282. Synthesis of 1- and 5-Aryl-2,4-benzothiazepines

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Summary

a-Aryl-*o*-xylyl dibromides 1 reacted with thioureas to give the mono-isothiouronium salts 2, bis-isothiouronium salts 4 being formed as by-products in some cases. Compounds 2, which readily reacted with water or alcohols to form 3, were cyclized with Na₂CO₃ in anhydrous acetone to yield 5-aryl-2,4-benzothiazepines 5, 6 and 7, but the 2'-chlorophenyl-derivative 2l exceptionally cyclized to the cyclobutene 20. The 1-aryl-2,4-benzothiazepines 14, 15 and 16 were prepared unequivocally by acid-catalysed cyclizations of thioureas 13 and 19.

In an extension of work on fused 7-membered ring compounds, a series of 5- and 1-aryl-substituted 2,4-benzothiazepines (*Tables 1* and 2) has been prepared. 2,4-Benzothiazepines had previously received little attention [2-4], and no 5- or 1-aryl substituted derivatives had been reported.

1. 5-Aryl-2,4-benzothiazepines. - For the preparation of the 5-aryl series (Scheme 1), thioureas reacted preferentially with a-aryl-o-xylyl dibromides 1 at the unsubstituted methylene group to give the isothiouronium salts 2. Pifferi et al. [5] had reported that the sodium salt of N-hydroxyurethane also reacted at the unsubstituted methylene group of a-substituted o-xylyl dibromides. With N, N'dialkylthioureas, both mono- and bis-isothiouronium salts, 2 and 4, were formed in about 60% and 40% yields respectively, the latter either as oils which could be removed by decantation or as solids which could be filtered off. The solutions thus obtained were used directly for cyclization, because of the lability of the benzhydryl bromine atom of the intermediate 2 which underwent partial alcoholysis or hydrolysis on attempted isolation or purification. With cyclic thioureas, the bis-isothiouronium salts, if formed at all, were present usually in amounts of less than 2%, and the mono-substituted intermediates 2 were usually precipitated in analytically pure form during addition of the thiourea to the dibromide in dry acetone solution. The use of moist acetone for the preparation of these intermediates 2 gave mixtures with the benzhydrols 3. The bromides 2 could be easily converted into the benzhydrol derivatives 3 by heating in water or alcohols. With cyclic thiourea derivatives 2,

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R³ 5 6 7 \mathbb{R}^1 R² Compound Х Ζ **R**³ Salt or M.p.(°C) Solvent^a) base 5a Н Η Н Н $(CO_2H)_2$ 225-229 dec. 1 _ 5b Н Н CH_3 CH₃ Base 186-189 2 5c 7-Cl Н Н Н 200-201 dec. 1 $(CO_2H)_2$ 5d 7-Cl Н CH₃ CH₃ HBr 252-254 dec. 2 6 Н Н CH₃ CH_3 HBr 234-235 dec. 3 _ 7a Η Н -(CH₂)₂-210-213 4 Base 7Ь Н Η -(CH₂)₃-280-281 HCI 3 7c Н н -(CH₂)₄-HBr 254-256 dec. 5 8-Cl 7d Н $-(CH_2)_3-$ 155-157 6 Base CH₃ 7e Н -(CH₂)₃-HBr 264-270 1 7f Н F -(CH₂)₃-HCl 258-262 3 a) 1: methanol; 2: acetone/methanol; 3: 2-propanol; 4: dioxan; 5: methanol/2-propanol; 6: acetone/

ether.

Table 2. 1-Aryl-2, 4-benzothiazepines

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Compound	Х	\mathbf{R}^1	R ²	R ³	Salt or base	M.p.(°C)	Solvent ^a)
14a	Н	Н	Н	_	(CO ₂ H) ₂	186-189	1
14b	Н	CH_3	Н	-	HCI	194-195	2
14c	Н	CH ₃	CH_3	-	HCl	198-202	2
14d	7-Cl	CH_3	н	-	HCl	192-193 dec.	3
14e	8-Cl	C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂	CH ₂ H	-	HCl	175-177	3
15a	Н	-	Н	CH ₃	HCl	210-212	3
15b	Н	-	CH_3	CH ₃	HCl	189-190 dec.	3
15c	7-Cl	-	CH_3	CH_3	HC1	196-198 dec.	3
15d	8-C1	-	CH ₃	CH ₃	HCl	140-145 dec.	3
16a	Н	-	-(C)	$H_{2})_{2}-$	HCl ^b)	175-176 dec.	3
16b	Н	-	-(C)	$H_{2})_{3}-$	HCI	213-216 dec.	3

a) 1: ethanol/ether; 2: acetone/methanol; 3: 2-propanol.

