

SYNTHESIS OF SOME NEW FUSED AND POLYFUSED [1,2,4]TRIAZOLO- [3,4-*b*][1,3,4]THIADIAZEPINES

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*7-[1,3-Dithiolan-2-ylidene]-3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-dione and 7-[5-oxo-1,3-dithiolan-2-ylidene]-3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-diones were obtained by treating 3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-diones with CS₂ and chloroacetyl chloride, respectively. Treatment of the above compounds with mercaptoacetic acid gave 1,2-dibromoethane or the corresponding spiro polyfused heterocycles. Some other triazolothiadiazepine derivatives including spiro polyfused compounds were also synthesized.*

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The synthesis of [1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepines had been thoroughly studied and developed because of their important characteristics as antimicrobial and antibacterial agents [1-3]. From this point and starting with 3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-dione first prepared by the author in [3], the synthesis of new polyfused compounds was the objective of this research.

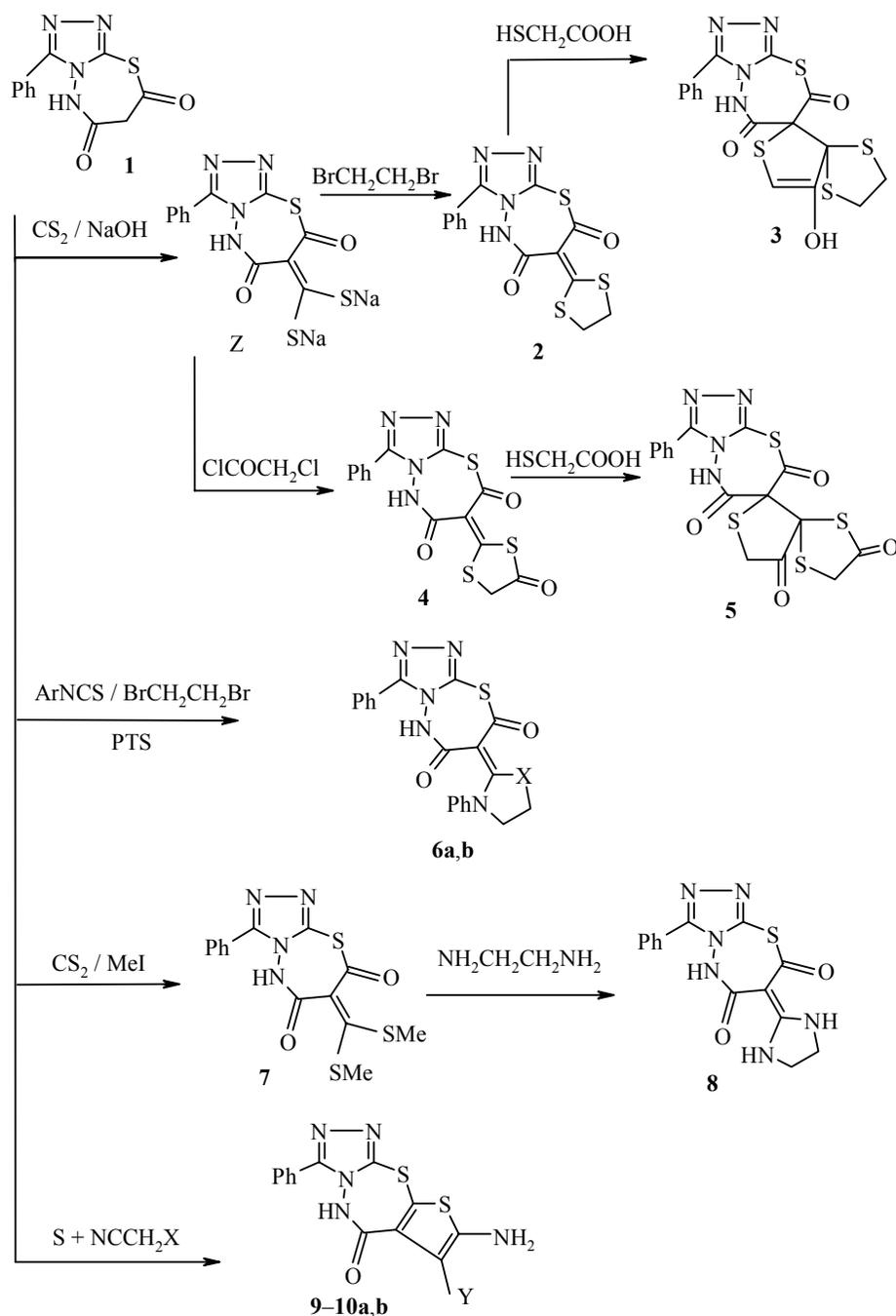
One-pot reaction of 3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-dione (**1**) [3] with equimolar ratios of CS₂, dihalo compounds (1,2-dibromoethane or chloroacetyl chloride), and a double molar amount of NaOH gave compounds **2** or **3**, respectively (Scheme 1). The reaction pathway was postulated to proceed through a nucleophilic addition of the active methylene group in compound **1** at the carbon disulfide molecule to get the intermediate disodium dithiocarbamate **A**, which in turn was cyclized with 1,2-dibromoethane or chloroacetyl chloride, yielding 7-[1,3-dithiolan-2-ylidene]-3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-dione (**2**) and 7-[1,3-dithiolane-5-oxo-2-ylidene]-3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-dione (**3**). With the same reaction mechanism and also in one-pot reaction under solid-liquid phase-transfer catalysis (PTC) [DMF-K₂CO₃-tetrabutylammonium bromide (TBAB)], compound **1** was treated with an equimolar ratio of phenylisothiocyanate or phenylisocyanate and 1,2-dibromoethane, affording compounds **4a,b**, respectively (Scheme 1, Table 1).

