

## Fluorine-Containing Heterocycles: VIII.\* Transformations of 2-Polyfluorobenzoylacrylates Having a Thiosemicarbazide Fragment\*\*

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**Abstract**—Depending on the conditions, 3-(4-R-thiosemicarbazido)-2-polyfluorobenzoylacrylates can be converted into the corresponding potassium salts, [1,3,4]thiadiazino[6,5,4-*ij*]quinolines, and pyrazole or 1,3,4-thiadiazole derivatives.

We previously showed that 3-hydrazino-2-polyfluorobenzoylacrylates are convenient synthons for the preparation of [*ij*]-fused fluoroquinolinones and other fluorinated nitrogen-containing heterocycles [2, 3]. We also reported that heating of 3-(4-R-thiosemicarbazido)-2-polyfluorobenzoylacrylates **I** in benzene or toluene leads to formation of tricyclic fluoroquinolinones, 9,10-difluoro-7*H*-[1,3,4]thiadiazino[6,5,4-*ij*]quinolin-7-one derivatives **III** [4]. The reaction is relatively fast, and it requires no catalyst to occur [5]. We failed to isolate bicyclic intermediates like fluoroquinolinones **II**.

The goal of the present work was to study intramolecular cyclizations of acrylates **I** with participation of the carbonyl groups, as well as to synthesize fluoroquinolinones **II**. Heating of ethyl 3-(4-cyclohexylthiosemicarbazido)-2-pentafluorobenzoylacrylate (**Ie**) in ethanol gave a product which was assigned structure **Iie** on the basis of its <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **Iie** contained signals from the 2-H proton, protons of the ethyl and cyclohexyl groups, and two NH protons (Table 1). In the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **Iie** we observed signals from four fluorine atoms. Absorption bands belonging

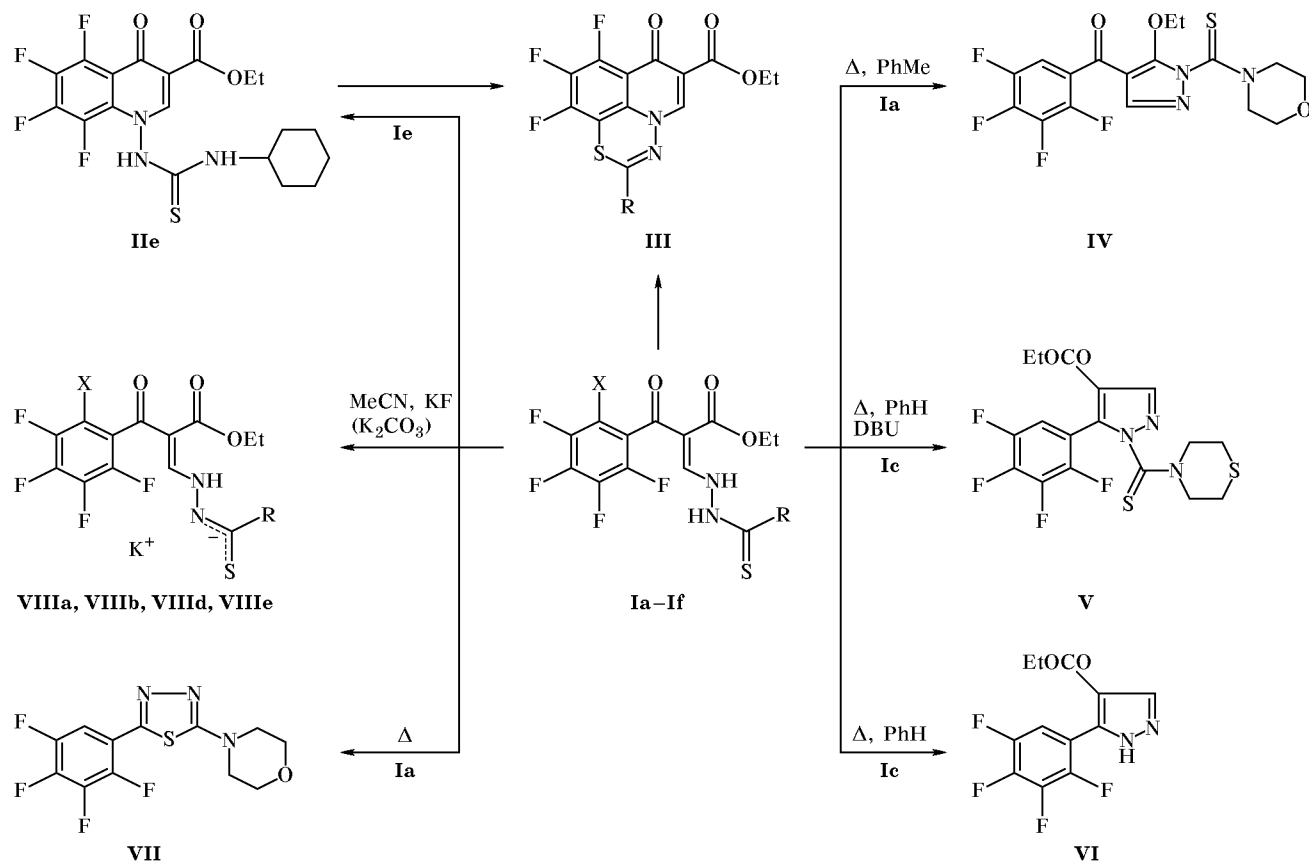
to ester and ketone carbonyl groups were present in the IR spectrum. By heating in boiling toluene for 1 h, compound **Iie** was converted into tricyclic thiadiazinoquinoline **III**.