b) +1 mol 2-propanol.



alcoholysis in methanol was usually slow enough to enable pure bromides to be isolated.

Care had to be taken in the preparation of these bromides 2 for NMR. spectral measurement. The hydrolysis takes place readily at room temperature in DMSO containing traces of moisture, and the spectra thus obtained may represent those of the benzhydrols 3 rather than 2. The differences between these substances are clearly shown in the spectra by the positions of the H-C(2a) and 2 H-C(1a) protons. With a-phenyl-o-xylyl dibromide (1) the H-C(2a) appears as a singlet at 7.0 ppm and the 2 H-C(1a) appear as two doublets at 4.75 and 4.95 ppm, J = 12 Hz, probably due to restricted rotation of the $-CH_2Br$ group. In the isothiouronium salts 2, the H-C(2a) still appears as a singlet at 7.0 ppm, and the 2 H-C(1a) as a singlet at 4.85 ppm.

The isothiouronium salts 2 could be cyclized to 5-aryl-2,4-benzothiazepines 5, 6 or 7^2) in anhydrous acetone containing anhydrous sodium carbonate [3]. Some of these are shown in *Table 1*. Other inorganic bases, *e.g.* disodium hydrogen phosphate, or organic solvents, *e.g.* alcohols, acetonitrile, gave inferior yields. The cyclic products obtained differed from the isomeric 1-aryl-2,4-benzothiazepines 14, 15 or 16 (*Scheme 2*), prepared by an unequivocal route, thus confirming that thioureas react with *a*-aryl-*o*-xylyl dibromides preferentially at the unsubstituted methylene group.

In the cyclization of the 2'-chlorophenyl-isothiouronium salt 21 an unusual reaction occurred. The main product, obtained in 85% yield, which had a correct

²) Compounds 7 were wrongly reported in some patents as 1-aryl-2,4-benzothiazepine derivatives [6].



elemental analysis for the expected 2,4-benzothiazepine, had an NMR. spectrum which showed two methine protons, in place of the expected two H-C(1) and one H-C(5) protons for the thiazepine ring. X-ray crystal structure analysis showed the compound to be the benzocyclobutene derivative **20**, with the substituents in the *trans* position [7]. The reason for the unusual course of the reaction in this case is not clear, for with both the 2'-methyl- and 2'-fluoro-analogues **2j** and **2k** (*Table 3*), only the expected 2,4-benzothiazepines **7e** and **7f** (*Table 1*) were isolated.

Table 3. Thiourea and isothiouronium intermediates								
		N			Ŷ	Z		
	$X - SC - SC - R^2$ Br $N - R^3$							
	2	Z			R ¹	13,19		
Compound	X	Z	\mathbf{R}^1	R ²	R ³	M.p.(°C)	Solvent ^a)	
2a	Н	Н	н	Н	Н			
2b	Н	Н	CH_3	CH_3	н	-	-	
2c	4-C1	Н	н	н	Н	-	-	
2d	4-Cl	Н	CH ₃	CH_3	н	190191	pptd	
2e	н	Н	Н	CH_3	CH ₃	-		
2f	Н	н	Н	-(Cł	$(1_2)_2 -$	165173	1	
2g	н	Н	Н	-(CH	$H_{2})_{3}-$	175-177	pptd	
2h	н	Н	н	-(CI	I_{2}_{4}	165-167	pptd	
2i	5-C1	Н	Н	-(CH	$(I_2)_3 -$	176-179 dec.	pptd	
2j	н	CH_3	н	-(CF	$(1_2)_3 -$	165-167	pptd	
2k	н	F	Н	-(CF	$(I_2)_3 -$	153-161	pptd	
21	Н	Cl	Н	-(CH	$(H_2)_3 -$	174-177 dec.	pptd	
13a	н	Н	Н	Н	н	144-147	2	
13b	Н	Н	CH ₃	Н	Н	175-178	3	
13c	Н	н	CH ₃	CH3	Н	153-156	4	
13d	5-C1	Н	CH ₃	Н	н	152-154	5	
13e	4-Cl	Н	C ₆ H₅CH	$_2CH_2$ H	н	97-101	6	
13f	Н	Н	н	Н	CH_3	182-184	3	
13g	Н	Н	Н	CH_3	CH_3	141-144	8	
13h	5-C1	Н	Н	CH_3	CH_3	98-102	6	
13i	4-C1	Н	Н	CH_3	CH ₃	127-132	7	
19a	Н	Н	Н	-(CH	$(I_2)_2 -$	129-131	8	
19b	Н	Н	Н	-(CH	$(I_2)_3 -$	156-159	8	

