

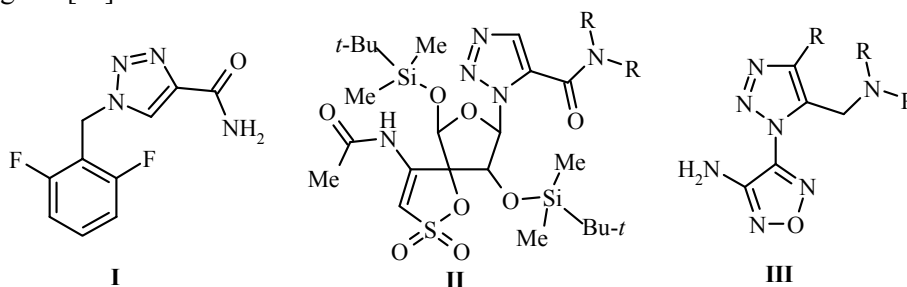
## SYNTHESIS OF 1H-1,2,3-TRIAZOLE DERIVATIVES BY THE CYCLIZATION OF ARYL AZIDES WITH 2-BENZOTHAZOLYLACETONONE, 1,3-BENZOTHAZOL-2-YLACETONITRILE, AND (4-ARYL-1,3-THIAZOL-2-YL)ACETONITRILES

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The cyclization of aryl azides with 2-benzothiazolylacetone, 1,3-benzothiazol-2-ylacetonitrile, and (4-aryl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)acetonitriles in methanol in the presence of sodium methylate gives high yields of new products, 2-(5-methyl(amino)-1-aryl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-1,3-benzothiazoles and 1-aryl-(4-aryl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole-5-amines. 1,3-Benzothiazol-2-ylacetonitrile undergoes an anionic domino reaction with methyl 2-azidobenzoate or 2-azidobenzonitrile to give [1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-a]quinazoline derivatives.

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Functionalized 1,2,3-triazoles have a broad range of biological activity although these compounds are not encountered in natural products. The cephalosporin antibiotic *ceftriacin* is an efficient drug for countering agents leading to diseases in the respiratory tract, connective tissue, and skin [2, 3]. Difluoride **I** is an anticonvulsive agent, compounds **II** displays anti-HIV activity [5], while compounds **III** play an important role in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease as well as type-1 and type-2 diabetes [6]. Some 1,2,3-triazoles act as antagonists of the GABA receptor [7, 8], agonists of muscarine receptors [9], neuroleptics [11], antihistaminics [12], and antiproliferative agents [13].



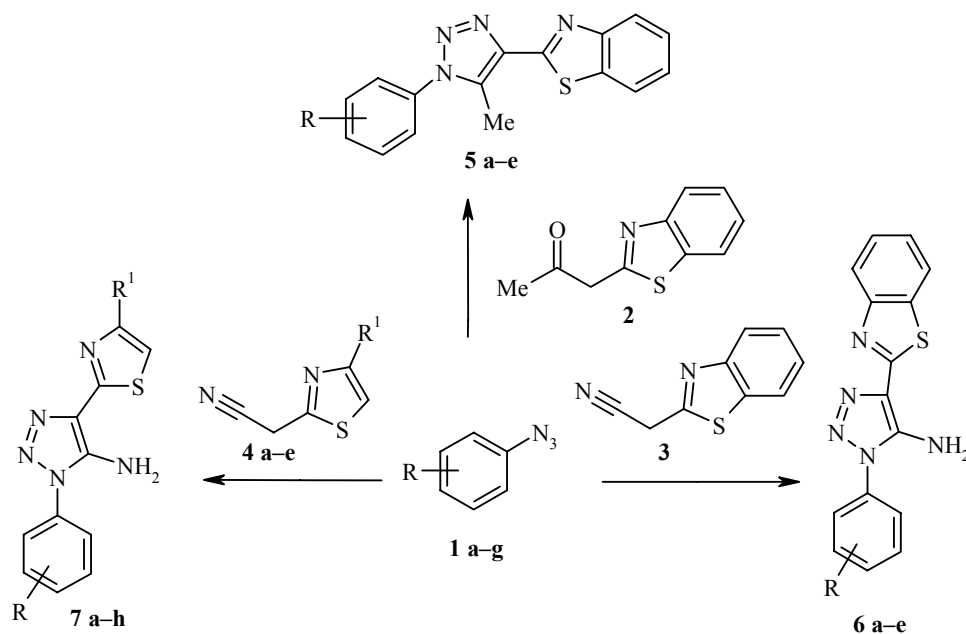
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A good method for the synthesis of 1H-1,2,3-triazole derivatives involves the reaction of aryl azides with CH-active compounds containing a COR or C≡N group [14]. However, the scope for the preparative application of this method has not been elucidated due, in part, to competing reactions. For example, the partial reduction of the azido group to an amino group occurs in some cases under the conditions of this reaction [14]. The reaction of azides with α-methylene ketones and acetonitriles activated by an aryl or hetaryl substituent holds promise as a synthetic method. Only a few examples have been reported for the reaction of aryl azides with arylacetonitriles and phenylacetone [14, 15] leading to 5-aminomethyl-1,4-diaryl-1H-1,2,3-triazoles. The introduction of a heterocyclic substituent at C-4 of the triazole ring might be expected to expand the biological activity of these compounds.