Spiro-polyfused derivatives **5** or **6** were prepared through nucleophilic addition of mercaptoacetic acid at the activated ethylenic double bond in compounds **2** or **4**, respectively. The reaction proceeds *via* a nucleophilic attack of the SH group of mercaptoacetic acid at the ethylenic double bond in compounds **2** or **3** followed by intramolecular cyclization through H₂O elimination to yield the condensed products **5** or **6**. The IR and ¹H NMR spectral data were consistent with the proposed structures (cf. Scheme 1). The

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dithiomethylmethylene derivative **7** was prepared by the reaction of compound **1** with an equimolar ratio of CS₂ and with a double molar amount of both NaOH and methyl iodide. Compound **7** was used as a key intermediate in the preparation of heterocyclic system by the reaction with ethylenediamine to afford the corresponding 7-[1,3-imidazo-2-ylidene-3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-dione] (**8**) (cf. Scheme 1, Table 1).

Scheme 1



6 a X = S, **b** X = O; **9** X,Y = COOEt; **10 a** X,Y = CN, **b** X,Y = CONH₂

TABLE 1. Analytical and Spectral Data of the New Compounds

Compound	mp, °C* (cryst. solvent)	Empirical formula (M _w)	Found, %* ² Calculated, %					Yield, %	
			C	H	N	S			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	
2	201 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₂ S ₃ (362.45)	46.50 46.39	2.87 2.78	15.37 15.46	26.60 26.54	3220 (NH); 3062, 2924 (CH); 1710, 1654 (2C=O)	8.00 (1H, s, NH); 7.50-6.65 (5H, m, arom.); 3.59-3.10 (2H, t, J = 6, CH ₂); 2.86-2.53 (2H, t, J = 6, CH ₂)	79
3	220 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₈ N ₄ O ₃ S ₃ (376.44)	44.60 44.67	2.23 2.14	14.80 14.88	25.63 25.55	3210 (NH); 3050, 2926 (CH); 1710, 1700, 1652 (3C=O)	8.15 (NH); 7.50-6.41 (5H, m, arom.); 2.81-2.52 (2H, d, J = 6, CH ₂)	69
4a	160 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₂₀ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₃ S ₂ (421.51)	57.21 56.99	3.69 3.59	16.74 16.62	15.30 15.21	3260 (NH); 3030, 2932 (CH); 1715, 1658 (2C=O)	7.88 (NH); 7.51-6.31 (10H, m, arom.); 2.80 (2H, t, J = 2.4, CH ₂); 2.70-2.61 (2H, t, J = 1.2, CH ₂)	60
4b	219 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₂₀ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₃ S (405.44)	59.37 59.25	3.80 3.73	17.30 17.27	7.80 7.91	3300 (NH); 3057, 2935 (CH); 1710, 1653 (2C=O)	7.75 (NH); 7.40-6.10 (10H, m, arom.); 2.81-2.70 (2H, t, J = 6, CH ₂); 2.65-2.58 (2H, t, J = 6, CH ₂)	53
5	142 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₃ S ₄ (640.83)	30.16 29.99	2.00 1.89	8.80 8.74	20.12 20.01	3421 (OH); 3200 (NH); 3030, 2924 (CH); 1710, 1632 (2C=O)	7.52 (NH); 7.20-6.65 (5H, m, arom.); 3.70 (1H, s, CH); 3.31-2.91 (3H, t, J = 8.4, CH ₂); 2.90-2.41 (3H, t, J = 7.2, CH ₂); 1.14 (1H, s, OH)	68
6	300 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₁₆ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₄ S ₄ (450.54)	42.85 42.66	2.20 2.24	12.40 12.44	28.60 28.47	3210 (NH); 3066, 2924 (CH); 1730, 1700, 1642 (4C=O)	7.85 (NH); 7.68-6.60 (5H, m, arom.); 3.00-2.58 (4H, d, J = 2.4, CH ₂)	72
7	300 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ S ₃ (364.47)	46.15 46.14	3.25 3.32	15.41 15.37	26.30 26.39	3320 (NH); 3030, 2960 (CH); 1710, 1650 (2C=O)	7.62 (NH); 7.52-6.60 (5H, m, arom.); 2.76 (3H, s, CH ₃); 2.58 (3H, s, CH ₃)	81
8	>300 DMF	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ S (328.35)	51.42 51.21	3.60 3.68	25.52 25.59	9.80 9.77	3423, 3270 (NH); 3033, 2926 (CH); 1725, 1637 (2C=O)	7.50 (1H, s, NH); 7.10-6.31 (5H, m, arom.); 4.21 (2H, s, 2NH); 2.30-2.50 (4H, t, J = 7.2, 2CH ₂)	78