a) 1: methanol; 2: acetone/ether; 3: 2-ethoxyethanol/water; 4: benzene; 5: ether; 6: diisopropyl ether;
7: methylene chloride/ether; 8: 2-propanol.



2. 1-Aryl-2,4-benzothiazepines. – These compounds were prepared as shown in Scheme 2, and some are described in Table 2. 3-Phenylphthalides 8 reacted with amines to give the amides 9, which were reduced to the corresponding aminomethylbenzhydrols 10. This method was unsuitable for phthalides containing a halogen atom at position 5 or 6, because of partial dehalogenation with lithium aluminium hydride (LAH). For halogenated intermediates 10a or 10b (X = Cl) the routes described by *Freter et al.* [8] were used. Thus compounds 10b were produced without loss of halogen by LAH reduction of the halogenated cyanobenzophenones

11. When secondary amines in this series were required, mono-acylation of 10b to give 10c was followed by LAH reduction to 10a, which proceeded without loss of halogen. Both 10a and 10b reacted with isothiocyanates to give the thioureas 13. For compounds 13 in which both R^1 and R^2 were alkyl, 10b was converted into the isothiocyanate 12, and this reacted with secondary amines to give 13. In contrast to the series described in *Scheme 1*, it was possible in this series to produce, unequivocally, 2,4-benzothiazepines 15 in which the substituents R^2 and R^3 could be varied independently (e.g. 15a).

For the preparation of cyclic thioureas 19, the phthalides 8 reacted with diamines to give the amides 17, which were reduced to the diamines 18, and these were cyclized with carbon disulfide.

The thioureas 13 and 19, some of which are shown in *Table 3*, were cyclized by suspension in glacial acetic acid and addition of freshly prepared dry ethanolic HCl. The reactions were complete in about 3 hours at or below room temperature. In the presence of moisture or on warming, isoindolines were formed as by-products, presumably by preferential attack of the benzhydryl carbenium ion on the unprotonated thiourea nitrogen rather than the sulfur atom.

3. NMR. spectroscopy of 1-aryl and 5-aryl-benzo-2,4-thiazepines. – In the NMR. spectra of the 1-aryl- and 5-aryl-benzo-2,4-thiazepines, the H-C(1) and the H-C(5) appeared at 6.4-6.5 ppm in both series, while the 2 H-C(5) and the 2 H-C(1) appeared as two doublets with geminal coupling, but in different positions according to whether the methylene group was attached to the nitrogen or sulfur atom.

In the unsubstituted tricyclic tetrahydropyrimido [2, 1-c][2,4]-benzothiazepine [2], which has no phenyl group in the 7-membered ring, the 2 H-C(5) and the 2 H-C(1) appeared as singlets at 4.9 and 4.65 ppm respectively, the latter being practically at the same position as the singlet due to the 2 H-C(1a) of benzyliso-thiouronium chloride. In the salts of the 1-phenyl derivatives 14, 15, 16, the 2 H-C(5) appeared at ca. 4.7 and 5.3 ppm, J = 16 Hz (for the free base ca. 4.3 and 5.0 ppm), whereas in the salts of the 5-aryl derivatives 5 and 6 they appeared at ca. 4.1 and 4.4 ppm, J = 15 Hz (for the free base ca. 3.5 and 3.8 ppm). In the case of 7, these protons were obscured under a multiplet between 3.2 and 4.2 ppm.

