

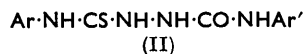
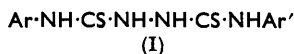
423. Potential Antiviral Thiourea Derivatives.

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Numerous thiourea derivatives, including 4-aryl-, 1 : 4- and 2 : 4-diaryl-, 1-(arylaminothioformyl)-, 4-aryl-1-(arylaminothioformyl)-thiosemicarbazides, and aryliminothiazolines, have been synthesised as potential antiviral agents.

PRELIMINARY chemotherapeutic tests on mice showed recently that a number of thiourea derivatives are effective against infection by influenza virus (strain PR 8, type A).¹ A broad investigation has been made of the relation between chemical structure and antiviral activity in sulphur derivatives bearing a thiourea or a thiosemicarbazide group, and the present paper records the chemical work.

Several compounds showing antiviral properties contain an $>N\cdot N<$ group, as is the case with some thiosemicarbazones² and *NN*-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde isonicotinoyl-hydrazone;¹ this suggested the preparation of substances bearing both a sulphur atom and a hydrazine group. The reaction of aryl isothiocyanates with hydrazine hydrate³ in great excess and at low temperature in ethanol readily gave 4-arylthiosemicarbazides $Ar\cdot NH\cdot CS\cdot NH\cdot NH_2$; under these conditions, only one amino-group of hydrazine reacted, and the products were purer than those obtained by hydrazinolysis of *NN'*-diarylthioureas.⁴ Among the substances thus prepared, 4-*p*-fluorophenylthiosemicarbazide was remarkable for its high toxicity in animals. 4-Arylthiosemicarbazides with aryl isothiocyanates gave



NN'-di(arylaminothioformyl)hydrazines (I) (Table 1); with aryl isocyanates, the reaction was more violent but led to a parallel series (II) (Table 2).

¹ Buu-Hoï, Gley, Xuong, and Bouffanais, *Compt. rend.*, 1954, **233**, 2582.

² Minton, Officer, and Thompson, *J. Immunol.*, 1953, **70**, 222, 229.

³ Cf. Pulvermacher, *Ber.*, 1893, **26**, 2812.

⁴ Busch and Bauer, *Ber.*, 1900, **33**, 1061.

TABLE 2. 4-Aryl-1-(arylaminoformyl)thiosemicarbazides (II).

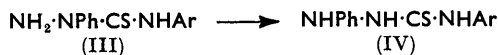
I-Aryl	M. p.	Formula	Found : N (%)	Reqd. : N (%)	4-p-Fluorophenyl compounds.	4-p-Bromophenyl compounds.	4-p-Chlorophenyl compounds.	4-m-Tolyl compound.	4-p-Tolyl compounds.	4-p-Chlorophenyl compounds.
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OMe	155*	C ₁₄ H ₁₅ ON ₃ S	61.3	61.5	16.6	16.5	15.5	14.6	15.6	15.7
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OEt	150*	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ ON ₃ S	62.4	62.7	14.3	14.6	13.9	14.6	13.7	14.0
2 : 3-Xylyl	172*	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃ S	66.3	66.4	15.7	16.0	16.0	16.0	15.7	15.5
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Bu ^a	134*	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ N ₃ S	68.0	68.2	15.7	16.0	16.0	16.0	15.7	15.3
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl	158*	C ₁₃ H ₁₃ N ₃ SCl	55.9	56.2	14.8	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.9
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Br	165*	C ₁₃ H ₁₃ N ₃ SBr	48.1	48.4	16.0	16.2	16.0	16.0	15.6	15.6
α -C ₁₀ H ₇	185*	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ N ₃ S	69.8	69.6	15.5	15.7	15.5	15.5	15.0	15.1
1-Phenyl compounds.										
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OMe	169	C ₁₄ H ₁₅ ON ₃ S	61.2	61.5	14.6	14.7	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.7
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OEt	182	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ ON ₃ S	62.6	62.7	14.8	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.7
<i>o</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OEt	175	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ ON ₃ S	62.4	62.7	14.8	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.7
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OCH ₂ Bu ^b	189	C ₁₈ H ₂₃ ON ₃ S	65.3	65.6	15.7	16.0	15.7	15.7	15.0	15.1
2 : 3-Xylyl	198	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃ S	66.1	66.4	15.7	16.0	15.7	15.7	15.0	15.1
2 : 4-Xylyl	173	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃ S	66.5	66.4	15.7	16.0	15.7	15.7	15.0	15.1
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Pr ^a	144	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ N ₃ S	67.5	67.3	15.7	16.0	15.7	15.7	15.0	15.1
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Bu ^a	152	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ N ₃ S	68.0	68.2	15.7	16.0	15.7	15.7	15.0	15.1
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ F	177	C ₁₃ H ₁₃ N ₃ SF	59.4	59.7	15.7	16.0	15.7	15.7	15.0	15.1

TABLE 3. Thiosemicarbazides (III) and (IV).