We investigated the reaction of aryl azides **1a-i** with 1,3-benzothiazol-2-ylacetone (**2**), 1,3-benzothiazol-2-ylacetonitrile (**3**), and 4-R<sup>1</sup>-thiazolylacetonitriles **4a-e** obtained according to reported procedures [16-18].

We found that compound **2-4** react with aryl azides to give triazole derivatives **5-7** (Tables 1 and 2) with a heterocyclic substituent at C-4.



**1 a** R = H, **b** R = 2-Me, **c** R = 3-Me, **d** R = 4-Me, **e** R = 4-F, **f** R = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, **g** R = 4-COOH;  
**5 a** R = H, **b** R = 2-Me, **c** R = 4-Me, **d** R = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, **e** R = 4-COOH; **6 a** R = H, **b** R = 3-Me,  
**c** R = 4-Me, **d** R = 4-F, **e** R = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>; **4 a** R<sup>1</sup> = Ph, **b** R<sup>1</sup> = 4-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, **c** R<sup>1</sup> = 4-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>,  
**d** R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, **e** R<sup>1</sup> = 2-naphthyl; **7 a-e** R = H, **a** R<sup>1</sup> = Ph, **b** R<sup>1</sup> = 4-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, **c** R<sup>1</sup> = 4-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>,  
**d** R<sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, **e** R<sup>1</sup> = 2-naphthyl, **f** R = Me, **g** R = F, **h** R = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, **f-h** R<sup>1</sup> = Ph

The reaction of aryl azide **1** with 2-benzothiazolylacetone **2** is complete in a few minutes upon heating or after 1 h at room temperature. Triazole derivatives **6a-e** were obtained in the reaction of aryl azides with 1,3-benzothiazol-2-ylacetonitrile **3** after 1 min at room temperature. Products of the Dimroth rearrangement and reduction of the azide group from the reaction mixture were not isolated from the reaction mixture. Thus, these reactions are a good method for the synthesis of triazole derivatives with a benzothiazole substituent at C-4. (4-R<sup>1</sup>-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)acetonitriles **4a-e** also react with aryl azides without complications; the yields of cyclization products **7** ranged from 66 to 93%.