Thus, NMR. spectroscopy provides the means for a ready classification of all our benzo-2,4-thiazepines as either 5-aryl or 1-aryl derivatives. X-ray structure determination of 7b and 16b confirmed the structures and showed that the aryl groups were axial to the 7-membered ring [9].

Experimental part

General. - NMR. spectra were recorded in DMSO-d₆ with TMS as an internal standard, using a Varian T-60 high resolution NMR. spectrophotometer. Abbreviations: s= singlet, d= doublet, t= triplet, m= multiplet, br.=broad; chemical shift in δ values (ppm), coupling constants in Hz. Microanalytical results were within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the theoretical values. Further abbreviations: RT.=room temperature, HV.= high vacuum.

a-(2-Bromomethylphenyl)phenylmethyl bromides 1 (Table 4). A solution of phosphorus tribromide (1 mol) in dry CHCl₃ (150 ml) was added dropwise over 1 h to a cooled solution of the 2-hydroxymethyl-

Table 4. Intermediate diols and dibromides



a) 1: toluene; 2: 40/60° petroleum ether; 3: toluene/hexane; 4: ether; 5: methylene chloride/hexane.
b) B.p. 170°/0.2 Torr [5].

) D.p. 170 70.2 Toll [5].

benzhydrol³) (1 mol) in dry CHCl₃ (1 l). The mixture was stirred 4 days at RT., poured onto ice (1 kg), the CHCl₃ layer was washed with water (3×200 ml), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was either distilled in HV., crystallized from light petroleum, or used without further purification. Yields: 85–95%.

2-[2-(a-Bromophenylmethyl)-phenylmethylthio]-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine hydrobromide (2g). A solution of propylenethiourea (5.8 g, 0.05 mol) in warm dry acetone (500 ml) was added dropwise over 1 h to a well-stirred solution of 1 (17 g, 0.05 mol) in dry acetone (150 ml). The suspension was stirred for 1 h more, filtered, and the product was washed with dry acetone to give 19.5 g (85%) of white crystals, m.p. 175-177°. - NMR: 1.9 (br. m, 2 H-C(5)); 3.45 (br. m, 2 H-C(4), 2 H-C(6)); 4.8 (s, 2 H-C(1a)); 7.0 (s, H-C(2a)). $C_{18}H_{20}Br_2N_2S$.

Compounds 2d and 2f to 2l were prepared similarly (Table 3).

6-Phenyl-3,4,6,11-tetrahydro-2H-pyrimido [2,1-c] [2,4]benzothiazepine (7b). A suspension of 2g (86 g, 0.19 mol), anhydrous Na₂CO₃ (40 g, 0.38 mol) and anhydrous Na₂SO₄ (20 g) in dry acetone (21) was stirred at 20° for 18 h, then heated to gentle reflux for 96 h, and allowed to cool. The inorganic salts were filtered off, the filtrate was evaporated, and the residue taken up in toluene and washed with water. The base was extracted into 2N HCl, the aqueous layer made alkaline with 2N Na₂CO₃, and the base extracted into toluene, washed with water and dried. The extract was concentrated to give 34.1 g (62%) of white prisms, m.p. 163-167°. - NMR.: 1.8 (br. m, 2 H-C(3)); 3.2-3.7 (br. m, 2 H-C(2), 2 H-C(4), 2 H-C(11)); 5.6 (s, H-C(6)).

Hydrochloride, from 2-propanol, m.p. $280-281^{\circ}$ (dec.). - NMR.: 1.8 (br. *m*, 2 H–C(3)); 3.2-4.2 (br. *m*, 2 H–C(2), 2 H–C(4), 2 H–C(11)); 6.4 (*s*, H–C(6)). C₁₈H₁₉ClN₂S.

Compounds 5d, and 7a-7f were prepared similarly (Table 1).

