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Synthesis of 7-Alkyl(aryl)-6-alkoxycarbonyl-5-fluoroalkyl-1,2,4-tri(tetr)azolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidines

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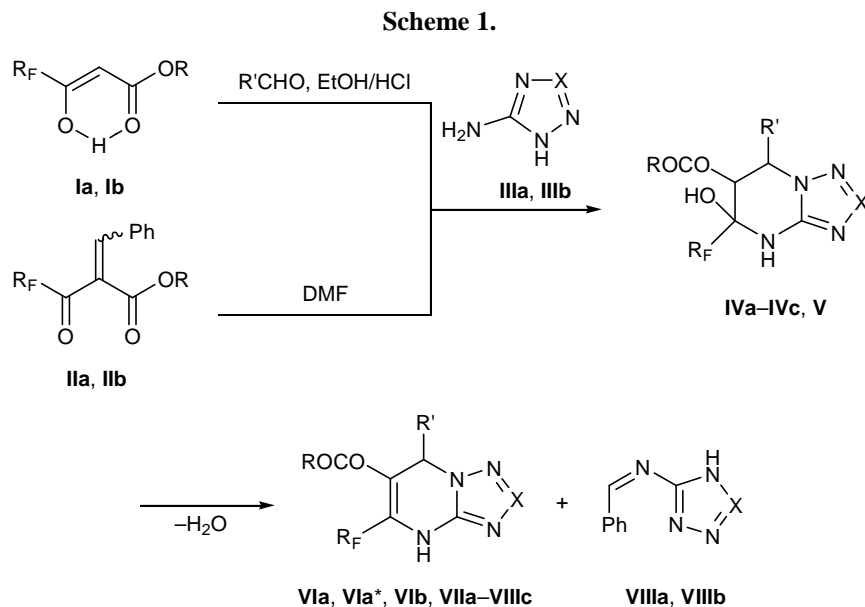
Abstract—Fluorinated 3-oxo esters react with aldehydes and 3-amino-1,2,4-triazoles and 5-aminotetrazoles to give, respectively, 7-alkyl(aryl)-6-alkoxycarbonyl-5-fluoroalkyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidines and -tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidines. The same heterocyclic products can be obtained by reaction of 2-benzylidene-2-fluoroacyl esters with the corresponding aminoazoles.

1,2,3,4-Tetrahydropyrimidin-2-one derivatives attract interest as potential biologically active compounds. Specifically, some 1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ones which are isosteric to known drugs of the Nifedipine series were shown to exhibit a strong anti-hypertensive effect [1]. Tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ones can be prepared by Biginelli's three-component condensation of 3-oxo esters, aldehydes, and urea derivatives [2] or via Etwal's modification through 2-aryl-methylene-3-oxo esters [3]. Fluoroalkyl-containing 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds react with benzaldehyde and urea (or thiourea) to afford hexahydropyrimidin-2-ones [4, 5] instead of the expected tetrahydropyrimidin-2-ones. We have found no published data on reactions of aminoazoles with aldehydes and fluorinated 3-oxo esters, while nonfluorinated analogs are widely used for the synthesis of fused azolopyrimidines [6–9].

In the present work we studied synthetic routes to tri- and tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidines on the basis of fluoroalkyl-containing 3-oxo esters and their derivatives according to Biginelli's reaction. We have found that reactions of fluoroalkyl-containing 3-oxo esters **Ia** and **Ib** with aldehydes and 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole (**IIIa**) or 5-aminotetrazole (**IIIb**) lead to formation of the corresponding tri- and tetrazolopyrimidines **IVa–IVc**, **V**, **VIa**, **VIb**, and **VIIa–VIIc** (Scheme 1). As

aldehyde component we used benzaldehyde, *p*-methoxybenzaldehyde, and acetaldehyde. Heterocycles **VIa**, **VIb**, **VIIa**, and **VIIb** were also synthesized by cyclocondensation of 2-benzylidene-2-fluoroacyl esters **IIa** and **IIb** with aminoazoles **IIIa** and **IIIb**; in these cases, the yields were greater. Lower yields of the target products in the three-component condensation are explained by greater contribution of various side processes. For example, we isolated *N*-benzylideneamino derivatives **VIIIa** and **VIIIb** as by-products which were formed by condensation of aldehydes with aminoazoles.

