# Reactions of 1-Aryl-2-bromo-3,4,4-trichlorobut-3-en-1-ones with Some Nucleophilic Reagents

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**Abstract**—Reactions of 2-bromo-1-phenyl- and 2-bromo-1-(4-methylphenyl)-3,4,4-trichlorobut-3-en-1-ones with morpholine and diethylamine are accompanied by prototropic allylic rearrangement, leading to 3-amino-1-aryl-2-bromo-4,4-dichlorobut-2-en-1-ones as mixtures of *E* and *Z* isomers. The title compounds react with hydrazine, hydroxylamine, and thiourea to give the corresponding 5-aroyl-4-methoxypyrazoles, 3-aryl-5-hydroxyiminomethyl-4-methoxyisoxazoles, and 2-amino-4-aryl-5-trichlorovinylthiazoles.

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Halogen-substituted ketones are widely used in the synthesis of various practically important products [1–4]. Chlorovinyl ketones attract specific interest due to their high reactivity arising from mutual effect of the conjugated carbonyl and chlorovinyl groups; these compounds are convenient starting materials for building up heterocyclic systems [5]. We recently described a practical method for the synthesis of 1-aryl-2-bromo-3,4,4-trichlorobut-3-en-1-ones [6] from accessible aryl trichloroallyl ketones that are capable of readily undergoing prototropic allylic rearrangement into chlorovinyl ketones, namely 1-aryl-3,4,4-trichlorobut-2-en-1ones [7]. It might be expected that 1-aryl-2-bromo-3,4,4-trichlorobut-3-en-1-ones could also undergo analogous rearrangement with formation of isomeric reactive bromochlorovinyl ketones, 1-aryl-2-bromo-3,4,4-trichlorobut-2-en-1-ones. The presence of a bromine atom in their molecules gives rise to a new reaction center, which could considerably extend their synthetic potential, as compared to their precursors, 1-aryl-3,4,4-trichlorobut-3-en-1-ones.

The present work was aimed at studying reactions of 1-aryl-2-bromo-3,4,4-trichlorobut-3-en-1-ones with mono- and difunctional nucleophiles (such as amines, hydrazine, hydroxylamine, and thiourea) and elucidating their potential for the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds. As substrates we used 2-bromo-3,4,4-trichloro-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-one (**Ia**) and 2-bromo-3,4,4-trichloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)but-3-en-1-one (**IIa**).

The reactions of **Ia** and **IIa** with secondary amines (morpholine and diethylamine) involved rearrange-

ment of the initial ketones into isomeric conjugated bromochlorovinyl ketones Ib and IIb, followed by replacement of the chlorine atom in position 3 by amino group. As a result, the corresponding 3-amino-1-aryl-2-bromo-4,4-dichlorobut-2-en-1-ones III-V were formed in 74-97% yield (Scheme 1). The elemental analyses of the products unambiguously showed that just chlorine rather than bromine atom was replaced. The structure of III-V was assigned on the basis of their IR, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and mass spectra. The IR spectra of amino ketones III-V contained a strong absorption band at 1693–1703 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to stretching vibrations of the carbonyl group, and vibrations of the C=C bond were characterized by absorption bands in the region 1576–1606 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **III**–V we observed signals from the Cl<sub>2</sub>CH group and protons in the amine and aromatic fragments. However, the number of signals and their multiplicity suggested that amino ketones III-V are mixtures of E and Z isomers. For example, the spectrum contained two singlets at  $\delta$  6.6 and 7.2 ppm with an intensity ratio of about 2:1, which were assigned to the CHCl<sub>2</sub> proton. According to published <sup>1</sup>H NMR data for derivatives of  $\beta$ -amino- $\gamma$ , $\gamma$ -dichlorocrotonic acid, signal of the CHCl<sub>2</sub> proton in isomers with cis arrangement of the carbonyl and dichloromethyl groups with respect to the double C=C bond appears in a weaker field that the corresponding signal of the trans isomers due to formation of intramolecular hydrogen bond  $Cl_2CH\cdots O=C$  in the former [8, 9]. Therefore, the signal at  $\delta$  7.2 ppm in the spectra of



I, III, V, VI, VIII, X, XII,  $R^1 = H$ ; II, IV, VII, IX, XI, XIII,  $R^1 = 4$ -Me; III, IV,  $R^2R^3N = morpholino$ ; V,  $R^2 = R^3 = Et$ .

