈ H ₁₀ N ₂ OS		<u>15.65</u> 15.38	<u>17.82</u> 17.60	101-103	0.90	62
9	C ₈ H ₈ N ₂ OS		<u>15.65</u> 15.55	<u>17.81</u> 17.79	162-163	0.70	81
10	C ₈ H ₈ Br ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>47.37</u> 47.00		<u>9.28</u> 9.43	177-178	0.48	73
11	C ₈ H ₈ I ₂ N ₂ OS	<u>58.83</u> 58.53	<u>6.28</u> 6.46		212-213 (dec.)	0.46	82
12	C ₈ H ₇ BrN ₂ OS	<u>31.11</u> 30.84		<u>12.58</u> 12.31	157-158	0.81	72

* Eluent for TLC: chloroform–acetone–diethylamine, 10:2:1 (compounds **1b-d**, **6a,b**, **7a,b**, **8**, **9**, and **12**), ethyl acetate–methanol–acetone, 15:4:2 (compounds **2a,b-5a,b**, **10**, **11**), methanol–acetone–diethylamine, 10:10:2 (compounds **1e-g**, **2c,d**, **3c,d**, **4c**, **5c**).

*² mp of the mixture of diastereomers.

Halocyclization also occurs selectively in the case of 6-methyl-2-(propynylthio)pyrimidin-6-one (**9**): when it is halogenated with bromine or iodine in chloroform, only substituted thiazolidinopyrimidinium salts **10**, **11** are formed (Scheme 2). The structure of the latter is supported by ¹H NMR spectra (the presence of singlet signals from the SCH₂ and CHHal groups in the 4.25-4.34 ppm and 7.07-7.18 ppm respectively), and also by the conversion of product **10** to base **12** when treated with AcONa in DMSO. In the IR spectrum of compound **12**, the absorption band for the C=O group is found at 1640 cm⁻¹, which indicates that it has a *p*-quinoid structure. The starting compound **9** was obtained by the procedure in [3].

In order to determine the effect of the nature of the substituent R on the C₍₄₎ atom of (alkenylthio)pyrimidin-6-ones **1a-g**, we estimated the relative rate of iodation of compounds **1a,d,e**. We found that under identical conditions, after 5 h this reaction proceeds to 57.6% (**1a**), 51.0% d (**1d**), 81.6% (**1e**)