TABLE 1 (continued)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11
9	244 dioxane	$C_{16}H_{13}N_5O_2S_2$ (387.44)	50.06 49.60	3.56 3.38	18.72 18.07	17.11 16.55	3480, 3400 (NH ₂); 3225 (NH); 3080, 2941 (CH); 1725, 1634 (2C=O)	9.8 (1H, s, NH); 7.42-6.62 (5H, m, arom.); 4.45-3.61 (2H, br, NH ₂); 3.30-2.61 (2H, q, CH ₂); 1.43-0.70 (3H, t, CH ₃)	83
10a	>300 dioxane	$C_{14}H_8N_6OS_2$ (340.39)	49.63 49.40	2.28 2.37	24.61 24.69	18.73 18.84	3439, 3330 (NH ₂); 3230 (NH); 3033 (CH); 2203 (CN); 1641 (C=O)	8.80 (1H, s, NH); 8.00-6.95 (5H, m, arom.); 4.65-4.15 (2H, br, NH ₂)	79
10b	>300 dioxane	$C_{14}H_{10}N_6O_2S_2$ (358.40)	46.75 46.92	2.80 2.81	23.51 23.45	17.98 17.89	3500, 3400 (NH ₂ , CONH ₂); 3020 (CH); 1640, 1635 (2C=O)	8.12 (1H, s, NH); 7.75-6.65 (5H, m, arom.); 5.00-4.23 (4H, br, 2NH ₂)	85
11	310 dioxane	$C_{13}H_{12}N_6O_3S$ (332.36)	47.34 46.98	3.40 3.64	25.30 25.29	9.70 9.65	3420, 3332 (NH ₂); 3239, 3191 (2NH); 1720, 1629 (3C=O)	8.10 (1H, s, NH); 8.00-7.00 (5H, m, arom.); 4.70-4.00 (3H, br, NH+NH ₂); 2.80 (1H, s, CH); 2.71 (2H, s, CH ₂)	68
12	320 DMF-H ₂ O	$C_{16}H_{10}N_6O_3S_2$ (374.40)	45.10 44.91	2.83 2.69	22.34 22.45	17.00 17.13	3322, 3300 (2NH); 3050, 2963 (CH); 1715, 1630 (2C=O); 1120 (C=S)	8.18-7.90 (1H, br, NH); 7.48-6.60 (5H, m, arom.); 5.53 (1H, s, NH); 2.71 (1H, s, CH ₂); 2.41 (2H, s, CH ₂)	59
13	>300 DMF	$C_{14}H_{12}N_4O_3S$ (316.34)	53.34 53.16	3.80 3.82	17.80 17.71	10.20 10.14	3439 (NH); 3130, 2990 (CH); 1720, 1645 (2C=O)	8.10 (1H, s, NH); 7.22-6.19 (5H, m, arom.); 4.00 (1H, s, CH); 3.92-3.09 (2H, q, J = 18, CH ₂); 1.30-0.91 (3H, t, J = 7.2, CH ₃)	56
14	230 DMSO	$C_{12}H_{10}N_6O_2S$ (292.32)	49.53 49.31	4.06 4.14	19.36 19.17	11.00 10.97	3317, 3217 (NH ₂), 3195 (2NH); 1710, 1631 (2C=O)	8.59 (1H, s, NH); 7.32-6.90 (5H, m, arom.); 2.53 (1H, s, CH); 4.20-3.62 (2H, br, NH ₂)	60
15	>300 DMSO	$C_{13}H_{10}N_6O_2S_3$ (378.46)	41.45 41.26	2.60 2.66	22.30 22.21	25.41 25.42	3419-3390 (3NH); 3050, 2992 (CH); 1700, 1631 (2C=O); 1060 (C=S)	8.00 (2H, s, 2NH); 7.41-6.80 (5H, m, arom.); 4.11 (1H, s, NH)	61