I-Aryl	M. p.	Formula	Found : C H C	Reqd. (%) : C H C	4-p-Phenyl compounds (contd.).	1-Methyl-1-phenyl compounds.
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl	176°	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₃ SCl	55.9	4.5	176°	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₃ SCl
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Br	178	C ₁₅ H ₁₅ N ₃ SBr	48.1	3.8	178	C ₁₅ H ₁₅ N ₃ SBr
α -C ₁₀ H ₇ ^a	203	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ N ₃ S	—	—	203	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ N ₃ S
<i>p</i> -Tolyl ^b	186	C ₁₄ H ₁₅ N ₃ S	—	—	186	C ₁₄ H ₁₅ N ₃ S
1-Phenyl compounds (contd.).						
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl	172	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₃ SCl	14.3	14.4	172	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₃ SCl
<i>p</i> -Tolyl	165	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃ S	15.1	15.4	165	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃ S
2 : 4-Xylyl	162	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃ S	14.4	14.7	162	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃ S
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OEt	172	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ N ₃ S	14.6	14.7	172	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ N ₃ S
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OEt	145	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ ON ₃ S	13.6	13.9	145	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ ON ₃ S

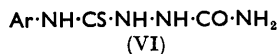
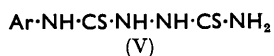
* Sintering only, due to rapid rearrangement to the isomeric 1 : 4-derivative which occurs at the given temperature.
^a Dixon (*J.*, 1892, 1020) gave m. p. 183°. ^b Von Walther and Stenz (*J. prakt. Chem.*, 1906, 74, 229) gave m. p. 165°; Dixon⁵ gave m. p. 173—174°; Marckwald⁶ gave m. p. 176°.

Marckwald⁵ and Dixon⁵ both found that phenyl isothiocyanate and phenylhydrazine gave 2 : 4-diphenylthiosemicarbazide in the cold, and the 1 : 4-isomer at high temperature, and Busch⁶ showed this difference to arise from thermal rearrangement of the 2 : 4-compound. A number of aryl isothiocyanates have now been found to react with phenylhydrazine according to the same pattern; in other cases, however, a 1 : 4-diarylthiosemicarbazide (IV) was obtained at both low and high temperature, the 2 : 4-isomer



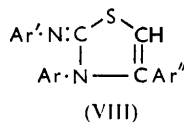
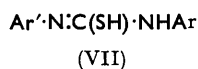
(III) probably rearranging even in the cold. Table 3 records a number of 4-aryl-1-phenylthiosemicarbazides.

Aryl isothiocyanates and thiosemicarbazide yielded 1-(arylaminothioformyl)thiosemicarbazides (V) (Table 4); 1-(arylaminothioformyl)semicarbazides (VI) were similarly



obtained with semicarbazide. The "symmetrical" formulæ (V) and (VI) are assumed because of the stability of those compounds to heat; the alternative unsymmetrical formulæ would correspond to compounds which would probably undergo thermal rearrangement.

Von Walther⁷ found that ω -bromoacetophenone with thiocarbanilide gave 3 : 4-diphenyl-2-phenylimino- Δ^4 -thiazoline, and this reaction has now been applied to some antiviral and tuberculostatic substituted thiocarbanilides. In every instance, only one of the two possible 3 : 4-diaryl-2-arylimino- Δ^4 -thiazolines (VIII) was obtained; from the



results of von Walther's degradation of similar unsymmetrical compounds, it can be assumed that the arylimino-radical in the thiol form (VII) of unsymmetrical thiocarbanilides involves the more bulky aryl group.

Results of the antiviral tests with a number of compounds described herein have recently been reported elsewhere;⁸ in tests for tuberculostatic properties *in vitro*, none of the compounds showed significant activity.