amino ketones III–V was assigned to the CHCl<sub>2</sub> proton in the Z isomers, and that at  $\delta$  6.6 ppm, to the corresponding proton in the E isomer, i.e., E isomers of III–V predominate in the isomer mixture. We also recorded the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of morpholinovinyl ketone III. The spectrum contained two sets of signals, indicating the presence of two isomers. Using the DEPT sequence, the signals at  $\delta_C$  55.96 and 69.81 ppm with an intensity ratio of ~2:1 were assigned to the CHCl<sub>2</sub> carbon atom. As in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, the minor signal appeared in a weaker field and was assigned to the Z isomer in which hydrogen bonding is possible between the C=O and Cl<sub>2</sub>CH groups.

No molecular ion peaks were observed in the electron impact mass spectra of amino ketones III–V. Peaks with the maximal m/z value belong to the  $[M - \text{HCl}]^+$  ions; the corresponding isotope ratio (76: 100:24) indicates the presence of one chlorine and one bromine atoms in these ions [10, 11]. In addition, the mass spectra contained peaks of ions arising from elimination of aroyl, aryl, and amino groups and halogen atoms.

Compounds **Ia** and **IIa** reacted with difunctional nucleophiles in peculiar fashions, depending on the

nucleophile nature (Scheme 1). As in the reactions with amines, the condensation of aryl bromotrichloroallyl ketones with hydrazine in methanol was accompanied by prototropic allylic rearrangement, and it resulted in the formation of pyrazole ring. However, the cyclization did not involve the carbonyl group but involved the dichloromethyl fragment which reacted with hydrazine with replacement of both chlorine atoms. The other reaction center in the ketone molecule, participating in the heterocyclization process, was the =CBr moiety. The bromine atom therein was replaced by the second nucleophilic nitrogen atom of hydrazine. In addition, the reaction was accompanied by replacement of the remaining chlorine atom by methoxy group from the solvent. The final products were 5-benzoyl-4-methoxy-1H-pyrazole (VI) and 4-methoxy-5-(4-methylbenzoyl)pyrazole (VII) from ketones Ia and IIa, respectively (yield 54 and 71%). Interestingly, the reaction of **Ia** and **IIa** with hydrazine in ethanol gave no expected ethoxypyrazoles but resulted in complete tarring of the reaction mixture.

Unlike hydrazine, ketones **Ia** and **IIa** reacted with hydroxylamine in methanol in a classical way, i.e., with participation of the C=O group of ketones **Ib** and

IIb formed by prototropic rearrangement of the initial ketones. The structure of the final products depends on the reactant ratio and reaction conditions. At a ketoneto-hydroxylamine ratio of 1:2 we obtained a complex mixture of products, among which we identified by GC-MS 3-aryl-4-bromo-5-dichloromethyl-1,2-oxazoles VIII and IX, 3-aryl-4-chloro-5-dichloromethylisoxazoles X and XI, benzonitrile, and methyl benzoate. The mass spectra of these compounds contained the corresponding molecular ion peaks and fragment ion peaks. The isotope ratios of the molecular ion clusters were 61:100:46:6.4 for compounds VIII and IX and 100:98:32:3.5 for X and XI, in keeping with the presence of one bromine and two chlorine atoms in molecules of the former and of three chlorine atoms in molecules of the latter [10, 11]. The reactions of ketones Ia and IIa with hydroxylamine were accompanied by strong tarring, and the yield of isoxazoles VIII-XI did not exceed 8-10%. Methyl benzoate and benzonitrile were likely to be formed as a result of cleavage of the (Br)C-C(O) bond in molecules of the initial ketone and ketone oxime, respectively. The formation of bromo-substituted isoxazoles VIII and IX might be expected, so that it requires no additional comments, whereas the formation of chloroisoxazoles X and XI was quite surprising. We believe that compounds X and XI arise from intramolecular halogen migration in isomeric ketones Ib and IIb. By carrying out the reactions of Ia and IIa with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in methanol in the presence of an equimolar (with respect to hydroxylamine) amount of sodium acetate we succeeded in minimizing tar formation and obtaining mixtures of 4-bromo- and 4-chloroisoxazoles VIII/X and IX/XI at a ratio of ~1:1 in an overall yield of 25%. Compounds VIII-XI were not isolated as individual substances, and their structure was confirmed, apart from the GC-MS data, by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of mixtures of 4-chloro and 4-bromo derivatives. The Cl<sub>2</sub>CH groups therein gave rise to singlets at  $\delta$  6.36, 6.54 and 6.35, 6.37 ppm for VIII, X and IX, XI, respectively, and protons in the methyl groups attached to the benzene ring in IX and **XI** resonated as singlets at  $\delta$  2.41 and 2.45 ppm. When compounds Ia and IIa were treated with excess hydroxylamine as free base (ketone-to-hydroxylamine ratio 1:5) in methanol, the products were 3-aryl-5-hydroxyiminomethyl-4-methoxyisoxazoles XII and XIII, respectively (yield 35 and 45%).