TABLE 1 (continued)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16	>300 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₆ N ₆ O ₂ S (322.31)	$\frac{52.17}{52.17}$	$\frac{1.79}{1.88}$	$\frac{26.26}{26.07}$	$\frac{10.00}{9.95}$	3441 (NH); 3080 (CH); 2197, 2189 (2CN); 1700, 1637 (C=O)	8.20 (1H, s, NH); 7.35-6.57 (5H, m, arom.)	57
17a	>300 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₀ N ₈ O ₂ S (354.36)	$\frac{47.71}{47.38}$	$\frac{2.64}{2.84}$	$\frac{31.70}{31.57}$	$\frac{9.00}{9.03}$	3427-3280 (4NH); 3060, 2910 (CH); 2189 (CN); 1700, 1650 (2C=O)	8.15 (1H, s, NH); 7.42-6.18 (5H, m, arom.); 3.92 (1H, s, NH); 3.11 (1H, s, NH); 2.88 (1H, s, CH); 2.18 (1H, s, NH)	70
17b	240 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ N ₈ O ₂ S (430.45)	$\frac{55.83}{55.81}$	$\frac{3.15}{3.28}$	$\frac{26.00}{26.03}$	$\frac{7.60}{7.45}$	3427, 3300, 3280 (3NH); 3048, 2928 (CH); 2193 (CN); 1710, 1655 (2C=O)	8.82 (1H, s, NH); 7.51-6.32 (10H, m, arom.); 2.90 (1H, s, NH); 2.76 (1H, s, NH); 2.57 (1H, s, CH)	68
18	216 DMF-H ₂ O	C ₁₆ H ₁₀ N ₆ O ₄ S ₂ (414.42)	$\frac{46.50}{46.37}$	$\frac{2.49}{2.43}$	$\frac{20.37}{20.28}$	$\frac{15.33}{15.47}$	3510 (OH); 3427, 3360 (NH ₂ , NH); 3050, 2920 (CH); 2193 (CN); 1710, 1700, 1640 (3C=O)	8.30 (1H, s, NH); 7.41-6.65 (5H, m, arom.); 4.81-4.22 (2H, br, NH ₂); 2.68 (1H, s, CH); 1.21 (1H, s, OH)	59
19	dec. 290 dioxane	C ₂₂ H ₁₃ N ₇ O ₃ S (457.47)	$\frac{58.00}{57.76}$	$\frac{3.00}{2.86}$	$\frac{21.45}{21.43}$	$\frac{7.00}{7.01}$	3425, 3325 (NH ₂ , 2NH); 3060, 2991 (CH); 2187 (CN); 1630 (2C=O)	8.84 (1H, s, NH); 7.82-6.70 (9H, m, arom.); 5.10-4.22 (2H, br, NH ₂); 3.85 (1H, s, NH)	76
20	300 dioxane	C ₂₁ H ₁₃ N ₇ O ₃ S ₂ (459.51)	$\frac{55.00}{54.89}$	$\frac{2.76}{2.85}$	$\frac{21.25}{21.34}$	$\frac{13.81}{13.96}$	3445-3365 (3NH); 3060, 2936 (CH); 2199 (CN), 1629 (C=O)	8.45 (1H, s, NH); 7.78-6.72 (9H, m, arom.); 3.68 (1H, s, NH); 3.00 (1H, s, NH); 2.55 (1H, s, CH)	79
21	178 dioxane	C ₂₁ H ₁₅ ClN ₆ O ₃ S (466.96)	$\frac{54.15}{54.02}$	$\frac{3.35}{3.24}$	$\frac{18.00}{18.00}$	$\frac{6.69}{6.87}$	3500 (2NH); 3448, 3348 (NH ₂); 3150, 2950 (CH); 1685, 1640 (2C=O); 770 (C-Cl)	8.50 (1H, s, NH); 8.00-7.98 (9H, m, arom.); 6.00 (2H, br, NH ₂); 4.00 (1H, s, NH); 3.55 (1H, d, J = 1.2, CH); 3.12 (1H, d, J = 6, CH)	81

