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*The imidates derived from 3-aminotriazole **1** react with isocyanates and isothiocyanates to give corresponding 1,2,4-triazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4-ones and 1,2,4-triazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4-thiones in a 60–75% overall yield. If the condensation is realized at r.t., then the intermediate **2** can be isolated.*

**Keywords** 1,2,4-triazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4-ones; 1,2,4-triazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4-thiones; imidates; isocyanates; isothiocyanates

### INTRODUCTION

It is perhaps unnecessary to emphasize the importance of the 1,2,4-triazole nucleus and its derivatives in organic chemistry. The triazolo-triazines are an important class of heterocyclic compounds. Its derivatives have been claimed to be effective as potent antagonists for the human adenosine A<sub>2B</sub> receptor with high affinity,<sup>1–7</sup> while some have shown potent antitumor and pharmacological activity.<sup>8–11</sup>

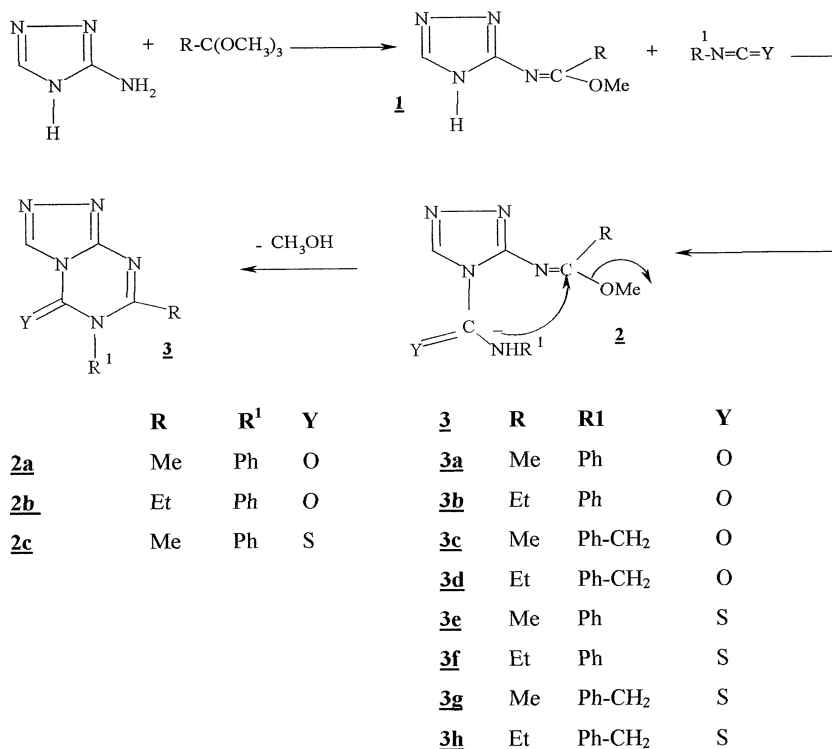
Conventionally, triazolotriazines are synthesized by many methods.<sup>7–11</sup> Great interest has been focused on the synthesis of these compounds due to the wide variety of their uses. We report in this article a series of triazolotriazines prepared by the addition of imidates type **1** to isocyanates and isothiocyanates in THF at r.t. (Scheme 1).

The structure of compound **2** was deduced from their IR and <sup>1</sup>H spectra.

The IR spectrum of **2** revealed bands at  $\nu = 3460\text{--}3310$  (NH–C=O, NHC=S) and  $\nu_{\text{C=N}} = 1630\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

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SCHEME 1

The  $^1H$  NMR spectra of **2** exhibited one single sharp line arising from NH ( $\delta = 10.3$  ppm) along with characteristic singlets and multiplets for the methoxy, ethoxy, ethyl, and phenyl group.

The structures of compounds **3** have been unambiguously characterized from their IR,  $^1H$ , and  $^{13}C$  spectra.

The  $^1H$  NMR spectra of **3** presents the absence of the sharp line of NH and the disappearance of an ethoxy or methoxy peak with usual signals of  $CH_2-N$ ,  $CH_3$ ,  $CH_2-CH_3$ , and Ar-H.

The formation of compound **3** was confirmed by the IR spectra showing the disappearance of the NH band but a strong band in the region  $1160-1200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assigned to  $C=S$ , a strong band in the region  $1720-1740\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assigned to the carbonyl group, and another band in the region  $1620\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assigned to  $C=N$ .

The  $^1H$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR were used to distinguish structure **2** from the triazolo-triazine **3**.

The attack of the central carbon atom of the isocyanate or isothiocyanate by the nitrogen atom of imidate **1** forms intermediate **2**. The

latter undergoes intramolecular nucleophilic cyclization to give the derivatives triazolotriazines **3**.

## EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra were run in a  $\text{CHCl}_3$  solution on a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 PC spectrometer.

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as a solvent containing TMS on a Brücker 300 spectrometer. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to TMS. For the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, the multiplicities of signals are indicated by the following abbreviations: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; and m, multiplet.

Melting points were obtained using a Büchi melting point apparatus.

### Synthesis of Imidates Type 1

Imidates type **1** were prepared by the reaction of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole with orthoester according to a published procedure.<sup>12–14</sup> All other reagents were commercially available (Aldrich Chemical); THF was dried and distilled over Na/naphthalene before use.