It is known that chlorovinyl ketones are capable of reacting with thiourea to give thiazine or thiazole derivatives, depending on the conditions and ketone structure [12–14]. We found that bromotrichloroallyl ketones Ia and IIa react with thiourea in methanol in a selective fashion, yielding the corresponding substituted thiazoles. Unlike the reactions with hydrazine and hydroxylamine, the condensations of Ia and IIa with thiourea were not accompanied by rearrangements into isomeric structures Ib and IIb, presumably due to low basicity of thiourea. 2-Amino-4-aryl-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazoles XIVa and XVa were isolated in 87 and 92% yield, respectively. In the reactions of ketones Ia and IIa with N-acetylthiourea we obtained 2-acetylamino-4-aryl-5-trichlorovinylthiazoles XVIa and XVIIa, respectively, but their yield did not exceed 18% because of concomitant hydrolysis to thiazoles XIVa and XVa; the latter were isolated in 45–50% yield. Presumably, the reactions of ketones Ia and IIa with thiourea derivatives begin with nucleophilic attack by the sulfur atom of thiourea on the electrophilic CHBr carbon atom with formation of isothiuronium salts XIVb-XVIIb. The latter undergo intramolecular ring closure to give the corresponding 1,3-thiazoles as hydrobromides, and their treatment with sodium hydrogen carbonate yields thiazoles XIVa-XVIIa (Scheme 2). The proposed scheme is consistent with published data [15-17].

Acylaminothiazoles can be obtained in a higher yield by acylation of preliminarily prepared 2-aminothiazoles with carboxylic acid chlorides. For example, by treatment of aminothiazole **XIVa** with 3,4,4-trichlorobut-3-enoyl chloride (which is readily available starting from trichloroethylene dimer [18]) we synthesized 3,4,4-trichloro-*N*-[4-phenyl-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]but-3-enamide (**XVIII**) in 87% yield.

The structure of heterocyclic compounds VI, VII, and XIV-XVIII was determined on the basis of their elemental compositions and IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and mass spectra. The IR spectra of pyrazoles VI and VII contained a strong absorption band at 1730 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to stretching vibrations of the ketone carbonyl group and bands in the region  $1615-1620 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to vibrations of the C=N bond. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of VI and VII we observed a broadened singlet in the region  $\delta$  8.1–10.0 ppm from the NH proton, multiplet of aromatic protons, and singlets at  $\delta$  3.9 and 7.0 ppm from the methoxy group and CH proton in the pyrazole ring. The aromatic methyl protons in compound VII resonated as a singlet at  $\delta$  2.39 ppm. Pyrazoles VI and VII showed in the electron impact mass spectra the molecular ion peaks and fragment ion peaks corresponding to elimination of the aryl and methoxy groups and decomposition of the pyrazole ring.



I, XIV, XV,  $R^1 = H$ ; II, XV, XVII,  $R^1 = 4$ -Me; XIV, XV,  $R^4 = H$ ; XVI, XVII,  $R^4 = Ac$ .

Isoxazoles **XII** and **XIII** were characterized by IR absorption bands in the regions 1600–1640 (v C=N) and 1514–1587 cm<sup>-1</sup> (vC=C). Their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra contained a singlet from the methoxy group at  $\delta$  3.40– 3.45 ppm) and a multiplet belonging to aromatic protons. The exocyclic –CH=N group gave a singlet in the region  $\delta$  8.08–8.12 ppm, the aromatic methyl protons of compound **XIII** resonated as a singlet at  $\delta$  2.37 ppm, and a broadened singlet at  $\delta$  11.5–11.7 ppm was assigned to the oxime NOH proton.