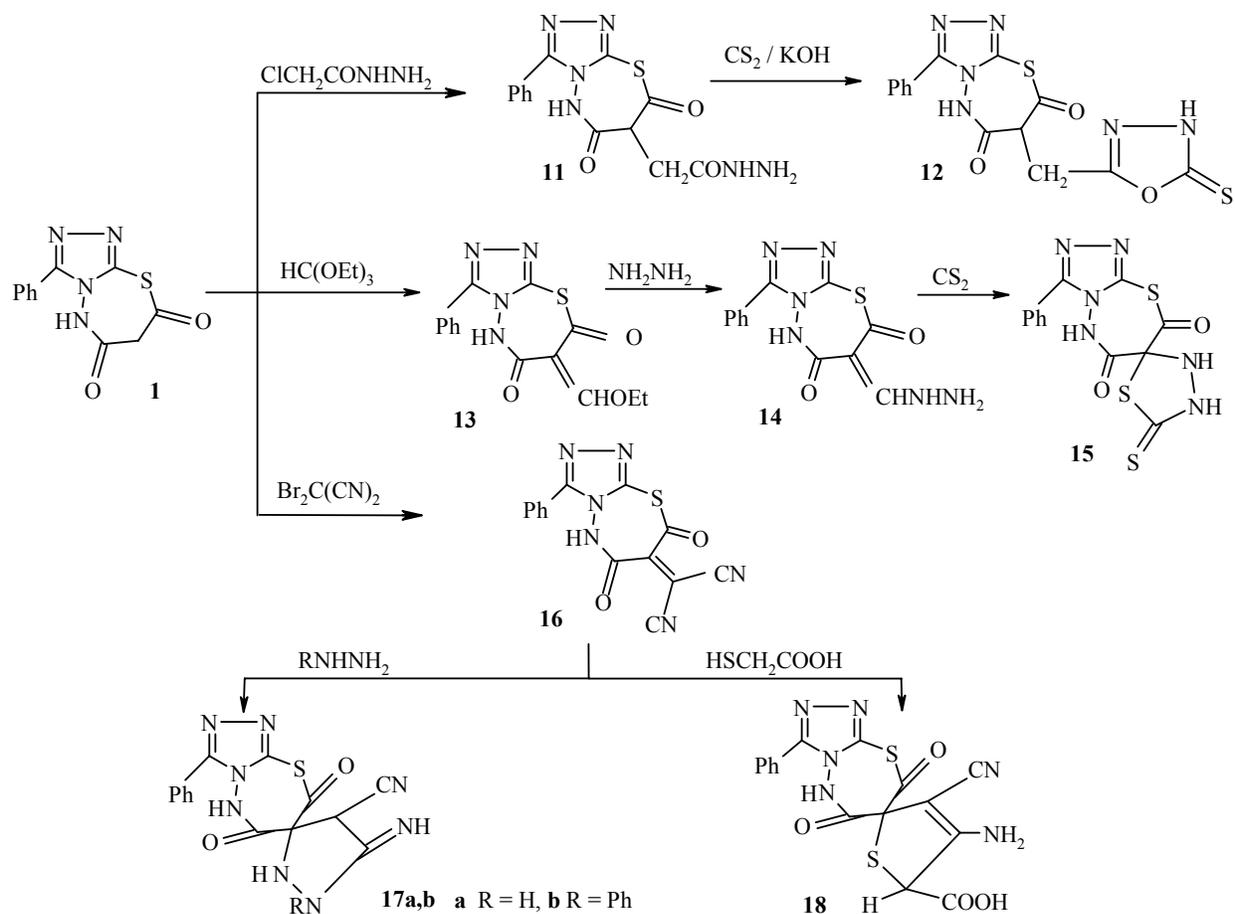
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*² Satisfactory microanalyses; obtained C ± 0.35%; H ± 0.11%; N ± 0.40%; S ± 0.21%.*³ Measured on a Nicolet 710 FT-IR spectrophotometer.*⁴ Measured with a Varian EM 360L spectrometer at 60 MHz using TMS as an internal standard.

According to the Gewald reaction in the synthesis of numerous 2-aminothiophenes [4-6] by using one-pot procedure, compound **1** reacted with sulfur and activated nitriles, namely, ethyl cyanoacetate, malononitrile, or cyanoacetamide in DMF and in the presence of Et₃N as a catalyst at room temperature yielding thiophenotriazolothiadiazepine derivatives **9**, **10a,b**, respectively. (cf. Scheme 1).

6,8-Dioxo-3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-7-acetohydrazide (**11**) was prepared by the reaction of compound **1** with chloroacetohydrazide and catalytic amount of Et₃N in boiling dioxane. Compound **11** was allowed to react with CS₂ and KOH to yield 3-phenyl-7-(5-thioxo-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-ylmethylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepine-6,8-dione (**12**) (cf. Scheme 2).