TABLE 2. ¹H NMR and IR Spectra of Synthesized Compounds

Compound	Chemical shifts, δ , ppm (J , Hz)	ν (C=O), cm^{-1}
1b	1.76 (3H, s, CH ₃); 2.12 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 3.81 (2H, s, SCH ₂); 5.02 (2H, m, =CH ₂); 5.97 (1H, s, H-5); 12.50 (1H, s, NH)	1670
1c	1.69 (6H, s, two CH ₃); 2.16 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 3.77 (2H, d, ³ J = 6.9, SCH ₂); 5.38 (1H, m, =CH); 5.96 (1H, s, H-5); 12.46 (1H, s, NH)	1670
1d	2.21 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 3.97 (2H, d, ³ J = 7.2, SCH ₂); 6.39 (1H, m, =CH); 6.66 (1H, d, ³ J = 10.5, =CHC ₆ H ₅); 7.23-7.39 (5H, m, C ₆ H ₅); 12.52 (1H, s, NH)	1670
2a	2.31 (3H, s, 5-CH ₃); 3.51 and 3.70 (2H, two dd, ² J_1 = ² J_2 = 12.0, ³ J = 5.9, SCH ₂); 4.12 (2H, m, CH ₂ Br); 5.18 (1H, m, H-3); 6.20 (1H, s, H-6)	1680
2b	1.83 (3H, s, 3-CH ₃); 2.16 (3H, s, 5-CH ₃); 3.58 and 3.75 (2H, two dd, ² J_1 = ² J_2 = 12.3, ⁴ J = 2.2, SCH ₂); 4.15 (2H, m, CH ₂ Br); 6.22 (1H, s, H-6)	1700
2c	3.46 and 3.76 (2H, two d, ² J_1 = ² J_2 = 12.4, SCH ₂); 3.81 (2H, m, CH ₂ Br); 5.17 (1H, m, H-3); 6.97 (1H, s, H-6); 9.17 (2H, br. s, NH ₂); 10.59 (1H, s, NH)	1690
2d	1.88 (3H, s, 3-CH ₃); 3.46 and 3.72 (2H, two d, ² J_1 = ² J_2 = 12.1, SCH ₂); 3.89 (2H, m, CH ₂ Br); 6.09 (1H, s, H-6); 8.73 (2H, br. s, NH ₂)	1695
3a	2.31 (3H, s, 5-CH ₃); 3.53 and 3.78 (2H, two dd, ² J_1 = ² J_2 = 12.3, ³ J = 5.8, SCH ₂); 4.13 (2H, m, CH ₂ l); 5.21 (1H, m, H-3); 6.23 (1H, s, H-6)	1685
3b	1.84 (3H, s, 3-CH ₃); 2.15 (3H, s, 5-CH ₃); 3.66 and 3.76 (2H, two dd, ² J_1 = ² J_2 = 12.3, ⁴ J = 1.8, SCH ₂); 4.18 (2H, m, CH ₂ l); 6.11 (1H, s, H-6)	1700
3c	3.48 and 3.77 (2H, two d, ² J_1 = ² J_2 = 12.0, SCH ₂); 3.85 (2H, m, CH ₂ l); 5.03 (1H, m, H-3); 6.99 (1H, s, H-6); 9.14 (2H, br. s, NH ₂); 10.60 (1H, s, NH)	1700
3d	1.83 (3H, s, 3-CH ₃); 3.44 and 3.78 (2H, two d, ² J_1 = J_2 = 12.3, SCH ₂); 3.88 (2H, m, CH ₂ l); 6.16 (1H, s, H-6); 8.82 (2H, br. s, NH ₂)	1700
4a	2.06 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 2.15 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 2.65 (3H, s, 6-CH ₃); 3.56 and 3.82 (2H, two m, SCH ₂); 4.66 (1H, m, H-3); 6.21 (1H, s, H-7)	1700
4b	2.34 (3H, s, 6-CH ₃); 3.90 and 4.02 (2H, two m, SCH ₂); 4.65 (1H, m, H-3); 5.76 (1H, d, ³ J = 10.2, H-4); 6.21 (1H, s, H-7); 6.42-7.67 (5H, m, C ₆ H ₅)	1690
4c	1.87 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 1.94 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 3.67 and 4.09 (2H, two m, SCH ₂); 4.65 (1H, m, H-3); 6.19 (1H, s, H-7); 9.13 (2H, br. s, NH ₂); 10.01 (1H, s, NH)	1685
5a	2.11 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 2.23 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 2.49 (3H, s, 6-CH ₃); 3.60 and 3.87 (2H, two m, SCH ₂); 4.67 (1H, m, H-3); 6.15 (1H, s, H-7)	1680
5b	2.31 (3H, s, 6-CH ₃); 3.85 and 4.00 (2H, two m, SCH ₂); 4.70 (1H, m, H-3); 5.79 (1H, d, ³ J = 10.1, H-4); 6.22 (1H, s, H-7); 7.54-7.72 (5H, m, C ₆ H ₅)	1700
5c	1.89 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 1.95 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 3.70, 4.12 (2H, two m, SCH ₂); 4.67 (1H, m, H-3); 6.17 (1H, s, H-7); 9.12 (2H, br. s, NH ₂); 10.08 (1H, s, NH)	1690
6a	2.11 (3H, s, 5-CH ₃); 3.48 and 3.66 (2H, two d, ² J_1 = ² J_2 = 6.6, SCH ₂); 3.99 (2H, m, CH ₂ Br); 5.06 (1H, m, H-3); 6.01 (1H, s, H-6)	1620
8	2.19 (3H, d, ³ J = 6.9, 3-CH ₃); 2.21 (3H, s, 7-CH ₃); 3.83 (2H, d, ³ J = 6.9, SCH ₂); 5.11 (1H, m, H-3); 6.21 (1H, s, H-6)	1680
9	2.11 (3H, s, 4-CH ₃); 3.19 (1H, t, ⁴ J = 2.2, ≡CH); 3.99 (2H, d, ⁴ J = 2.2, SCH ₂); 6.07 (1H, s, H-5); 12.49 (1H, s, NH)	1670
10	2.31 (3H, s, 5-CH ₃); 4.25 (2H, s, SCH ₂); 6.26 (1H, s, H-6); 7.18 (1H, s, =CHBr)	1700
11	2.21 (3H, s, 5-CH ₃); 4.34 (2H, s, SCH ₂); 6.06 (1H, s, H-6); 7.07 (1H, s, =CHI)	1700

conversion. The high percentage conversion of compound **1e** is probably connected with the presence in that compound of an NH₂ group, the electronic effect of which on the N₍₃₎ atom increases the basicity of the latter and consequently increases the reactivity.