EXPERIMENTAL

M. p.s are the temperature of instantaneous fusion, determined on Maquenne and Kofler blocks.

Preparation of 4-Arylthiosemicarbazides.—To an ice-cooled solution of 95% hydrazine hydrate (2 mol.) in ethanol, the appropriate aryl isothiocyanate (1 mol.) in ethanol was added in small portions with stirring; the condensation was generally strongly exothermic.⁹ The solid precipitate of the 4-arylthiosemicarbazide formed in almost theoretical yield was washed with aqueous ethanol and recrystallised from ethanol. 4-*p*-Fluorophenylthiosemicarbazide, needles, m. p. 189° (Found: N, 22.5. C₇H₈N₃SF requires N, 22.7%), gave 4-*p*-fluorophenylthiosemicarbazones from: *p*-chlorobenzaldehyde, needles, m. p. 205° (from ethanol-benzene) (Found: N, 13.6. C₁₄H₁₁N₃SClF requires N, 13.6%); piperonaldehyde, prisms, m. p. 223° (from ethanol-benzene) (Found: N, 13.0. C₁₅H₁₂O₂N₃SF requires N, 13.2%). Also prepared were: 4-*p*-ethoxyphenyl-, needles, m. p. 145° (Found: C, 50.9; H, 6.1. C₉H₁₃ON₃S requires C, 51.1; H, 6.1%); 4-*p*-ethylphenyl-, needles, m. p. 131° (Found: N, 21.4. C₉H₁₃N₃S requires

⁵ Marckwald, *Ber.*, 1892, **25**, 3107; Dixon, *J.*, 1892, **61**, 1013.

⁶ Busch, *Ber.*, 1909, **42**, 4599; Busch and Limpach, *Ber.*, 1911, **44**, 1579.

⁷ Von Walther, *J. prakt. Chem.*, 1907, **75**, 188.

⁸ Buu-Hoi, Gley, Bouffanais, Xuong, and Nam, *Experientia*, 1956, **12**, 73.

⁹ Guha and Ray, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1925, **47**, 387; Fromm, *Annalen*, 1926, **447**, 304.

N, 21.5%); 4-*m*-chlorophenyl-, leaflets, m. p. 115° (Found: N, 20.5. C₇H₈N₃SCl requires N, 20.8%); 4-*p*-chlorophenyl-, m. p. 191° (Busch and Ulmer¹⁰ gave m. p. 180°); 4-*m*-tolyl-, leaflets, m. p. 108° (Found: N, 23.0. C₈H₁₁N₃S requires N, 23.2%), and 4-β-naphthyl-thiosemicarbazide, prisms, m. p. 178° (Found: N, 19.0. C₁₁H₁₁N₃S requires N, 19.3%).

Preparation of 4-Aryl-1-(arylaminothioformyl)thiosemicarbazides.—A solution of the 4-arylthiosemicarbazide (1 mol.) in warm ethanol was treated with a solution of the appropriate aryl isothiocyanate (1 mol.) in ethanol, and the product formed instantaneously was collected after

TABLE 4. 1-(Arylaminothioformyl)thiosemicarbazides (V).

Aryl	M. p.	Formula	Found (%)		Reqd. (%)	
			C	H	C	H
Ph ^a	218°	C ₈ H ₁₀ N ₄ S ₂	—	—	—	—
<i>p</i> -Tolyl	222	C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₄ S ₂	44.7	5.1	45.0	5.0
2 : 4-Xylyl	223	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₄ S ₂	46.8	5.4	47.2	5.5
2 : 3-Xylyl	198	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₄ S ₂	47.0	5.3	47.2	5.5
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Et	218	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₄ S ₂	46.9	5.2	47.2	5.5
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Pr ⁿ	241	C ₁₁ H ₁₆ N ₄ S ₂	49.0	6.0	49.2	5.9
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Bu ⁿ	223	C ₁₂ H ₁₈ N ₄ S ₂	50.8	6.1	51.0	6.3
α-C ₁₀ H ₇	229	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₄ S ₂	52.0	4.6	52.1	4.3
β-C ₁₀ H ₇	218	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₄ S ₂	51.8	4.5	52.1	4.3
<i>o</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Ph	199	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₄ S ₂	55.3	4.5	55.6	4.6
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OMe	238	C ₉ H ₁₂ ON ₄ S ₂	41.8	4.4	42.1	4.6
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ OEt	241	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ ON ₄ S ₂	44.3	4.9	44.4	5.1
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ O·CH ₂ Bu ^l	223	C ₁₃ H ₂₀ ON ₄ S ₂	49.8	6.7	50.0	6.4
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ F	240	C ₈ H ₉ N ₂ S ₄ F	39.0	3.4	39.3	3.6
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl	249	C ₈ H ₉ N ₂ S ₄ Cl	36.3	3.3	36.8	3.4
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Br	241	C ₈ H ₉ N ₂ S ₄ Br	31.1	2.7	31.4	2.9

^a Arndt, Milde, and Tschenscher (*Ber.*, 1922, **55**, 344) gave m. p. 180°; Mazurewitsch (*Bull. Soc. chim. France*, 1927, **41**, 647) gave m. p. 169—170° (decomp.).