Scheme 2



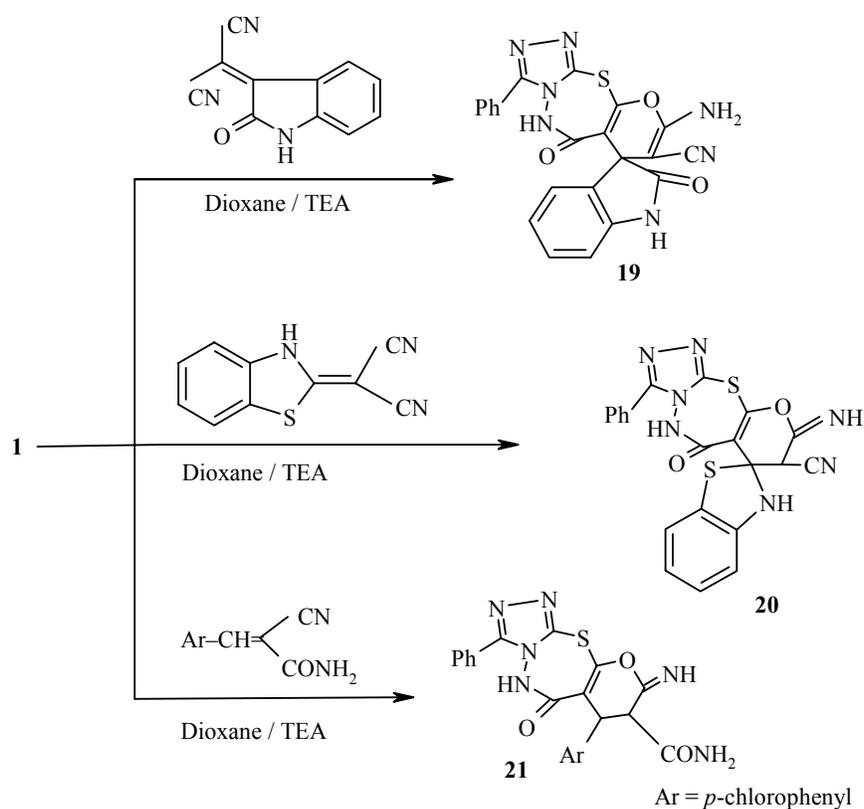
7-[Ethoxymethylene]-3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*]-[1,3,4]-thiadiazepine-6,8-dione (**13**) was prepared in excellent yield through the condensation of compound **1** with ethyl orthoformate *via* the elimination of two EtOH molecules. The corresponding hydrazino derivative **14** was prepared by treating compound **13** with hydrazine hydrate. The product was cyclized with CS₂ through nucleophilic attack of the NH₂ group at CS₂ to form the SH group which in turn underwent a nucleophilic addition at the ethylenic double bond, yielding the spiro polyfused thiadiazolotriazolothiadiazepine derivative **15** in excellent yield.

6,8-Dioxo-3-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*][1,3,4]thiadiazepin-7-ylidenemalononitrile (**16**) was obtained by treating compound **1** with dibromomalononitrile and double moles of Et₃N. The IR spectrum of this compound showed the presence of the adsorption bands corresponding to 2CN groups at 2197 and 2189 cm⁻¹ (Scheme 2).

The spiro polyfused pyrazolotriazolothiadiazepine derivatives **17a,b** and thiophenotriazolothiadiazepine **18**, respectively, were prepared *via* the addition reaction of hydrazine hydrate, phenylhydrazine, or mercaptoacetic acid at the activated ethylenic double bond in compound **16** (cf. Scheme 2).

The active methylene group in compound **1** underwent a nucleophilic addition reaction at different activated ethylenic double bonds, namely, 2-oxo-2,3-dihydroindolylidenemalononitrile, benzothiazolidenitrile, or *p*-chlorobenzylidenecyanoacetamide in boiling dioxane and catalytic amount of Et₃N to yield a new series of pyranotriazolothiadiazepine derivatives **19-21**, respectively (cf. Scheme 3). The reaction pathway was suggested to proceed *via* the addition of the active CH₂ group of compound **1** to the activated double bond of ylidenenitrile to yield the intermediate Michael adduct which was cyclized through the addition of the OH group at the cyano group. IR spectra of products **19-21** showed characteristic bands corresponding to NH₂ (3320-3450), NH (3500-3425) and CN (2199-2187). ¹H NMR spectra of the products are in agreement with the proposed structure.

Scheme 3



EXPERIMENTAL

Synthesis of Compounds 2, 3 (General Procedure). A mixture of compound **1** (0.01 mol), CS₂ (0.01 mol), and NaOH (0.02 mol in 10 ml of water) in DMF (30 ml) was stirred for 4 h, 1,2-bromoethane or chloroacetyl chloride (0.01 mol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred again for 4 h and poured into ice-cold water (300 ml). The resulting solid mass was filtered off, washed with water successively, dried, and recrystallized from the proper solvent.

Synthesis of Compounds 5, 6 (General Procedure). A mixture of compound **2** or **3** (0.01 mol) and mercaptoacetic acid (0.01 mol) in DMF (20 ml) was refluxed for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into cold water (200 ml). The separated product was filtered off, dried, and crystallized from the suitable solvent.