Acrylates **I** are also capable of undergoing intramolecular cyclizations with participation of the C=O groups. When acrylate **Ia** was heated in boiling toluene, apart from compound **IIIa**, we isolated 70% of a product with a lower melting point. The product is readily soluble in toluene, and its <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra correspond to the structure of 1,4,5-trisubstituted pyrazole **IV**. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **IV** contained signals from protons of the ethyl group and morpholine, tetrafluorobenzoyl, and pyrazole fragments (Table 1). Signals from four fluorine nuclei were present in the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum. Compound **IV** showed in the IR spectrum only one carbonyl absorption band located at a lower frequency, as compared with acrylate **Ia**. Taking into account published data [6], this band was assigned to ketone carbonyl. In the mass spectrum of **IV** we observed only fragment ion peaks, the most abundant being that with *m/z* 177. It corresponds to elimination of the tetrafluorobenzoyl fragment from the molecular ion (Table 2). Pyrazole **IV** was also obtained in 40% yield (in a mixture with products **III** and **VIII**) by heating of acrylate **Ia** in boiling toluene in the presence of KF. Heating of **Ia** in ethanol also yields product **IV**. According to our previous data [2], pyrazoles like **IV** are characterized

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Scheme 1.



X = H, R = morpholino (a); X = F, R = morpholino (b); X = H, R = thiomorpholino (c); X = H, R = perhydroazepin-1-yl (d);  
X = F, R = cyclohexylamino (e); X = H, R = cyclohexylamino (f).

by a more downfield signal from 3-H, as compared to pyrazoles like **V** and **VI**. In fact, an analogous pattern was observed in the present work (Table 1).

Heating of compound **Ic** for 1.5 h in boiling benzene in the presence of a catalytic amount of such a strong base as 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) afforded 1,4,5-trisubstituted pyrazole **V** as a result of cyclization involving the ketone carbonyl group. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **V** contain signals from all protons present therein, and four fluorine signals were observed in the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (Table 1). Protons of the (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N fragment in the thiomorpholino group appear in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum as two multiplets, and one fluorine signal is an unresolved multiplet. This pattern suggests coupling between hydrogen and fluorine nuclei through 8 bonds or through space, which is possible in the structure with α,β-arrangement of the tetrafluorophenyl and thiomorpholino groups. The IR spectrum of **V** contains only one high-frequency carbonyl absorption band due to the ester group. Com-

pound **V** shows in the mass spectrum the molecular ion peak and also fragment ion peaks corresponding to elimination of OEt, COOEt, and thiomorpholino groups (minus one or two hydrogen atoms); the latter peaks are the most intense in the spectrum (Table 2).