The use of aryl azides **1h,i** containing a nitrile or ester group in the *ortho* position to the azido group in the abovementioned reactions permits anionic domino reaction [19] of these azides with 1,3-benzothiazol-2-ylacetonitrile **3**. In both cases, the amino group at C-5 in the triazole ring formed in the first step reacts with

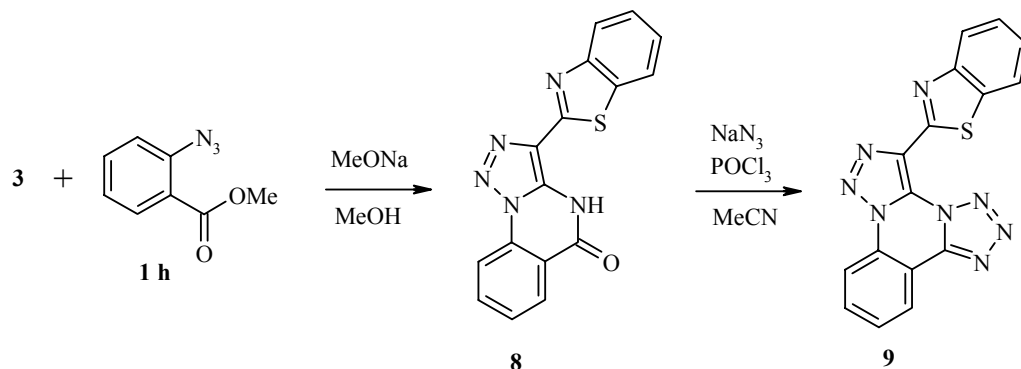


TABLE 1. Characteristics of Products **5-10**

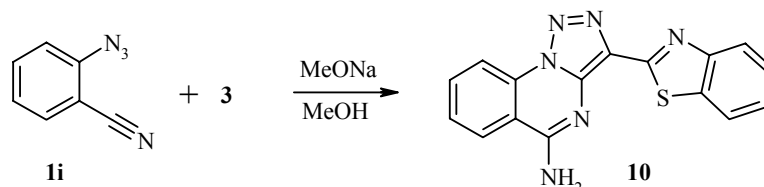
Compound	Empirical formula	Found, %			mp, °C	Yield, %
		Calculated, %	C	H		
<b>5a</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	65.80	4.05	19.07	147-148	81
		65.73	4.14	19.16		
<b>5b</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	66.50	4.52	18.19	145-146	74
		66.64	4.61	18.29		
<b>5c</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	66.72	4.70	18.17	171-172	88
		66.64	4.61	18.29		
<b>5d</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	56.84	3.19	20.67	223-224	94
		56.96	3.29	20.76		
<b>5e</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	60.35	3.68	16.72	>300	72
		60.70	3.60	16.66		
<b>6a</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	61.26	3.85	23.75	227-228	82
		61.42	3.78	23.87		
<b>6b</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	62.69	4.15	22.93	188-189	77
		62.52	4.26	22.78		
<b>6c</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	62.37	4.18	22.66	231-232	85
		62.52	4.26	22.78		
<b>6d</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> S	57.93	3.06	22.59	247-248	93
		57.87	3.24	22.49		
<b>6e</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	53.21	3.08	24.72	259-260	91
		53.25	2.98	24.84		
<b>7a</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	63.76	4.07	21.80	151-152	65
		63.93	4.10	21.93		
<b>7b</b>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	64.95	4.45	20.88	199-200	80
		64.84	4.53	21.01		
<b>7c</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> S	60.63	3.50	20.84	167-168	71
		60.52	3.59	20.76		
<b>7d</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> S	57.43	3.33	19.72	206-205	82
		57.71	3.42	19.79		
<b>7e</b>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	68.39	4.01	19.02	174-175	76
		68.27	4.09	18.96		
<b>7f</b>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	64.72	4.58	20.93	196-197	66
		64.84	4.53	21.01		
<b>7g</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> S	60.40	3.45	20.42	194-195	87
		60.52	3.59	20.76		
<b>7h</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	56.10	3.20	22.94	291-292	73
		56.04	3.32	23.06		
<b>8</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OS	60.27	2.78	21.82	>300	84
		60.18	2.84	21.93		
<b>9</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>8</sub> S	55.67	2.41	32.36	221-222	93
		55.81	2.34	32.54		
<b>10</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S	60.08	3.27	26.25	>300	91
		60.36	3.17	26.40		