Stretching vibrations of the endocyclic C=N bond in thiazoles XIV-XVIII had an IR frequency of 1604-1627 cm<sup>-1</sup>, absorption bands in the region 1516-1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> were assigned to the endo- and exocyclic C=C bonds, and the amide carbonyl groups in XVI-**XVIII** gave rise to absorption bands at 1622-1702 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **XIV–XVIII**, multiplets from aromatic protons were located in the region  $\delta$  7.2–7.7 ppm, the NH<sub>2</sub> protons in **XIV** and **XV** resonated as a broadened singlet at  $\delta$  5.5 ppm, and the amide NH protons in XVI-XVIII were characterized by chemical shifts  $\delta$  of 10.6–11.6 ppm. The mass spectra of thiazoles XIV-XVIII contained the molecular ion clusters with isotope intensity ratios of 100:98:32: 3.5 for compounds XIV-XVII and 51:100:82:35:8.7 for XVIII, indicating the presence of three chlorine atoms in molecules XIV-XVII and six chlorine atoms in molecule **XVIII** [10, 11].

### **EXPERIMENTAL**

The IR spectra were recorded in KBr on a Nicolet Protege-460 spectrometer with Fourier transform. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on a Tesla BS-567A instrument (100 MHz) from solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (III– XI, XIV–XVIII) and acetone- $d_6$  (XII, XIII) using tetramethylsilane as internal reference. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of a solution of compound III in CDCl<sub>3</sub> was obtained on a Bruker Avance-500 spectrometer; the chemical shifts were measured relative to the solvent signal ( $\delta_C$  77.0 ppm). The mass spectra (electron impact, 70 eV) were recorded on a Hewlett–Packard HP 5972 mass-selective detector coupled with an HP 5890 gas chromatograph (HP-5MS capillary column, 30 m× 0.25 mm, film thickness 0.25 µm, stationary phase 5% of phenylmethylsilicone, injector temperature 250°C).

3,4,4-Trichlorobut-3-enoyl chloride was synthesized from trichloroethylene dimer according to the procedure described in [18].

2-Bromo-4,4-dichloro-3-morpholino-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one (III). A solution of 0.53 g (6 mmol) of morpholine in 10 ml of anhydrous diethyl ether was added dropwise at 15°C to a solution of 1.0 g (3 mmol) of ketone Ia in 30 ml of anhydrous diethyl ether. The mixture was stirred for 1 h, and the precipitate was filtered off, washed with water  $(3 \times 30 \text{ ml})$ , and dried under reduced pressure. Yield 1.08 g (94%), mp 112-113°C (decomp.). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 928 (CHCl<sub>2</sub>); 1580, 1593 (C=C); 1696 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm (major Z isomer): 3.23 m (4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.38 m (4H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 6.59 s (1H, CHCl<sub>2</sub>), 7.45 m (3H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.87 m (2H,  $H_{arom}$ ). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta_C$ , ppm (major Z isomer): 50.61 (CH<sub>2</sub>N), 55.96 (CHCl<sub>2</sub>), 67.42 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 128.90 (2CH<sub>arom</sub>), 129.77 (2CH<sub>arom</sub>), 134.61 (CHarom), 188.95 (C=O), 119.40, 134.90, 143.2. Found, %: C 44.52; H 3.99; Hlg 39.69; N 3.77.  $[M - \text{HCl}]^+$ 341. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrCl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 44.36; H 3.72; Hlg 39.78; N 3.69. *M* 379.

Amino ketones **IV** and **V** were synthesized in a similar way from the corresponding ketone and amine.

**2-Bromo-4,4-dichloro-1-(4-methylphenyl)-3morpholinobut-2-en-1-one (IV).** Yield 97%, mp 107– 108°C (decomp.). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 929 (CHCl<sub>2</sub>); 1580, 1606 (C=C); 1693 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm (major *Z* isomer): 2.44 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.60 m (4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.34 m (4H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 6.59 s (1H, CHCl<sub>2</sub>), 7.27 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 8 Hz), 7.80 m (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, <sup>3</sup>*J* = 8 Hz). Found, %: C 45.62; H 3.79; Hlg 38.57; N 3.70. [*M* – HCl]<sup>+</sup> 355. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrCl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 45.83; H 4.10; Hlg 38.36; N 3.56. *M* 393.