4,5-Disubstituted pyrazole **VI** was obtained by heating of acrylate **Ic** in benzene containing traces of water; obviously, compound **VI** is formed from pyrazole **V** as a result of hydrolysis at the thioamide group. Unlike compound **V**, pyrazole **VI** has a higher melting point and is characterized by a lower solubility in organic solvents. The IR spectrum of **VI**, as well as of **V**, contains a high-frequency ester carbonyl absorption band. In the mass spectrum of **VI** we observed the molecular ion peak and those resulting from elimination of ethoxy group (base peak) and nitrogen molecule (Table 2). The fragmentation patterns of pyrazoles **V** and **VI** under electron impact differ from that observed for compound **IV**. Pyrazole **VI** was synthesized previously from 3-hydrazinopyridyl-2-tetrafluorobenzoylacrylates [3].

**Table 1.** IR, UV, and  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra of compounds **I–VIII**

Compound no.	$^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum, $\delta$ , ppm, $J$ , Hz					
	3-H	NH	$\text{CH}_3$ , t	$\text{OCH}_2$ , q	6-H, m	R
<b>Ia</b>	8.33 d, $^3J = 11.9$ Hz	12.94 d, $^3J = 12.2$ Hz, 11.43 br.d	1.04	4.00	7.43	3.32 m [4H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 3.74 m [4H, $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ]
<b>Iie</b>	8.10 s	8.4 br.s, 10.5 br.s	1.33	4.25	–	1.2–1.4 m [6H, $(\text{CH}_2)_3$ ], 1.6–1.9 m [4H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 4.1 br. s (1H, CHNH)
<b>IV</b>	8.82 s	–	1.18	4.12	7.84	3.60 m [4H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 3.70 m [4H, $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ]
<b>V</b>	8.12 s	–	1.21	4.17	7.40	2.83 m [4H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 3.72 m (2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 4.32 m (2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ )
<b>VI</b>	8.38 s	13.71 br.s	1.16	4.15	7.55	–
<b>VII</b>	–	–	–	–	8.06	3.43 m [4H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 3.76 m [4H, $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ]
<b>VIIIa</b>	8.18 d, $^3J = 14.1$ Hz	13.62 d, $^3J = 12.7$ Hz	1.01	3.92	7.25	3.55 m [4H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 3.71 m [4H, $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ]
<b>VIIIb</b>	8.33 d, $^3J = 12.7$ Hz	13.11 d, $^3J = 12.7$ Hz	1.06	4.02	–	3.68 m [4H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 3.84 m [4H, $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ]
<b>VIIIc</b>	8.15 d, $^3J = 13.7$ Hz	13.6 d, $^3J = 12.8$ Hz	1.07	3.93	7.15	2.71 m [4H, $\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 4.16 m [4H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ]
<b>VIII d</b>	8.21 d, $^3J = 13.6$ Hz	13.23 d, $^3J = 11.9$ Hz	1.01	3.95	7.30	1.53 m [4H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 1.69 m [4H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ], 3.76 m [4H, $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ]
Compound no.	IR spectrum, $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ , $\text{cm}^{-1}$	UV spectrum, $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm	$^{19}\text{F}$ NMR spectrum, $\delta_{\text{F}}$ , ppm			
<b>Ia</b>	1700, 1620	345	140.5 m (1F), 142.5 m (1F), 156.8 m (1F), 158.0 m (1F)			
<b>Iie</b>	1710, 1630	312	143.7 m (1F), 150.5 m (1F), 155.2 m (1F), 162.1 m (1F)			
<b>IV</b>	1630	270	137.0 m (1F), 138.5 m (1F), 148.5 m (1F), 155.0 m (1F)			
<b>V</b>	1720	250, 298	138.0 m (1F), 140.3 m (1F), 154.1 m (1F), 157.1 m (1F)			
<b>VI</b>	1720	264	134.5 m (1F), 141.1 m (1F), 157.0 m (1F), 157.9 m (1F)			
<b>VII</b>	–	322	140.0 m (1F), 140.7 m (1F), 155.8 m (1F), 156.5 m (1F)			
<b>VIIIa</b>	1630, 1680	384	142.2 m (1F), 143.4 m (1F), 159.3 m (1F), 160.2 m (1F)			
<b>VIIIb</b>	1710, 1630	384	145.2 m (2F), 156.0 m (1F), 163.1 m (1F)			
<b>VIIIc</b>	1680, 1620	384				
<b>VIII d</b>	1630, 1670	384	141.1 m (1F), 143.1 m (1F), 158.3 m (1F), 158.6 m (1F)			