Synthesis of Compound 4a,b (General procedure). A mixture of anhydrous potassium carbonate (4 g), compound **1** (0.01 mol), and a catalytic amount of TBAB in DMF (20 ml) was treated with phenyl isothiocyanate or phenyl isocyanate (0.01 mol) and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. 1,2-Dibromoethane (0.01 mol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for an additional 4 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was added to ice-cold water (100 ml). The separated solid was filtered off and crystallized from the proper solvent.

Synthesis of Compound 7. A mixture of compound **1** (0.01 mol) in DMF (20 ml), CS₂ (0.01 mol), and NaOH (0.023 mol in 10 ml water) was stirred for 4 h. CH₃I (0.02 mol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 4 h and poured into ice-cold water (200 ml). The precipitate was filtered off, dried, and crystallized from DMF–H₂O.

Synthesis of Compound 8. Ethylenediamine (0.002 mol) was added to a solution of compound **7** (0.002 mol) in DMF (20 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the evolution of MeSH ceased. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-cold water (200 ml), and the separated solid was collected by filtration and crystallized from DMF–H₂O.

Synthesis of Compounds 9, 10a,b (General Procedure). A mixture of compound **1** (0.01 mol), sulfur (0.01 mol), and activated nitriles, namely, ethyl cyanoacetate, malononitrile, or cyanoacetamide (0.01 mol) in dioxane (30 ml) and a few drops of triethylamine was stirred for 6 h. The precipitate was collected by filtration and crystallized from the proper solvent to give compounds **9**, **10a,b**.

Synthesis of Hydrazone Derivative 11. Chloroacetohydrazone (0.01 mol) was added to a mixture of compound **1** (0.01 mol) and triethylamine (0.01 mol) in dioxane (20 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 h, concentrated, and cooled. The precipitate was filtered off and crystallized from ethanol.

Synthesis of Compound 12. KOH (0.02 mol in 5 ml H₂O) was added to a solution of compound **11** (0.02 mol) in DMF (20 ml), the mixture was cooled, and CS₂ (0.022 mol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was refluxed until the evolution of H₂S ceased (~18 h). The mixture was cooled and poured into ice-cold water (200 ml) with several drops of dil. HCl. The resulting solid mass was filtered off, washed with water, dried and crystallized from DMF–H₂O.

Synthesis of Compound 13. A mixture of compound **1** (0.003 mol) and triethyl orthoformate (3 ml) was refluxed for 5 h in acetic anhydride (20 ml). The reaction mixture was concentrated and cooled. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, dried, and crystallized from acetic acid–H₂O.

Synthesis of Hydrazino Derivative 14. Hydrazine hydrate (0.02 mol) was added to a solution of compound **13** (0.02 mol) in DMF (20 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 5 h, cooled, and added to ice-cold water (200 ml). The precipitate was filtered off and crystallized from DMF–H₂O.

Synthesis of Compound 15. A mixture of compound **14** (0.03 mol) and CS₂ (0.035 mol) in DMF (30 ml) was refluxed for 6 h. The separated solid was collected by filtration and crystallized from DMF.

Synthesis of Compound 16. A mixture of compound **1** (0.03 mol), dibromomalononitrile (0.03 mol), and Et₃N (0.06 mol) in dioxane (30 ml) was refluxed for 3 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and filtered off while hot. The precipitate was dried, washed with water, and crystallized from DMF–H₂O.

Synthesis of Compounds 17a,b, 18 (General Procedure). Hydrazine hydrate, phenylhydrazine, or mercaptoacetic acid (0.01 mol) were added to a solution of compound **16** (0.01 mol) in DMF (20 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured into ice-cold water (100 ml). The separated solid was filtered off, washed with water, dried, and crystallized from the proper solvent.

Synthesis of Compounds 19-21 (General Procedure). Equimolar amounts (0.01 mol) of compound **1** and the proper ylidenemalononitrile or *p*-chlorobenzylidencyanoacetamide were dissolved in dioxane (30 ml), treated with two drops of Et₃N, and refluxed for 4 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated, the separated solid was filtered off, dried, and crystallized from the suitable solvent.

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