**2-Bromo-4,4-dichloro-3-diethylamino-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one** (V). Yield 74%, mp 72–73°C (decomp.). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 923 (CHCl<sub>2</sub>); 1576, 1593 (C=C); 1703 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm (major Z isomer): 0.67 t (6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.91 q (4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 6.60 s (1H, CHCl<sub>2</sub>), 7.51 m (3H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.85 m (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>). Found, %: C 46.47; H 4.59; Hlg 40.99; N 3.92. [*M* – HCl]<sup>+</sup> 327. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrCl<sub>2</sub>NO. Calculated, %: C 46.06; H 4.42; Hlg 41.31; N 3.84. *M* 365.

**5-Aroyl-4-methoxy-1***H***-pyrazoles VI and VII** (general procedure). A solution of 0.61 g (12.2 mmol) of hydrazine hydrate in 10 ml of methanol was added dropwise over a period of 30 min under vigorous stirring to a solution of 6 mmol of ketone **Ia** or **IIa** in 25 ml of methanol, maintaining the temperature at 10°C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h and poured into water. The oily material was extracted into methylene chloride, the extract was dried over  $CaCl_2$  and concentrated to a volume of 10 ml under reduced pressure, and the product was isolated by precipitation with hexane at  $-5^{\circ}C$  and dried under reduced pressure.

**5-Benzoyl-4-methoxy-1***H***-pyrazole (VI).** Yield 54%, mp 181–182°C (decomp.). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1492, 1560, 1590 (C=C); 1620 (C=N); 1731 (C=O); 3203 (N–H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.85 s (3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.05 s (1H, 3-H), 7.4 m (3H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.7 m (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 10.0 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 65.39; H 4.93; N 13.76. [*M*]<sup>+</sup> 202. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 65.34; H 4.98; N 13.85. *M* 202.

**4-Methoxy-5-(4-methylbenzoyl)pyrazole (VII).** Yield 71%, mp 194–195°C (decomp.). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1509, 1560, 1580 (C=C); 1615 (C=N); 1729 (C=O); 3200 (N–H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 2.39 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.94 s (3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.08 s (1H, =CH), 7.24 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J = 8 Hz), 7.63 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J = 8 Hz), 8.1 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 66.47; H 5.99; N 12.79. [*M*]<sup>+</sup> 216. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Calculated, %: C 66.65; H 5.59; N 12.95. *M* 216. **3-Aryl-5-hydroxyiminomethyl-4-methoxyisoxazoles XII and XIII** (*general procedure*). A solution of hydroxylamine, prepared from 2.08 g (30 mmol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride and 3.04 g (30 mmol) of triethylamine in 30 ml of methanol, was added dropwise at 15°C to a solution of 6 mmol of ketone **Ia** or **IIa** in 30 ml of methanol. The mixture was heated to 45°C, stirred for 5 h at that temperature, evaporated to 1/3 of the initial volume, and poured into water. An oily material separated and was extracted into chloroform, the extract was dried over CaCl<sub>2</sub>, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was recrystallized from hexane–CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1:5).

**4-Methoxy-3-phenylisoxazole-5-carbaldehyde oxime (XII).** Yield 35%, mp 130–132°C. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1530, 1587 (C=C); 1600, 1618 (C=N); 3311 (O–H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.40 s (3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.3 m (3H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.6 m (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 8.12 s (1H, N=CH), 11.50 br.s (1H, OH). Found, %: C 60.82; H 5.01; N 12.77. [*M*]<sup>+</sup> 218. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated, %: C 60.55; H 4.62; N 12.84. *M* 218.

**4-Methoxy-3-(4-methylphenyl)isoxazole-5-carbaldehyde oxime (XIII).** Yield 45%, mp 149–151°C. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1514, 1526 (C=C); 1613, 1640 (C=N); 3305 (O–H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 2.37 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.45 s (3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.22 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J = 8 Hz), 7.46 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J = 8 Hz), 8.08 s (1H, =CH), 11.70 br.s (1H, OH). Found, %: C 62.21; H 5.19; N 12.45. [*M*]<sup>+</sup> 232. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated, %: C 62.06; H 5.21; N 12.06. *M* 232.