TABLE 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of Compounds 5-10

Compound	Chemical shifts, $\delta$ , ppm ( $J$ , Hz)
1	2
<b>5a</b>	2.82 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 7.43 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.49 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.60-7.68 (5H, m, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ); 7.99 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4); 8.06 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, benzothiazole H-7)
<b>5b</b>	2.10 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.61 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 7.39-7.57 (6H, m, Ar); 7.97 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4); 8.05 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-7)
<b>5c</b>	2.48 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.78 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 7.42 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.43 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 7.49 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.51 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 7.97 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4); 8.04 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-7)
<b>5d</b>	2.90 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 7.44 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.52 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 8.01 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.4, benzothiazole H-4); 8.05 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.4, benzothiazole H-7); 8.07 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 8.50 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5)
<b>5e</b>	2.86 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 7.44 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.52 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.81 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 8.01 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4); 8.07 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, benzothiazole H-7); 8.22 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 13.07 (1H, br. s, COOH)
<b>6a</b>	6.78 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.34 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.45 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.54 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.63 (2H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5); 7.68 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, H <sub>Ph</sub> -2,6); 7.93 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.4, benzothiazole H-7); 7.99 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4)
<b>6b</b>	2.49 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 6.78 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.33-7.38 (2H, m, benzothiazole H-6 + H <sub>Ar</sub> ); 7.41-7.54 (4H, m, benzothiazole H-5 + H <sub>Ar</sub> ); 7.93 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-7); 8.00 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4)
<b>6c</b>	2.46 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 6.70 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.34 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.39-7.47 (3H, m, benzothiazole H-5 + H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 7.53 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 7.92 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.4, benzothiazole H-7); 7.98 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4)
<b>6d</b>	6.79 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.35 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.41 (2H, m, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 7.46 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.70 (2H, dd, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.8, $J_{H,F}$ = 4.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 7.93 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-7); 8.00 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4)
<b>6e</b>	7.08 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.36 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.47 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.95 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, benzothiazole H-7); 7.99 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, benzothiazole H-4); 8.02 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 8.46 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5)
<b>7a</b>	6.56 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.32 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.43 (2H, t, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5); 7.54 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> N-4); 7.63 (2H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> N-3,5); 7.69 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, H <sub>Ph</sub> N-2,6); 7.77 (1H, s, thiazole); 7.99 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.2, H <sub>Ph</sub> -2,6)
<b>7b</b>	2.38 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 6.55 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.22 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 7.53 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.63 (2H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5); 7.68 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 7.70 (1H, s, thiazole); 7.86 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, H <sub>Ph</sub> -2,6)
<b>7c</b>	6.55 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.18 (2H, t, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 7.53 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.63 (2H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5); 7.68 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, H <sub>Ph</sub> -2,6); 7.77 (1H, s, thiazole); 8.04 (2H, dd, $J_{H,F}$ = 5.2, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6)
<b>7d</b>	6.55 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.43 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 7.53 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.63 (2H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5); 7.67 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, H <sub>Ph</sub> -2,6); 7.86 (1H, s, thiazole); 8.02 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6)
<b>7e</b>	6.64 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.45-7.51 (2H, m, naphthyl); 7.54 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.64 (2H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5); 7.70 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.2, H <sub>Ph</sub> -2,6); 7.86 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 6.8, naphthyl); 7.92 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, naphthyl); 7.95 (1H, s, thiazole); 7.97 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, naphthyl); 8.12 (1H, dd, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, <sup>4</sup> $J$ = 1.6, naphthyl); 8.56 (1H, s, naphthyl)
<b>7f</b>	2.47 (3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 6.47 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.32 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.40-7.46 (4H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5 + H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 7.55 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 7.76 (1H, s, thiazole); 7.99 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.0, H <sub>Ph</sub> -2,6)
<b>7g</b>	6.56 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.33 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.38-7.46 (4H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5 + H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5); 7.71 (2H, dd, $J_{H,H}$ = 8.0, $J_{H,F}$ = 4.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 7.80 (1H, s, thiazole); 8.00 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 7.6, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5)
<b>7h</b>	6.85 (2H, s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 7.33 (1H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -4); 7.44 (2H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -3,5); 7.81 (1H, s, thiazole); 7.98-8.04 (4H, m, H <sub>Ph</sub> -2,6 + H <sub>Ar</sub> -2,6); 8.46 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup> $J$ = 8.8, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3,5)