2,5-Disubstituted thiadiazole **VII** was obtained in 55% yield by heating of acrylate **Ia** in boiling benzene in the presence of a catalytic amount of DBU. Compound **VII** is characterized by a strong UV band with its maximum at  $\lambda$  322 nm. The IR spectrum of **VII** lacks carbonyl absorption band. Its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum contains signals from morpholine protons and 6-H of the aromatic fragment, and four fluorine signals are

present in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum. Thiadiazole **VII** shows the molecular ion peak in the mass spectrum. Compound **VII** was also obtained (together with salt **VIIIa**) by heating of acrylate **Ia** in boiling toluene in the presence of  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ . It should be noted that the fragmentation pattern of **Ia** at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  resembles that of pyrazole **IV**, whereas at  $200^\circ\text{C}$  it is similar to that of thiadiazole **VII**.

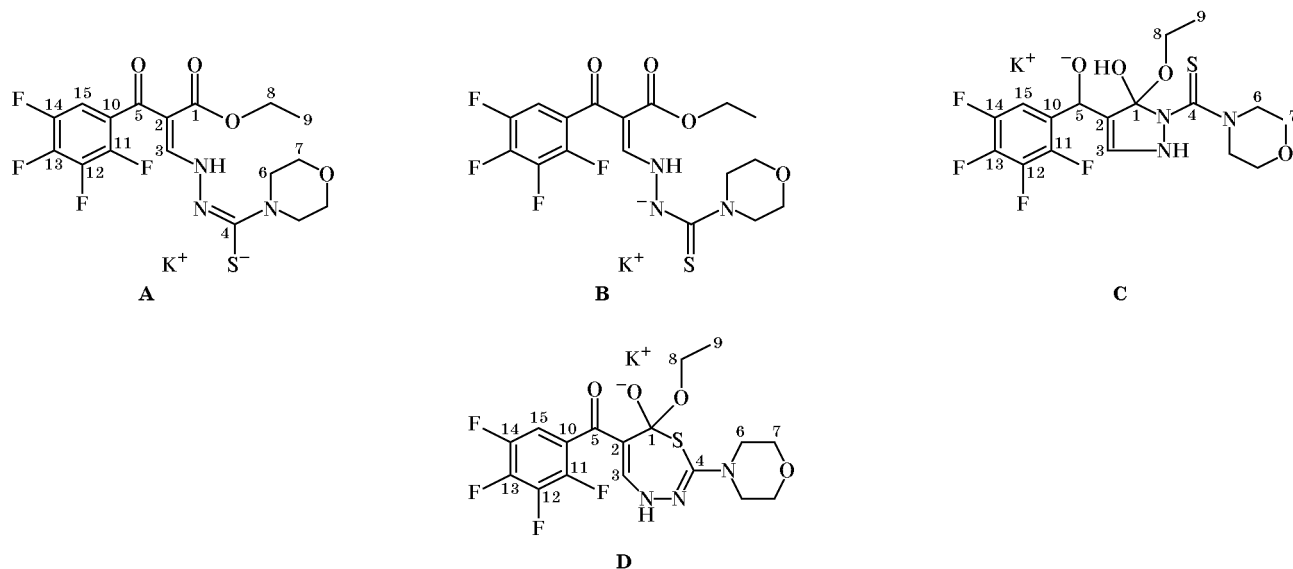
**Table 2.** Melting points, mass spectra, and elemental analyses of compounds **I–VIII**