2-Amino-4-aryl-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazoles XIVa and XVa (general procedure). A solution of 4 mmol of ketone Ia or IIa and 0.61 g (8 mmol) of thiourea in 30 ml of methanol was stirred for 3 h at 40°C. The mixture was poured into 200 ml of water and treated with sodium hydrogen carbonate to weakly alkaline reaction. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and dried under reduced pressure at 60°C.

**4-Phenyl-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine** (**XIVa**). Yield 87%, mp 147–148°C (decomp.). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1520, 1600 (C=C); 1627 (C=N); 3266, 3464 (NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 5.50 br.s (2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.4 m (3H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.6 m (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>). Found, %: C 43.15; H 2.64; Cl 34.33; N 9.03; S 10.35. [*M*]<sup>+</sup> 304. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S. Calculated, %: C 43.23; H 2.31; Cl 34.80; N 9.17; S 10.49. *M* 305.

**4-(4-Methylphenyl)-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (XVa).** Yield 92%, mp 156–157°C (decomp.). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1516, 1537 (C=C); 1604 (C=N); 3241, 3468 (NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 2.39 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.50 br.s (2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.22 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>,  ${}^{3}J = 8$  Hz), 7.50 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>,  ${}^{3}J = 8$  Hz). Found, %: C 45.49; H 2.88; Cl 32.80; N 8.79; S 9.88. [*M*]<sup>+</sup> 318. C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S. Calculated, %: C 45.09; H 2.84; Cl 33.27; N 8.76; S 10.03. *M* 319.

*N*-[4-Aryl-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)acetamides XVIa and XVIIa (general procedure). A solution of 4 mmol of bromo ketone Ia or IIa and 0.95 g (8 mmol) of *N*-acetylthiourea in 30 ml of methanol was stirred for 3 h at 40°C. The mixture was poured into 200 ml of water, the precipitate was extracted into chloroform, the extract was dried over CaCl<sub>2</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure to a volume of 20 ml, 20 ml of hexane was added, and the precipitate of aminothiazole **XIV** or **XV** was filtered off (after drying under reduced pressure, the yields were 45 and 50%, respectively). The filtrate was kept for 40 h at  $-5^{\circ}$ C, and the precipitate of **XVIa** or **XVIIa** was filtered off, washed with hexane, and dried under reduced pressure.

*N*-(4-Phenyl-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)acetamide (XVIa). Yield 18%, mp 222–224°C. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1525, 1600 (C=C); 1625 (C=N); 1678 (C=O); 3264, 3449 (N–H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.56 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.45 m (3H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.7 m (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 11.60 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 44.83; H 2.82; C1 30.55; N 8.03; S 9.20. [*M*]<sup>+</sup> 346. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS. Calculated, %: C 44.91; H 2.61; Cl 30.59; N 8.06; S 9.22. M 347.

*N*-[4-(4-Methylphenyl)-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)acetamide (XVIIa). Yield 10%, mp 188– 190°C. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1523, 1590 (C=C); 1615 (C=N); 1622 (C=O); 3240 (NH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.62 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.41 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.20 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J = 8 Hz), 7.55 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J = 8 Hz), 11.50 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 46.83; H 3.15; Cl 29.38; N 7.35; S 8.55. [*M*]<sup>+</sup> 360. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS. Calculated, %: C 46.49; H 3.07; Cl 29.41; N 7.75; S 8.87. *M* 361.

**3,4,4-Trichloro-***N*-(**4-phenyl-5-trichlorovinyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)but-3-enamide** (**XVIII**). A mixture of 0.83 g (3.99 mmol) of 3,4,4-trichlorobut-3-enoyl chloride and 2.44 g (7.98 mmol) of aminothiazole **XIVa** in 20 ml of anhydrous chloroform was stirred for 5 h at 50°C. The mixture was cooled, 30 ml of anhydrous diethyl ether was added, the precipitate of initial aminothiazole hydrochloride was filtered off, the filtrate was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure, and the residue was recrystallized from hexane-chloroform (1:1). Yield 1.66 g (87%), mp 173–175°C. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1536, 1598, 1610 (C=C, C=N); 1702 (C=O); 3250 (N–H). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm:

3.16 s (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.48 m (3H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.66 m (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 10.60 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 37.51; H 1.76; Cl 44.34; N 5.61; S 6.68.  $[M]^+$  474. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS. Calculated, %: C 37.77; H 1.69; Cl 44.59; N 5.87; S 6.72. *M* 477.

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