Thus the direction of halocyclization of 2-alkylenylthiopyrimidin-6-ones is substantially affected by the structure of the S-alkenyl substituent, which leads to regioselective formation of thiazolidinopyrimidinium or pyrimidothiazinium derivatives. An electron-donor substituent on the heterocycle (R = NH₂) accelerates the heterocyclization of 2-(alkylenylthio)pyrimidin-6-ones.

EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra were recorded on a UR-20 in KBr disks. The ^1H NMR spectra of solutions of the substances in DMSO-d_6 were obtained on a Varian VXR-300 spectrometer (300 MHz), internal standard TMS. The course of the reaction was monitored by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates.

2-Allylthio- (1a), 2-Methallylthio- (1b), and 2-Propargylthio-4-methyl-1H-pyrimidin-6-one (9) (General Procedure). A solution of allyl bromide, methallyl chloride, or propargyl chloride (45 mmol) in alcohol (20 ml) was added with heating ($\sim 90^\circ\text{C}$) to sodium salt of 6-methyl-2-thiouracil (5.0 g, 30 mmol) in water (150 ml). The mixture was vigorously shaken and held for 4-5 h at $18\text{-}20^\circ\text{C}$. The precipitate of product **1a,b** or **1c** formed was filtered out and washed with alcohol, then crystallized from a 1:2 alcohol-water mixture and dried at $80\text{-}90^\circ\text{C}$. For compound **1a**: mp 134°C (mp 133°C [1]). According to the data in [5], the mp of compound **9** is 162°C .

4-Methyl-2-(3-methyl-2-butenylthio)- (1c) and 4-Methyl-2-cinnamylthio-1H-pyrimidin-6-one (1d) (General Procedure). 1-Chloro-3-methyl-2-butene or cinnamyl chloride (45 mmol) was added with stirring to a solution of sodium salt of 6-methyl-2-thiouracil (5 g, 30 mmol) in DMF (70 ml). The mixture was held for 2 h at $50\text{-}60^\circ\text{C}$ and then cooled down and diluted with water (100 ml). The colorless precipitate of product **1c** or **1d** formed was filtered out and washed with ether, then crystallized from an alcohol-water mixture and dried at $80\text{-}90^\circ\text{C}$.

2-Allylthio- (1e), 2-Methallylthio- (1f), and 2-(3-Methyl-2-butenylthio)-4-amino-1H-pyrimidin-6-one (1g) (General Procedure). 6-Amino-4-hydroxy-2-mercaptopyrimidine (5.0 g, 35 mmol) and allyl bromide, methallyl chloride, or 1-chloro-3-methyl-2-butene (35 mmol) were added to a solution of KOH (1.95 g, 35 mmol) in alcohol (90 ml). The mixture was boiled for 2 h under reflux and then cooled down; the colorless precipitate was filtered out and then the filtrate was evaporated down. The product **1e,f** or **1g** was obtained as a dark yellow oil that dissolved well in water.

3-Bromomethyl-5-methyl- (2a) and 3-Bromomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydro-8H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidinium (2b), 3-Bromo-4,4,6-trimethyl- (4a), and 3-Bromo-6-methyl-8-oxo-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-9H-pyrimido[3,2-*a*]thiazinium (4b), 3-Bromomethylidene-5-methyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydro-8H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidinium (10) Bromides (General Procedure). A solution of bromine (1.44 g, 9.0 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (15 ml) was added with stirring to a solution of compound **1a-d** (4.5 mmol) or **9** in glacial acetic acid (40 ml). After 2 h, the yellow precipitate of the corresponding tribromide (see [1]) was filtered out and then washed with hot glacial acetic acid. The tribromide obtained (3.0 mmol) was added in several portions to acetone (15 ml); the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 25°C . The precipitate was filtered out, washed with acetone, crystallized from alcohol, and dried at $90\text{-}100^\circ\text{C}$. The product **2a,b**, **4a,b**, or **10** was obtained respectively.