**1a**: Yield = 75%, m.p. = 85°C, IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )):  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  = 3460,  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1660,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 10.1 (1, 1H); 7.9 (s, 1H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 3.9 (s, 3H).

**1b**: Yield = 72%, m.p. = 90°C, IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )):  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  = 3460,  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1660,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 9.8 (l, 1H); 7.9 (s, 1H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 4.3 (q, 2H), 1.4 (t, 3H).

**1c**: Yield = 76%, m.p. = 50°C, IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )):  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  = 3460,  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1670,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 8.2 (s, 1H); 7.8 (s, 1H), 2.5 (q, 2H), 4.3 (q, 2H), 4.3 (t, 3H), 1.3 (t, 3H).

**1d**: Yield = 90%, m.p. = 170°C, IR (KBr,  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )):  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  = 3300,  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1650,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ): 7.3 (s, 1H); 7.8 (s, 1H), 7.3 (s, 5H), 4.5 (q, 2H), 1.5 (t, 3H).

**1e**: Yield = 85%, m.p. = 167°C, IR (KBr,  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )):  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  = 3300,  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1650,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO } d_6$ ): 7.3 (s, 1H); 7.8 (s, 1H), 7.3 (s, 5H), 4. (s, 3H).

### General Procedure for the Preparation of 1,2,4-Triazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4-ones and 1,2,4-Triazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4-thiones Type **3**

To a solution of imidate **1** (10 mmol) in dry THF was added isocyanate or isothiocyanate (10 mmol). The mixture was left at r.t. until a solid of **3** precipitated (7–10 days). The product **2** obtained and sometimes

was refluxed for 3 h in chlorobenzene; the solid product was filtered and purified by recrystallization from methanol.

**2a:** Yield = 80%, m.p. = 190°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  = 3450,  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1650,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  = 1720, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.15 (s, 1H); 10.3 (1, 1H), 7.2–7.9 (mu, 5H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.2(s, 3H).

**2b:** Yield = 85%, m.p. = 200°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  = 3450,  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1650,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  = 1720, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.15 (s, 1H); 10.3 (1, 1H), 7.2–7.9 (mu, 5H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.5 (q, 2H), 1.3 (t, 3H).

**2c:** Yield = 82%, m.p. = 92°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{NH}}$  = 3310,  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1650,  $\nu_{\text{C=S}}$  = 1720, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.15 (s, 1H); 10.3 (1, 1H), 7.5 (mu, 5H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.2 (s, 3H).

**3a:** Yield = 60%, m.p. = 190°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1610,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  = 1710, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.4(s, 3H); 7–7.4(mu, 5H); 10(s, 1H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 15.7; 124; 138; 129; 131; 141.5; 148; 159.5; 160.

**3b:** Yield = 67%, m.p. = 160°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1615,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  = 1710, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.2(t, 3H); 2.4(s, 3H); 7–7.4(mu, 5H); 10(s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 10.5; 30; 124; 129.5; 138; 140; 141.2; 147; 157.5; 160.

**3c:** Yield = 63%, m.p. = 210°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1610,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  = 1710, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.2(s, 3H); 4.6(1, 2H); 7.2–7.4(mu, 5H); 10 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 17.5; 46; 128; 129; 130.7; 136.4; 141.2; 151; 157.5; 161.

Analysis calcd: C = 55.6; H = 4.5; N = 29%; Found: C = 55.4; H = 4.3; N = 28.7%.

**3d:** Yield = 65%, m.p. = 172°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1610,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  = 1710, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.2(s, 3H); 4.6(1, 2H); 7.2–7.4(mu, 5H); 10(s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 17.5; 46; 128; 129; 130.7; 136.4; 141.2; 151; 157.5; 161.

**3e:** Yield = 65%, m.p. = 105°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1610,  $\nu_{\text{C=S}}$  = 1190, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.2(s, 3H); 7–7.4(mu, 5H); 8.3(s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 14.5; 124; 131; 132; 141.2; 145 154; 156.5; 181.

**3f:** Yield = 68%, m.p. = 115°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1610,  $\nu_{\text{C=S}}$  = 1200, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.2(t, 3H); 2.7(q, 2H); 7–7.7 (mu, 5H); 8.4(s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 11.5; 27; 123.5; 131; 132.6; 140.7; 147; 156; 157.5; 184.

**3g:** Yield = 70%, m.p. = 200°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1610,  $\nu_{\text{C=S}}$  = 1190, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.2(s, 3H); 5.6(1, 2H); 7–7.7 (mu, 5H); 8.5 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 17.5; 55; 128; 129; 129.7; 131.4; 140; 156; 159.5; 189.

**3h:** Yield = 75%, m.p. = 180°C, IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ ):  $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$  = 1610,  $\nu_{\text{C=S}}$  = 1190, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.2 (t, 3H); 5.6(1, 2H); 2.5(q, 2H); 7–7.7 (mu, 5H); 8 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 11.5; 27; 55; 128; 129; 130; 140.7; 141.4; 155; 159.5; 189.

Analysis calcd.: C = 59.6, H = 4.8; N = 25.7%. Found: C = 59.2; H = 4.7; N = 25.4%.

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