Unlike transformations of fluorinated 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds in reactions with urea and thiourea [4, 5], the major products isolated in the reactions of 3-oxo esters **Ia** and **Ib** with aminoazoles **IIIa** and **IIIb** were substituted dihydrotri- and -tetrazolopyrimidines **VIa**, **VIb**, and **VIIa–VIIc**. However, in some cases we succeeded in obtaining tetrahydroazolopyrimidines **IVa** and **IVb** which contained a hydroxy group in the geminal position with respect to the fluorinated substituent. Tetrahydroazolopyrimidines **IVc** and **V** were the only products isolated in the condensation of 3-oxo ester **Ia** with acetaldehyde and amines **IIIa** and **IIIb**. Heating of compounds **IVa** and **IVb** in boiling toluene in the presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid with removal of the liberated water by azeotropic



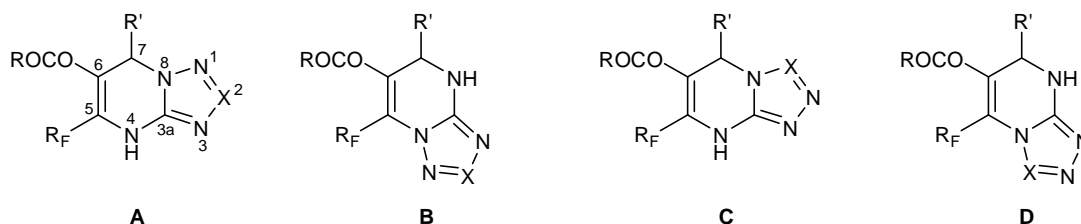
Ia, IIa, IVa-IVc, V, VIa, VIa*, VIIa, VIIc, $R_F = CF_3$, $R = Et$; **Ib, IIb, Vlb, VIIb**, $R_F = H(CF_2)_2$, $R = Me$; **IVa, VIa, VIa*, Vlb, VIIa, VIIb**, $R' = Ph$; **IVc, V**, $R' = Me$; **IVb, VIIc**, $R' = 4-MeOC_6H_4$; **IIIa, V, VIa, VIa*, Vlb, VIIa, X = CH**; **IIIb, IVa-IVc, VIIa-VIIc, VIIIb**, $X = N$.

distillation afforded dihydrotetrazolopyrimidines **VIIa** and **VIIc**.

Theoretically, the above cyclocondensations with 5-aminotetrazole could lead to formation of two regioisomeric heterocyclic products **A** and **B** ($X = N$), and from 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole (**IIIa**), four isomers **A-D** ($X = CH$) could be obtained. These structures cannot be distinguished on the basis of the 1H and ^{19}F NMR and IR spectra. Isotopically labeled compounds are widely used in the determination of molecular structure [10]. We have synthesized [^{15}N]-labeled triazolopyrimidine **VIa*** from 3-oxo ester **Ia**, benzaldehyde, and 1- [^{15}N]-3-amino-1,2,4-triazole (**IIIa***) (^{15}N concentration ~43%). In the 1H NMR spectrum of compound **VIa***, the 2-H signal appeared as a doublet at δ 7.78 ppm, $J(^1H-^{15}N) = 15.3$ Hz, indicating the presence of ^{15}N isotope. The intensity ratio of the 2-H resonance signals corresponding to the labeled (doublet) and unlabeled (singlet) molecules was consistent with the initial ^{15}N concentration (~43%) in triazolopyrimidine **VIa***. The structure of **VIa*** was

established by ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. The C^7 signal appeared in the spectrum as a doublet at δ_C 60.06 ppm due to coupling with ^{15}N , $^2J(^{13}C-^{15}N) = 4.9$ Hz, which can occur only in the [1,5-*a*]-fused isomer (**A**). Comparison of the ^{19}F and ^{13}C NMR data for **VIa**, **VIb**, and **VIIa** led us to conclude that these compounds also have structure **A**.