Comp. no.	mp, °C	Mass spectrum, $m/z$ ( $I_{rel}$ , %)	Found, %			Formula	Calculated, %		
			C	H	N		C	H	N
<b>Ia</b>	104–106	120°C: 264 (11), 219 (7), 177 (100), 149 (14) 220°C: 318 (74), 261 (62), 192 (100), 174 (23)	46.8	3.9	10.4	$C_{17}H_{17}F_4N_3O_4S$	46.90	3.91	9.66
<b>Ie</b>	195–197	–	55.4	4.5	10.0	$C_{19}H_{19}F_4N_3O_3S$	55.21	4.63	10.17
<b>IV</b>	55–57	50°C: 265 (11), 264 (77), 219 (57), 218 (66), 177 (100), 149 (36)	48.5	3.9	10.3	$C_{17}H_{15}F_4N_3O_3S$	48.92	3.62	10.07
<b>V</b>	78–80	90°C: 433 (24, $M^+$ ), 386 (12), 289 (8), 243 (14), 200 (10), 146 (49), 145 (100), 144 (99)	46.8	3.2	9.4	$C_{17}H_{15}F_3N_3O_2S_2$	47.11	3.49	9.70
<b>VI</b>	140–142	90°C: 288 (76, $M^+$ ), 260 (30), 244 (63), 243 (100), 240 (76), 216 (41)	50.4	3.2	9.9	$C_{12}H_8F_4N_2O_2$	50.09	2.80	9.72
<b>VII</b>	158–160	120°C: 319 (100, $M^+$ ), 262 (98), 193 (100), 175 (40)	45.3	3.0	13.0	$C_{12}H_9F_4N_3OS$	45.14	2.82	13.16
<b>VIIIa</b>	225–227	120°C: 417 (41), 264 (51), 219 (42), 177 (100), 149 (47)	43.4	3.3	9.1	$C_{17}H_{16}F_4KN_3O_4S$	43.15	3.29	8.90
<b>VIIIb</b>	214–216	–	41.8	3.4	8.7	$C_{17}H_{15}F_5KN_3O_4S$	41.54	3.05	8.50
<b>VIIIc</b>	202–204	–	41.5	3.6	8.8	$C_{17}H_{17}F_4KN_3O_3S_2$	41.62	3.49	8.57
<b>VIII d</b>	178–180	–	46.6	4.2	8.5	$C_{19}H_{20}F_4KN_3O_3S$	47.00	4.15	8.65

**Table 3.** Experimental  $^{13}C$  chemical shifts of compounds **Ia** and **VIIIa** and calculated chemical shifts of structures **A–D**

Atom no.	$^{13}C$ NMR spectrum, $\delta_C$ , ppm		Calculated chemical shifts $\delta_C$			
	<b>Ia</b>	<b>VIIIa</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
C <sup>1</sup>	165.20	179.11	165.0	165.0	87.0	58.0
C <sup>2</sup>	110.50	110.74	111.6	111.6	118.6	118.6
C <sup>3</sup>	151.96	145.61	158.3	158.3	142.5	142.5
C <sup>4</sup>	183.98	167.25	185.0	154.0	184	154
C <sup>5</sup>	178.29	181.16	187.0	187.0	187.0	187.0
C <sup>6</sup>	42.22	48.03	58	53	57.6	49.6
C <sup>7</sup>	65.52	67.23	71	72	71.5	71.2
C <sup>8</sup>	59.38	59.11	59.6	59.6	59	60
C <sup>9</sup>	13.92	14.31	13.7	13.7	15	14
C <sup>10</sup>	127.50	130.61	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
C <sup>11</sup>	140.82	138.77	147.5	147.5	147.5	147.5
C <sup>12</sup>	142.68	143.14	138.2	138.2	138.2	138.2
C <sup>13</sup>	143.91	147.97	143.5	143.5	143.5	143.5
C <sup>14</sup>	141.56	141.14	146.8	146.8	146.8	146.8
C <sup>15</sup>	119.92	129.26	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5

Scheme 2.



By heating of acrylate **1a** in acetonitrile in the presence of KF or  $K_2CO_3$  we obtained high-melting water-soluble product **VIIIa** which showed in the electron absorption spectrum a strong band with its maximum at  $\lambda$  384 nm, i.e., at a longer wavelength than that observed for acrylate **1a**. In the IR spectrum of **VIIIa**, the ketone and ester carbonyl absorption bands were located closer to each other ( $1630$  and  $1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), as compared to the corresponding bands of acrylate **1a** ( $1700$  and  $1620\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; Table 1). Its  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum contained signals from protons of morpholino group and 6-H in tetrafluorobenzoyl fragment, and signals from the CH= and NH protons appeared as doublets (as well as in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1a**). Four fluorine signals were present in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum. Product **VIIIa** dissolved on addition of acetic acid, but after a time a solid precipitated from the solution. All spectral parameters of the latter were identical to those of acrylate **1a**. We compared the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **VIIIa** with the calculated spectra of several hypothetical structures **A–D** (Scheme 2; the calculations were performed with the use of ChemDraw Ultra 6.0.1 program; Table 3).