TABLE 2 (continued)

1	2
<b>8</b>	7.27 (1H, m, quinoxaline); 7.41 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.49 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.74 (1H, m, quinoxaline); 7.90-7.99 (2H, m, quinoxaline + benzothiazole H-4); 8.17-8.25 (2H, m, quinoxaline + benzothiazole H-7)
<b>9</b>	7.44 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.54 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.96 (1H, m, H <sub>Ar</sub> -4); 8.08 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 8.0, benzothiazole H-7); 8.13 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 8.0, benzothiazole H-4); 8.26 (1H, m, H <sub>Ar</sub> -5); 8.44 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 8.4, H <sub>Ar</sub> -6); 8.75 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 8.0, H <sub>Ar</sub> -3)
<b>10</b>	7.35 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-6); 7.45 (1H, m, benzothiazole H-5); 7.70 (1H, m, H <sub>Ar</sub> -4); 7.95 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 7.6, benzothiazole H-7); 7.97-8.02 (2H, m, benzothiazole H-4 + H <sub>Ar</sub> -5); 8.35 (2H, br. s, NH <sub>2</sub> ); 8.45 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 8.0, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> H <sub>Ar</sub> -3); 8.50 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup> J = 7.6, H <sub>Ar</sub> -6)



the *ortho* substituent (C≡N or CO<sub>2</sub>Me) to give the [1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*]quinazoline system (compounds **8** and **10**, Tables 1 and 2). The domino reaction takes place in a few minutes with a good yield of the reaction products when there is an ester or nitrile group in the starting azide.

Benzothiazole derivative **8** is transformed by the action of POCl<sub>3</sub> and sodium azide in acetonitrile in one step to give 5-(1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-*c*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*]quinazoline (**9**) (Tables 1 and 2).

Thus, we have shown that 2-benzothiazolylacetone **2**, 1,3-benzothiazol-2-ylacetonitrile **3**, and (4-aryl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)acetonitriles **4** are convenient reagents for the synthesis of 1H-1,2,3-triazole derivatives.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were taken on a Mercury 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. The chemical shifts are given relative to TMS.

Azides **1a-i** were obtained by a method similar to a reported procedure [20]. Samples of 2-benzothiazolylacetone **2** [16], 1,3-benzothiazol-2-ylacetonitrile **3** [17], and 4-*R*-thiazolylacetonitriles **4a-e** [18] were obtained according to reported procedures.

**2-[5-Methyl-1-(*R*-phenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl]-1,3-benzothiazoles 5a-e (General Method).** A solution of sodium (0.3 g, 13 mmol) in methanol (20 ml) was added with cooling to a solution of the corresponding aryl azide **1** (10 mmol). Then, 2-benzothiazolylacetone **2** (1.9 g, 10 mmol) was added with vigorous stirring. The mixture was heated for 30 min and cooled to room temperature. The precipitate formed was filtered off and purified by recrystallization from ethanol.

**Synthesis of Compounds 6-8 and 10 (General Method).** Hetarylacetonitrile **3** or **4** (10 mmol) and aryl azide **1** (10 mmol) were added with vigorous stirring to a solution of sodium methylate obtained from 0.3 g sodium and 20 ml methanol. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until formation of a precipitate, which was filtered off and purified by recrystallization from ethanol–DMF.

**5-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-*c*][1,2,3]triazolo[1,5-*a*]quinazoline (9).** A mixture of compound **8** (0.64 g, 2 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (0.26 g, 4 mmol), and POCl<sub>3</sub> (1.54 g, 10 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 ml) was heated at reflux with stirring for 10 h. The solvent and excess POCl<sub>3</sub> were distilled off at reduced pressure. The residue was cooled and neutralized by adding saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The precipitate formed was filtered off and crystallized from ethanol–DMF.

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