Tetrahydrotri- and -tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidines **IVa-IVc** and **V** possess three asymmetric carbon atoms; therefore, four diastereoisomers (and, in addition, four respective enantiomers) are possible. According to the NMR data, compounds **IVa** and **IVb** having aryl substituents on C^7 exist as a single diastereoisomer. Taking into account high conformational energies of the phenyl [$\Delta G(Ph) = 12.1$ kJ/mol] and ethoxycarbonyl groups [$\Delta G(COOEt) = 5.3$ kJ/mol], the most favorable conformation is that in which the above groups occupy equatorial positions [11]. This also follows from the coupling constant $J_{6,7} = 11.3-11.8$ Hz, which corresponds to axial orientation of the 6-H and 7-H protons [12]. The conformational energies of CF_3



$[\Delta G(\text{CF}_3) = 8.8 \text{ kJ/mol}]$ and OH groups $[\Delta G(\text{OH}) = 2.2 \text{ kJ/mol}]$ in substituted cyclohexanones [11] suggest preferential equatorial orientation of the trifluoromethyl group. Moreover, in keeping with the X-ray diffraction data, just the same arrangement of the trifluoromethyl and hydroxy groups is typical of ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenyl-6-trifluoromethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate [4] and dimethyl 2,6-dihydroxy-2,6-bis(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)-4-phenyl-tetrahydropyran-3,5-dicarboxylate [13].

The ^1H and ^{19}F NMR spectra of 7-methyl-substituted tetrahydroazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidines **IVc** and **V** contained a double set of signals, indicating that they exist in solution (DMSO- d_6) as two diastereoisomers **E** and **E'** [ratio 3:2 (**IVc**) and 9:1 (**V**)]. The 6-H and 7-H signals of the major diastereoisomer (**E**) appear in the ^1H NMR spectra of **IVc** and **V** as doublets with $J = 11.3 \text{ Hz}$, corresponding to diaxial orientation of these protons. Analogous signals from the minor diastereoisomer (**E'**) are also split into doublets but with a smaller coupling constant, $J = 4.5\text{--}4.6 \text{ Hz}$, which indicates that one proton is equatorial while the other is axial [12]. In addition, the 6-H proton in isomers **E'** is coupled with the OH proton through four bonds ($^4J = 1.2\text{--}1.3 \text{ Hz}$, *W*-coupling). This means that the ethoxycarbonyl group in **E'** occupies axial position and that the neighboring 6-H proton is equatorial. Comparison of the conformational energies of the ethoxycarbonyl and methyl groups $[\Delta G(\text{Me}) = 7.1 \text{ kJ/mol}]$ also suggests preferential change of orientation of the carbonyl-containing substituent [11].

Thus our results showed that the cyclocondensation of fluorinated 3-oxo esters **I** and aldehydes (or 2-benzylidene-2-fluoroacyl esters **II**) with aminoazoles **IIIa** and **IIIb** is regioselective and that the resulting bicyclic compounds belong to a single heterocyclic system.

EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra were recorded in the range from 400 to 4000 cm^{-1} on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum-1 Fourier spectrometer from samples dispersed in mineral oil. The ^1H NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz. The ^{19}F NMR spectra were obtained on Tesla BS-587A (75.3 MHz) and Bruker DRX-400 (376 MHz) instruments using C_6F_6 as reference. The ^{13}C NMR spectra were run on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer (100 MHz, TMS). DMSO- d_6 was used as solvent. Elemental analysis was

performed on a Carlo Erba CHNS-O EA 1108 analyzer. The ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds **VIa***, **VIb**, and **VIIa** are given in table.

2-Benzylidene-2-fluoroacyl esters **IIa** and **IIb** were synthesized by the procedures reported in [13, 14], and labeled 1- ^{15}N -3-amino-1,2,4-triazole was prepared as described in [10].

Azolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidines IV–VII (general procedure). *a.* A mixture of 0.01 mol of 3-oxo ester **I**, 0.01 mol of benzaldehyde, *p*-methoxybenzaldehyde, or acetaldehyde, and 0.01 mol of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole or 5-aminotetrazole in 20 ml of ethanol containing a catalytic amount of hydrochloric acid was heated for 12 h under reflux. The mixture was evaporated, and the precipitate was washed with hot water and recrystallized from ethanol.