4-Methyl-3-methylimino-5-phenyl-1, 3, 4, 5-tetrahydro-2, 4-benzothiazepine hydrobromide (6). A solution of N, N'-dimethylthiourea (7.8 g, 0.075 mol) in dry acetone (150 ml) was added dropwise over 45 min to a stirred solution of 1 (26.0 g, 0.076 mol) in dry acetone (70 ml), and the mixture was stirred for a further 3 h. The oil which solidified was filtered off, dried, and gave 12 g (0.022 mol) bis-isothiouronium salt 4 (R^1 =H, R^2 = R^3 =CH₃), m.p. 207° (dec.), $C_{20}H_{28}Br_2N_4S_2$. The filtrate containing 2e (calc. 0.031 mol) was diluted with dry acetone to 440 ml, anhydrous Na₂CO₃ (7 g, 0.066 mol) and anhydrous Na₂SO₄ (5 g) were added, and after being stirred 45 min at 20°, the mixture was gently refluxed for 48 h. It was then worked up as described for 7b. The hydrobromide (5.2 g, 12%) crystallized from 2-propanol,

³) The intermediate diols were prepared by methods analogous to those described [10] [11]. New compounds are described in *Table 4*.

m.p. $234-235^{\circ}$ (dec.). - NMR.: 3.05 (s, $H_3C-N(4)$); 3.65 (s, $H_3C-N=$); 4.1 and 4.4 (2 d, J=15, 2 H-C(1)); 6.5 (s, H-C(1)). C₁₇H₁₉BrN₂S.

Compounds 5a-5c were prepared similarly (Table 1).

trans-2-{[7-(2-Chlorophenyl]-bicyclo [4.2.0] octa-1, 3, 5-trienyl-8]-thio}-1, 4, 5, 6-tetrahydropyrimidine hydrochloride (20). A suspension of 21 (12.3 g, 0.025 mol), anhydrous Na₂CO₃ (5.3 g, 0.05 mol) and anhydrous Na₂SO₄ (5 g) in dry acetone (250 ml) was stirred 3 h at 20° and then heated for 24 h under reflux. The product was worked up as described for 7b. The hydrochloride crystallized first from acetone (7.8 g, 85%), then from 2-propanol, in white plates m.p. 184-186°. - NMR: 1.7 (br. m, 2 H-C(5)); 3.2 (unclear t, 2 H-C(4), 2 H-C(6)); 4.85 and 5.05 (2 d, J=4, H-C(7'), H-C(8')). C₁₈H₁₈Cl₂N₂S. Free base (from ether/petrolether) m.p. 102-105°. C₁₈H₁₇ClN₂S.

N-Substituted-2-(a-hydroxyphenylmethyl)benzamides 9 and 17 (Table 5). These compounds were prepared by a method analogous to that described by Freter & Götz [8]. A solution of the 3-phenyl-phthalide (0.1 mol) and the amine (0.5 mol) in dry toluene/ether (1:1, 400 ml) was stirred at RT. until TLC. showed absence of the phthalide. The mixture was evaporated to dryness below 50° in a rotary film evaporator, last traces of less volatile amines being removed azeotropically with toluene. The residual oils were triturated with dry ether to give white crystalline solids in yields of 80-96%. These substances, being labile, were not recrystallized.

Table 5. Intermediate amides and aminomethylbenzhydrols

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Compound No.	X	Z	R	Salt	M.p.(°C)	Solvent ^a)
9	4-C1	0	CH ₃	_	122-123	_
17	H H	0 0	$-(CH_2)_2NH_2$ $-(CH_2)_3NH_2$	-	105-108 93-97	-
10	4-Cl 4-Cl	${f H_2} {f H_2}$	H CH ₃	HCl HCl	203–205 147–149	1 2
18	H H	H_2 H_2	$-(CH_2)_2NH_2$ $-(CH_2)_3NH_2$	$\begin{array}{l} 2(\mathrm{CO}_2\mathrm{H})_2\cdot\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}\\ 2(\mathrm{CO}_2\mathrm{H})_2\cdot\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O} \end{array}$	190–192 dec. 195–198 dec.	3 3
a) 1: aceton	e/2-propa	nol; 2: d	iisopropyl ether/2-pi	ropanol; 3: aqueous me	thanol.	