TABLE 5. Δ⁴-Thiazolines (VIII).

Ar	Ar'	Ar''	M. p.	Formula	Found (%)		Reqd. (%)	
					C	H	C	H
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ F	<i>p</i> -Tolyl ^a	157°	C ₂₂ H ₁₆ N ₂ SClF	66.8	4.0	66.9	4.0
2 : 5-C ₆ H ₃ Cl ₂	"	"	122	C ₂₂ H ₁₅ N ₂ SCl ₂ F	61.2	3.3	61.5	3.4
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ O·CH ₂ Bu ^l	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Et	"	95	C ₂₉ H ₃₂ ON ₂ S	76.0	7.3	76.3	7.0
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ F	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl ^b	195	C ₂₁ H ₁₃ N ₂ SCl ₂ F	60.6	3.2	60.7	3.1
2 : 5-C ₆ H ₃ Cl ₂	"	"	130	C ₂₁ H ₁₂ N ₂ SCl ₂ F	55.7	2.8	56.0	2.6
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ O·CH ₂ Bu ^l	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Et	"	117	C ₂₈ H ₂₉ ON ₂ SCl	70.2	6.3	70.5	6.1
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ F	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Br ^c	202	C ₂₁ H ₁₃ N ₂ SBrClF	54.6	2.6	54.8	2.8
2 : 5-C ₆ H ₃ Cl ₂	"	"	163	C ₂₁ H ₁₂ N ₂ SBrCl ₂ F	50.2	2.3	51.0	2.4
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ O·CH ₂ Bu ^l	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Et	"	128	C ₂₈ H ₂₉ ON ₂ SBr	64.2	5.5	64.5	5.6

Triads prepared from (a) ω-bromo-4-methylacetophenone, (b) ω-bromo-4-chloroacetophenone, and (c) 4 : ω-dibromoacetophenone.

cooling, washed with ethanol, and recrystallised from ethanol or ethanol-benzene. The substances obtained formed needles or leaflets, which decomposed when heated gradually, so that the m. p.s varied widely according to the speed of heating.

*Preparation of 4-Aryl-1-(arylaminoformyl)thiosemicarbazides.*¹¹—A cooled solution of the 4-arylthiosemicarbazide (1 mol.) in ethanol was treated with a benzene solution of the appropriate isocyanate (1 mol.) with stirring; the precipitate formed in almost theoretical yield was washed with ethanol and recrystallised from ethanol (in which it was only sparingly soluble) or ethanol-benzene. Remarks as above apply to the m. p.s of these compounds.

1-(*p*-Ethoxyphenylaminoformyl)semicarbazide.—*p*-Ethoxyphenyl isothiocyanate (3 g.) in ethanol was added to a cold ethanol solution of semicarbazide (prepared from 2.5 g. of the hydrochloride and sodium acetate); the precipitated product formed leaflets, m. p. 243°, from ethanol (Found: N, 21.7. C₁₀H₁₄O₂N₄S requires N, 22.0%). 1-(*p*-Fluoroanilinothioformyl)semicarbazide, similarly prepared from *p*-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate, formed needles, m. p. 246—247°, from ethanol-benzene (Found: N, 24.8. C₈H₉ON₄SF requires N, 24.6%).

Condensation of Aryl Isothiocyanates with Phenylhydrazine.—This was effected in cooled ethanol for 4-aryl-2-phenylthiosemicarbazides, and in hot ethanol for the 4-aryl-1-phenylthiosemicarbazides; the former compounds were recrystallised in cold, and the latter in boiling,

¹⁰ Busch and Ulmer, *Ber.*, 1902, **35**, 1715.

¹¹ Cf. Bülow and Sautermeister, *Ber.*, 1906, **39**, 651.

ethanol. In all the cases where the 2 : 4-derivative could be prepared, it was found to undergo rearrangement on recrystallisation from boiling ethanol or benzene.

Condensation of ω -Bromo-ketones with NN'-Diarylthioureas.—Equimolar amounts of the reagents were heated in boiling ethanol for a few hours, the precipitate which formed on cooling was basified with aqueous sodium hydroxide, and the 3 : 4-diaryl-2-arylimino- Δ^4 -thiazoline obtained was recrystallised from ethanol.

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