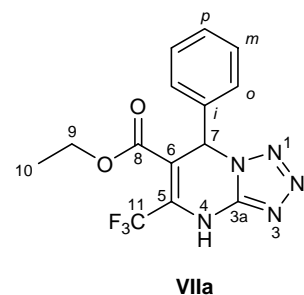
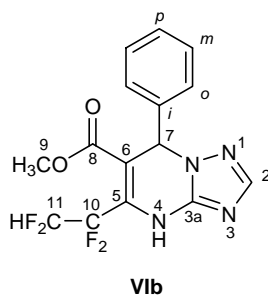
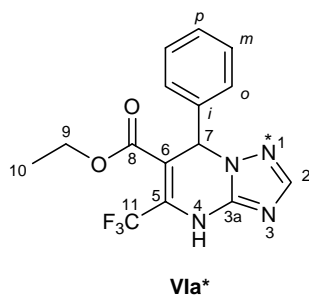
b. A mixture of 0.01 mol of 2-benzylidene-3-oxo ester **II** and 0.01 mol of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole, 5-aminotetrazole, or 1- ^{15}N -3-amino-1,2,4-triazole (43% of ^{15}N) in 10 ml of DMF was stirred for 12–14 h at 70°C. The mixture was poured into cold water, and the precipitate was filtered off, washed with hot water, and recrystallized from ethanol.

c. *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid, 0.05 g, was added to a solution of 0.01 mol of azolopyrimidine **IVa** or **IVb** in 100 ml of benzene, and the mixture was heated for 8 h with simultaneous removal of water as azeotrope with benzene. The solution was filtered while hot, the filtrate was evaporated, and the precipitate was recrystallized from ethanol.

Ethyl 5-hydroxy-7-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrotetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (IVa). Yield (*a*) 1.68 g (47%), mp 201–202°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3455, 3174 (NH, OH); 1720 (C=O); 1624, 1551 (C=C, C=N); 1080–1204 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.87 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1 \text{ Hz}$), 3.57 d (1H, 6-H, $J = 11.8 \text{ Hz}$), 3.88 d.q and 3.86 d.q (1H each, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 10.8, 7.1 \text{ Hz}$), 5.63 d (1H, 7-H, $J = 11.8 \text{ Hz}$), 7.40–7.47 m (5H, C_6H_5), 7.99 s (1H, NH), 9.57 s (1H, OH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm: 82.71 s (CF_3). Found, %: C 46.89; H 3.93; F 15.97; N 19.50. $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$. Calculated, %: C 47.07; H 3.95; F 15.95; N 19.60.

Ethyl 5-hydroxy-7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrotetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (IVb). Yield (*a*) 2.05 g (53%), mp 179–180°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3451, 3175 (NH, OH); 1713 (C=O); 1613, 1518 (C=C, C=N); 1152–1206 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm:

^{13}C NMR spectra of azolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidines **VIa***, **VIb**, and **VIIa** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$



Atom	Chemical shifts δ_{C} , ppm		
	VIa*	VIb	VIIa
C^2	150.17 br.s	150.44 br.s	—
C^{3a}	146.62 br.s	146.65	148.40 br.s
C^5	131.18 br.q ($J_{\text{CF}} = 34.2$ Hz)	133.96 br.t ($J_{\text{CF}} = 28.0$ Hz)	130.14 br.q ($J_{\text{CF}} = 36.3$ Hz)
C^6	104.42	103.86	105.90 q ($J_{\text{CF}} = 2.5$ Hz)
C^7	60.06 ($J_{\text{CH}} = 4.9$ Hz)	59.90	61.32
C^8	162.98	164.11	162.51 br.s
C^9	60.93	52.15	59.54
C^{10}	13.36	112.76 t.t ($J_{\text{CF}} = 255.7, 27.6$ Hz)	13.32
C^{11}	119.94 q ($J_{\text{CF}} = 276.1$ Hz)	109.64 t.t ($J_{\text{CF}} = 251.4, 30.2$ Hz)	119.76 q ($J_{\text{CF}} = 276.1$ Hz)
C^i	139.33	139.75	137.93
C^o	127.22	126.90	127.70
C^m	128.66	128.76	129.31
C^p	128.66	128.63	128.97

0.90 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.57 d (1H, 6-H, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 3.74 s (3H, OCH_3), 3.89 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 5.58 d (1H, 7-H, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 6.93–6.97 m (4H, C_6H_4), 7.97 s (1H, NH), 9.54 s (1H, OH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm: 82.71 s (CF_3). Found, %: C 46.45; H 4.17; F 14.69; N 18.12. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5\text{O}_4$. Calculated, %: C 46.52; H 4.16; F 14.72; N 18.08.