2-(Substituted aminomethyl)-a-phenylbenzenemethanol salts 10 and 18 (Table 5). These compounds were prepared by methods analogous to those described [8] [10]. a) A suspension of the benzamide 9 or 17 (0.1 mol) in dry THF (250 ml) was added dropwise over 2 h to a stirred, refluxing suspension of LAH (9 g, 0.24 mol) in dry THF (300 ml). After 4-8 h heating under reflux, the mixture was left overnight and was decomposed carefully by dropwise addition of saturated K_2CO_3 solution (54 ml). The suspension was filtered, the residue washed with THF, and the combined filtrate and washings were evaporated to dryness. The residual oil was taken up in 2N acetic acid, washed with CH₂Cl₂ the acid layer was made alkaline with 2N NaOH and the product was extracted into CH₂Cl₂ and evaporated. Oxalic acid salts were prepared by adding the theoretical quantity of oxalic acid dihydrate in methanol. Hydrochlorides were prepared by adding the theoretical quantity of dry ethanolic HCl to a 2-propanol solution of the base. Yields, 50-90%.

b) Alternatively, the crude N-acylated derivatives 10c of the aminomethylbenzhydrols 10b were reduced with LAH to 10a, as described above.

Preparation of thioureas 13 and 19 (Table 3). a) The amine 10a or 10b (0.1 mol) in benzene (200 ml) was treated dropwise with a solution of the isothiocyanate (0.105 mol) in benzene (50 ml) and left at 20° overnight. The solution was evaporated to dryness, the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 , washed with 2N acetic acid, water, and dried. After evaporation, the residual oil was crystallized. Yields,

80-90%. Compounds 13a, 13b, 13d-13i were prepared by this method. In the cases of 13a and 13f, the benzoyl derivatives were hydrolysed to the thioureas in 2N NaOH.

b) A solution of 2-aminomethylbenzhydrol \cdot HCl (10b, X=H, 0.02 mol) in water (50 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred, ice-cooled mixture of carbon disulfide (0.02 mol) and NaOH (0.04 mol) in water (10 ml) over 15 min. After 5 h stirring at 20°, ethyl chloroformate (0.02 mol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred overnight. The isothiocyanate 12 (X=H) was extracted into ether, washed with N HCl, water, dried over Na₂SO₄, purified by elution with ether/hexane 1:1 on 360 g 60-mesh silica gel, and on evaporation gave a homogeneous oil (60%). This oil in absolute benzene (50 ml) was treated with dimethylamine (0.012 mol) and left at 20° overnight, when 13c crystallized in 80% yield.

c) The free bases of the diamines 18 (0.05 mol) in 2-propanol (500 ml) were treated dropwise with carbon disulfide (0.1 mol), and the suspensions were heated for 18 h under reflux. The solvent was evaporated, and the residual oils in CH_2Cl_2 were washed with 2N acetic acid, water, dried and evaporated. The residual oily solids crystallized from ethyl acetate to give 19 in *ca*. 50% yields.

11-Phenyl-3, 4, 6, 11-tetrahydro-2H-pyrimido [2, 1-c] [2, 4] benzothiazepine hydrochloride (16a). A solution of 19b (2.7 g, 0.008 mol) in glacial acetic acid (50 ml) and freshly prepared ethanolic HCl (10 ml) was kept at 0-5° for 3 h, and then at RT. for 2 h. TLC. showed absence of starting material. The solvent was evaporated, the residue was dissolved in absolute ethanol, treated with charcoal, filtered and evaporated. On trituration with dry acetone, the residual oil gave white granular crystals (2.6 g, 96%), m.p. 213-216° from 2-propanol. - NMR.: 1.8 (br. m, 2 H-C(3)); 2.8-3.7 (br. m, 2 H-C(2), 2 H-C(4)); 4.65, 5.45 (2 d, J = 16, 2 H-C(6)); 6.5 (s, H-C(11)). $C_{18}H_{19}CIN_2S$.

Compounds 14a-14e, 15a-15d, and 16b were prepared similarly (Table 2).

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