The upfield region of the  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectrum of **VIIIa** contains no other signals belonging to tetrahedral carbon atoms than those from ethoxy group and morpholine residue. Therefore, compound **VIIIa** cannot be a product of intramolecular addition of the NH or SH moiety of **1a** to the carbonyl group. Thus structures **C** and **D** can be ruled out. The data corresponding to a superposition of structures **A** and **B** turned out to be the closest to the experimental spec-

trum of **VIIIa** (Table 3). The mass spectrum of **VIIIa** contained ion peaks with  $m/z$  264, 219, 177, and 149, which were also typical of acrylate **1a** (at  $120^\circ\text{C}$ ) and pyrazole **IV** (Table 2).

The above data led us to presume the structure of potassium salt **VIIIa** in which the negative charge is delocalized mainly over the S–C–N fragment. This structure is consistent with the chemical shift of  $C^4$  in the experimental  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum. Similar salts were obtained from acrylates **1b**, **1d**, and **1e** by heating in acetonitrile in the presence of KF. Salts **VIII** are fairly stable. For example, salt **VIIIa** remains unchanged on heating in toluene for 2 h. Using UV spectroscopy, we detected formation of salts of acrylates **1** with triethylamine. However, these salts turned out to be less stable than **VIII**.

We previously showed [2, 3] that heating of 3-R-hydrazino-2-polyfluorobenzoylacrylates (R = aryl, benzazolyl) in acetonitrile in the presence of KF gives rise to pyrazoles together with penta- and tricyclic quinolinone derivatives. No salt formation was observed in these reaction. Presumably, increased acidity of the SH group in the thiol form of acrylates **1** favors formation of stable salts. The formation of stable potassium salts from symmetric polyfluorinated  $\beta$ -diketones was reported in [7].

## EXPERIMENTAL

The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker WP-250 and Bruker WP-80SY spectrometers ( $250.135\text{ MHz}$  for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $75.38\text{ MHz}$  for  $^{19}\text{F}$ ) from

solutions in DMSO- $d_6$ . Tetramethylsilane was used as internal reference for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra, and  $^{19}\text{F}$  chemical shifts were measured relative to hexafluorobenzene. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker WP-500 instrument at 125 MHz using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent and reference. The mass spectra were recorded on a Varian MAT 311A spectrometer (accelerating voltage 3 kV, cathode emission current 300  $\mu\text{A}$ , direct sample admission into the ion source). The UV spectra were measured on a Specord UV-Vis spectrophotometer in ethanol, and the IR spectra were obtained on a Specord 75IR instrument from samples pelleted with KBr. The solvents (96% ethanol, benzene, toluene, and acetonitrile) were preliminarily dried over sodium sulfate and distilled. 3-(4-R-Thiosemicarbazido)-2-polyfluorobenzoylacrylates **I** were synthesized by the procedure reported in [4].

**Ethyl 1-cyclohexylaminothiocarbonylamino-5,6,7,8-tetrafluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (IIe).** A solution of 0.4 g (0.92 mmol) of compound **Ie** in 12 ml of ethanol was heated for 1 h at 80°C. It was then cooled and evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 0.3 g (79%).

**Ethyl 2-cyclohexylamino-8,9,10-trifluoro-7-oxo-7H-[1,3,4]oxadiazino[6,5,4-ij]quinoline-6-carboxylate (III).** A solution of 0.1 g (0.24 mmol) of ester **Ie** in 8 ml of toluene was heated for 1.5 h under reflux. The mixture was cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 0.07 g (74%).