Ethyl 5-hydroxy-7-methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (IVc). Yield (*a*) 1.26 g (43%), mp 156–158°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3225, 3193 (NH, OH); 1740 (C=O); 1617, 1539 (C=C, C=N); 1087–1206 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (mixture of stereoisomers **E** and **E'**, 3:2): **E**: 1.21 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.61 d (3H, CH_3 , $J = 6.3$ Hz), 3.20 d (1H, 6-H, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 4.18 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.63 d.q (1H, 7-H, $J = 11.3, 6.3$ Hz), 7.79 s (1H, NH), 9.38 s (1H, OH); **E'**: 1.07 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.61 d (3H, CH_3 , $J = 6.3$ Hz), 3.30 d.d (1H, 6-H, $J = 4.5, 1.3$ Hz), 4.03 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz),

4.39 d.q (1H, 7-H, $J = 6.3, 4.5$ Hz), 7.59 s (1H, NH), 8.80 br.d (1H, OH, $J = 1.3$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm (mixture of stereoisomers **E** and **E'**, 3:2): **E**: 82.51 s (CF_3); **E'**: 82.49 s (CF_3). Found, %: C 36.65; H 4.12; F 19.28; N 23.70. $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$. Calculated, %: C 36.62; H 4.10; F 19.31; N 23.72.

Ethyl 5-hydroxy-7-methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (V). Yield (*a*) 2.00 g (68%), mp 183–185°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3221, 3130, 3103 (NH, OH); 1746 (C=O); 1621, 1557 (C=N); 1096–1195 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (mixture of stereoisomers **E** and **E'**, 9:1): **E**: 1.20 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.46 d (3H, CH_3 , $J = 6.4$ Hz), 3.01 d (1H, 6-H, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 4.16 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.39 d.q (1H, 7-H, $J = 11.3, 6.4$ Hz), 7.55 s (1H, NH), 7.56 s (1H, 2-H), 8.69 s (1H, OH); **E'**: 1.05 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.44 d (3H, CH_3 , $J = 6.4$ Hz), 3.17 d.d (1H, 6-H, $J = 4.6, 1.2$ Hz), 4.02 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.39 d.q (1H, 7-H, $J = 6.4, 4.6$ Hz), 7.50 s (1H, 2-H), 7.59 s (1H, NH), 8.80 br.d

(1H, OH, $J = 1.2$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm (mixture of stereoisomers **E** and **E'**, 9:1): **E**: 82.33 s (CF_3); **E'**: 82.29 s (CF_3). Found, %: C 40.89; H 4.38; F 19.38; N 19.13. $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$. Calculated, %: C 40.82; H 4.45; F 19.37; N 19.04.

Ethyl 7-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-4,7-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (VIa). Yield (a) 1.86 g (55%), (b) 2.33 g (69%); mp 157–159°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3200 (NH); 1710 (C=O); 1600, 1559 (C=C, C=N); 1100–1200 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 1.08 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.01 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 6.36 q (1H, 7-H, $J_{\text{HF}} = 1.4$ Hz), 7.22–7.36 m (5H, C_6H_5), 7.61 s (1H, 2-H), 11.44 br.s (1H, NH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm: 99.64 d (CF_3 , $J_{\text{FH}} = 1.4$ Hz). Found, %: C 53.19; H 3.79; F 16.81; N 16.66. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, %: C 53.26; H 3.87; F 16.84; N 16.56.

Ethyl 7-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-4,7-dihydro-[1- ^{15}N][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (VIa*). Yield (b) 2.03 g (60%), mp 155–157°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3203 (NH); 1711 (C=O); 1600, 1558 (C=C, C=N); 1100–1200 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 1.01 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.99 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 6.43 q (1H, 7-H, $J_{\text{HF}} = 1.4$ Hz), 7.23–7.76 m (4H, C_6H_5), 7.78 d [1H, 2-H, $J(^1\text{H}-^{15}\text{N}) = 15.3$ Hz], 11.65 b.s (1H, NH).