3-Iodomethyl-5-methyl- (3a) and 3-Iodomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydro-8H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidinium (3b), 3-Iodo-4,4,5-trimethyl- (5a), and 3-Iodo-6-methyl-8-oxo-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-9H-pyrimido[3,2-*a*]thiazinium (5b), and 3-Iodomethylidene-5-methyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydro-8H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidinium (11) Iodides (General Procedure). A solution of iodine (1.01 g, 4.0 mmol) in alcohol or chloroform (30 ml) was added to a suspension of compound **1a-d** or **9** (0.4 g, 2.0 mmol) in alcohol or chloroform (30 ml). The mixture was stirred for 3 h, and then it was held at room temperature for 10-12 h. The brown precipitate of the corresponding triiodide formed (see [1]) was filtered out and washed with alcohol. A solution of $\text{NaI}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.74 g, 4.0 mmol) in acetone (10 ml) was added with stirring to a solution of the triiodide obtained (1.66 g, 2.0 mmol) in acetone (5 ml). After 1 h, the yellow precipitate was filtered out, washed with acetone, crystallized from alcohol, and dried at 90°C ; the product **3a,b**, **5a,b**, or **11** was obtained respectively. For compound **3a**, the literature mp was 182°C [1].

5-Amino-3-bromomethyl- (2c) and 5-Amino-3-bromomethyl-3-methyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydro-8H-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidinium (2d), 6-Amino-3-bromo-4,4-dimethyl-8-oxo-3,4-dihydro-9H-pyrimido[3,2-*a*]thiazinium (4c) Bromides (General Procedure). A solution of bromine (0.79 g, 5.0 mmol) in acetic acid

(15 ml) was added dropwise with stirring over a 20 min period to a solution of compound **1e-g** (2.5 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (15 ml). The reaction mixture was held for 4 h at 20°C and then held for 4 h at -4°C. The yellow precipitate of the corresponding tribromide was filtered out and washed with ether. The products **2c,d**, **4c** were isolated as for compound **2a**.

5-Amino-3-iodomethyl- (3c) and 5-Amino-3-iodomethyl-3-methyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydro[3,2-a]-pyrimidinium (3d), 6-Amino-3-iodo-4,4-dimethyl-8-oxo-3,4-dihydro-9H-pyrimido[3,2-a]thiazinium (5c) Iodides (General Procedure). A solution of iodine (1.01 g, 4.0 mmol) in ethanol (40 ml) was added over a 30 min period to a suspension of compound **1e-g** (2.0 mmol) in ethanol (30 ml). The alcoholic solution was decanted from the oil formed, the oil was dissolved in acetone (10 ml), and a solution of NaI·2H₂O (0.74 g, 4.0 mmol) in acetone (10 ml) was added with stirring to the solution obtained. The precipitate was filtered out and washed with acetone, dried at 100°C and crystallized from alcohol. The product **3c,d** or **5c** respectively was obtained.

3-Bromomethyl-5-methyl- (6a) and 3-Bromomethyl-3,5-dimethyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydrothiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidine (6b), 3-Bromo-4,4,6-trimethyl- (7a), and 3-Bromo-6-methyl-8-oxo-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrimido[3,2-a]thiazine (7b), 3-Bromomethylidene-5-methyl-7-oxo-2,3-dihydrothiazolo[3,2-a]-pyrimidine (12) (General Procedure). A 15% solution of AcONa (30 ml) in water was added with stirring to a solution of bromide **2a,b**, **4a,b**, or **10** (2.0 mmol) in DMSO (50 ml) and the mixture was held at room temperature for 2 h. The white precipitate of the corresponding product **6a,b**, **7a,b**, **12** was filtered out and dried at 80°C.

3,7-Dimethyl-5-oxo-2,3-dihydrothiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidine (8). A solution of compound **1a** (0.18 g, 1.0 mmol) in conc. H₂SO₄ (2 ml) was held for 10 min in a water bath at 50°C, and then was held for 25 h at 15-25°C. The reaction mixture was poured into ice water (10 ml) and held for 24 h at 0°C. The precipitate of product **8** was filtered out and recrystallized from chloroform.

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