**5-Ethoxy-2-morpholinothiocarbonyl-4-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzoyl)pyrazole (IV).** *a.* A solution of 1.0 g (2.3 mmol) of ester **Ia** in 12 ml of toluene was heated for 2 h under reflux. The mixture was cooled, and the precipitate of quinolinone **Ia**, 0.1 g (11%), was filtered off. The filtrate was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol. Yield of pyrazole **IV** 0.6 g (63%).

*b.* Potassium fluoride, 0.6 g (9.2 mmol), was added to a solution of 2.0 g (4.6 mmol) of ester **Ia** in 18 ml of toluene. The mixture was heated for 2 h under reflux and cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off and washed with water to obtain 0.5 g (23%) of compound **VIIIa**. The toluene solution was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol. Yield of **IV** 1.3 g (68%).

*c.* A solution of 0.5 g (1.15 mmol) of ester **Ia** in 15 ml of ethanol was heated for 1 h under reflux. The mixture was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 0.35 g (73%).

**Ethyl 5-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1-thiomorpholinothiocarbonylpyrazole-4-carboxylate (V).**

1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, 10 drops, was added to a suspension of 0.75 g (1.65 mmol) of ester **Ic** in 15 ml of benzene. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at 80° and evaporated almost to dryness, 4 drops of acetic acid was added, and the precipitate was filtered off. Recrystallization from ethanol gave 0.5 g (62%) of pyrazole **V**.

**Ethyl 5-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (VI).** *a.* A solution of 2.0 g (4.4 mmol) of ester **Ic** in 30 ml of wet benzene was heated for 2 h at 80°C. The mixture was cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 1.3 g (38%).

*b.* A solution of 0.18 g (0.4 mmol) of ester **If** in 8 ml of ethanol was heated for 2 h at 80°C. The mixture was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 0.09 g (78%).

**2-Morpholino-5-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazole (VII).** *a.* A 0.1-ml portion of DBU was added to a suspension of 0.5 g (1.15 mmol) of ester **Ia** in 10 ml of dry benzene, and the mixture was heated for 2 h at 80°C and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 0.2 g (55%).

*b.* Potassium carbonate, 1.0 g (7.25 mmol), was added to a suspension of 1.6 g (4.0 mmol) of ester **Ia** in 15 ml of toluene, and the mixture was heated for 2 h under reflux and filtered while hot. The precipitate was washed with water and recrystallized from acetone to obtain 0.4 g (21%) of potassium salt **VIIIa**. The toluene solution was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol to obtain 0.9 g (71%) of thiadiazole **VII**.

**Ethyl 3-[2-(R-thiocarbonyl)hydrazino]-2-tetra-(penta)fluorobenzoylacrylate potassium salts VIII.**

*a.* Potassium fluoride, 0.3 g (4.6 mmol), was added to a solution of 1.0 g (2.3 mmol) of ester **Ia** in 15 ml of acetonitrile, and the mixture was heated for 1 h under reflux. It was then cooled, and the precipitate of salt **VIIIa** was filtered off and recrystallized from acetone. Yield 0.45 g (41%). Salts **VIIIb** and **VIIIc** were synthesized in a similar way.

*b.* Potassium carbonate, 0.64 g (4.6 mmol), was added to a solution of 1.0 g (2.3 mmol) of ester **Ia** in 12 ml of acetonitrile. The mixture was heated for 2 h under reflux and cooled, and the precipitate of salt **VIIIa** was filtered off and recrystallized from acetonitrile. Yield 0.5 g (46%). Salt **VIIIb** was obtained in a similar way.

*c.* Ethyl 3-ethoxy-2-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzoyl)acrylate, 1.4 g (4.3 mmol), and potassium fluoride,

0.5 g (8.0 mmol), were added to a suspension of 0.6 g (4 mmol) of 4-morpholiniothiosemicarbazide in 10 ml of acetonitrile. The mixture was heated for 1 h under reflux and evaporated, 10 ml of acetone was added to the residue, and the precipitate of salt **VIIIa** was filtered off and recrystallized from acetone. Yield 0.9 g (47%).

*d.* Potassium carbonate, 0.5 g (3.6 mmol), was added to a suspension of 0.8 g (1.8 mmol) of ester **Ic** in 10 ml of toluene. The mixture was heated for 2 h under reflux and cooled, and the precipitate of salt **VIIIc** was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 0.55 g (61%).

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