Methyl 7-phenyl-5-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)-4,7-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (VIb). Yield (a) 1.60 g (45%), (b) 2.24 g (63%); mp 197–199°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3462, 1624 (NH); 1712 (C=O); 1580, 1570, 1545 (C=C, C=N); 1115–1205 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 3.58 s (3H, OCH_3), 6.39 t (1H, 7-H, $J_{\text{HF}} = 1.4$ Hz), 6.87 d.d.d.d [1H, $\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_2$, $J_{\text{HF}} = 53.0, 53.5, 6.7, 5.0$ Hz], 7.21–7.36 m (5H, C_6H_5), 7.61 s (1H, 2-H), 11.45 br.s (1H, NH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm: 25.69 m (2F, HCF_2 , *AB* system, $\Delta_{\text{AB}} = 0.26$ ppm, $J_{\text{AB}} = 300.0$, $J_{\text{FH}} = 53.0, 53.5, 6.7, 5.0$ Hz), 44.21 br.d (1F, CF_2 , $J_{\text{FF}} = 263.0$ Hz), 47.35 br.d (1F, CF_2 , $J_{\text{FF}} = 263.0$ Hz). Found, %: C 50.28; H 3.39; F 20.98; N 15.79. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_4\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, %: C 50.57; H 3.36; F 21.32; N 15.73.

Ethyl 7-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-4,7-dihydro-tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (VIa). Yield (a) 1.69 g (50%), (b) 2.47 g (73%), (c) 3.29 g (97%); mp 194–196°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3462, 3173 (NH); 1712 (C=O); 1624, 1549 (C=C, C=N); 1070–1235 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.99 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.00 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 6.82 q (1H, 7-H, $J_{\text{HF}} = 1.5$ Hz), 7.36–

7.44 m (5H, C_6H_5), 12.01 br.s (1H, NH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm: 100.49 d (CF_3 , $J_{\text{FH}} = 1.5$ Hz). Found, %: C 49.63; H 3.72; F 16.68; N 20.81. $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$. Calculated, %: C 49.57; H 3.57; F 16.79; N 20.64.

Methyl 7-phenyl-5-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)-4,7-dihydro-tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (VIb). Yield (a) 1.75 g (49%), (b) 2.00 g (56%), (c) 3.50 g (98%); mp 185–186°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3430, 1590 (NH); 1720 (C=O); 1590, 1540 (C=C, C=N); 1060–1200 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 3.57 s (3H, CH_3), 6.77 s (1H, 7-H), 6.87 t.d.d [1H, $\text{H}(\text{CF}_2)_2$, $J_{\text{HF}} = 53, 7.4, 4.0$ Hz], 7.29–7.41 m (5H, C_6H_5), 11.84 br.s (1H, NH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm: 26.05 d.t (2F, HCF_2 , $J_{\text{FH}} = 53$, $J_{\text{FF}} = 8.7$ Hz), 46.04 m (2F, CF_2 , *AB* system, $\Delta_{\text{AB}} = 4.15$ ppm, $J_{\text{AB}} = 267.5$, $J_{\text{FF}} = 8.7$, $J_{\text{FH}} = 7.4$ Hz). Found, %: C 46.88; H 3.16; F 20.97; N 19.37. $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_4\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$. Calculated, %: C 47.07; H 3.10; F 21.27; N 19.60.

Ethyl 7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-4,7-dihydro-tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (VIc). Yield (a) 1.47 g (40%), mp 184–186°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3452 (NH); 1718 (C=O); 1615, 1518 (C=C, C=N); 1080–1206 (C–F). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 1.02 t (3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.77 s (3H, OCH_3), 4.00 q (2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 7.1$ Hz), 6.75 q (1H, 7-H, $J_{\text{HF}} = 1.5$ Hz), 7.25–7.41 m (4H, C_6H_4), 11.94 br.s (1H, NH). ^{19}F NMR spectrum, δ_{F} , ppm: 100.48 d (CF_3 , $J_{\text{FH}} = 1.5$ Hz). Found, %: C 48.72; H 3.80; F 15.39; N 18.98. $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_5\text{O}_2$. Calculated, %: C 48.78; H 3.82; F 15.43; N 18.96.

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