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# Preparative and theoretical study on chain length-dependence and substrate selectivity in the cycloalkylation of condensed  $[1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-6(5H)-one-3(2H)-thiones

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Abstract—Cyclization of condensed  $[1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-3(2H)-6(5H)-ones with  $\alpha,\omega$ -dibromoalkanes afforded a series of novel ring systems including zwitterions and isomeric tetracyclic lactams. The product distribution is controlled by the chain-length of the reagent, the polarity of the solvent and the structure of ring A in the substrate. The observed substrate selectivity was interpreted on the basis of amide-I IR frequencies and by the results of ab initio B3LYP DFT calculations carried out at 6-31G and 6-31G(d) basis sets using IPCM solvation model. The cycloalkylation with 1,4-dibromobutane gave also macrocyles as detectable by-products which underwent ring contraction yielding lactams on attempted chromatographic separation.  $© 2002$  Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

## 1. Introduction

In our previous paper<sup>[1](#page-9-0)</sup> we reported on the ring transformation reactions of condensed  $[1,2,4]$ -triazolo $[4,3-b]$  pyridazine-6(5H)-one-3(2H)-thiones  $1a-e$  [\(Scheme 1](#page-1-0)) effected by dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylates finally resulting in 3-carbamoylaryl-5,6-bis-methoxycarbo-nylthiazolo[2,3-c]- [1,2,4]triazoles 16a–e. According to the proposed mechanism described in detail in [Ref. 1](#page-9-0) the transformation proceeds via the primarily formed tetracyclic 1,3,4-thiadiazines 2a–e containing an active methyne group adjacent to the lactam moiety deprotonation of which is associated with ring enlargement of type  $2 \rightarrow 3$ , the prerequisite of the subsequent elementary steps of the ring transformation. In order to get indirect evidence for the intermediacy of 2a–e and to extend the group of novel polycondensed pyridazines of potential biological inter-est<sup>[2–5](#page-9-0)</sup> we alkylated  $1a-e$  with *meso*-dimethyl-2,3-dibromosuccinate and  $\alpha$ , $\omega$ -dibromoalkanes. The reactions were carried out in DMF in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$  at 100°C and in refluxing CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (5:1) containing Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH as base, respectively (Methods A and B: [Scheme 1](#page-1-0)).

## 2. Results and discussion

In keeping with the expectations based on the mechanism reported in [Ref. 1](#page-9-0) the reactions with meso-dimethyl-2,3-

dibromosuccinate afforded 16a–e by both the Methods used, but the yields were moderate (28–54%), as the transformations were accompanied by the formation of considerable amount of tarry substances in each case. The cycloalkylation of 1a–e with 1,2-dibromoethane conducted under polar and less polar conditions (Methods A and B, [Table 1\)](#page-1-0) gave stable tetracyclic 1,3,4-thiadiazines 10a–e  $(n=1)$  without activated C–H bonds in good yields (83– 97%) indirectly supporting the view about the intermediacy of 2a–e in the ring transformation process. Zwitterionic isomers 7a–e containing two condensed five-membered rings were not formed even in trace amounts.

When 1,3-dibromopropane or 1,4-dibromobutane was applied as reagent, the direction of the transformations and the yields were found to be dependent both on the chain length and the polarity of the solvent used [\(Table 1\)](#page-1-0). Conversions with 1,3-dibromopropane took place with much better yields as the reactions with 1,4-dibromobutane were accompanied by uncontrolled polymerization even in dilute solutions.

Reactions of 1a,c,d with 1,3-dibromopropane in DMF (Method A) predominantly resulted in formation of isomeric tetracyclic 1,3,4-thiadiazepines 11a,c,d and zwitterions  $8a, c, d$  in low yields ([Table 1\)](#page-1-0), while under the same conditions 1b,e were almost exclusively converted into the poorly soluble zwitterionic 1,3-thiazines 8b,e as major products (the yields for 11b and 11e were lower than 5%: [Table 1\)](#page-1-0).

For the reaction of 1b with 1,3-dibromopropane conducted

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Scheme 1.

by Method B the product distribution was reversed relative to that obtained by Method A with the dominancy of condensed 1,3,4-thiadiazonine 11b over zwitterionic 8b (Table 1). Transformation of 1e with 1,3-dibromopropane seemed to be much less sensitive to the change of the

**Table 1.** Product distributions for reactions of  $1a-e$  with Br–(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>–  $CH<sub>2</sub> - Br$  in the dependence of the chain length (n) and the applied conditions (Method A/B)

	$\boldsymbol{n}$	Detected yields <sup>a</sup> by Methods A/B			Separated yields <sup>b</sup> by Methods A/B	
1a	1		10a 89/94			10a 70/77
	$\overline{c}$	$8a 10/-$	11a 76/89		$8a$ 7/ $-$	11a 64/74
	3	$9a$ 17/7	$12a$ 22/27	15a 18/24	9a 11/traces	$12a \cdot 30/43$
1b	1		10b 85/95			10b 73/87
	$\overline{c}$	8 <sub>b</sub> 93/37	11 <sub>b</sub> 4/51		8b 87/28	11 <b>b</b> $-$ /40
	3	9 <sub>b</sub> 27/10	$12h$ $21/30$	$15h - 116$	$9h$ 22/6	12 $h$ 14/35
1c	1		10c 91/97			10c 82/84
	$\overline{c}$	$8c$ 14/ $-$	11c 72/83		$8c \frac{9}{-}$	11c 61/69
	3	$9c$ 28/12	12c $24/30$	15 $c - 19$	$9c$ 23/8	12 $c$ 16/42
1d	1		10d 95/92			10d 85/85
	$\overline{c}$	8d $13/-$	11d 81/87		8d 8/	11d 71/69
	3	$9d$ 21/6	12d 23/37	15d $-$ /24	9d 16/traces	12d 13/45
1e	1		10e 83/86			10e 70/74
	$\overline{c}$	<b>8e</b> 88/71	11e 5/21		<b>8e</b> 80/66	11e $-/15$
	3	9e 46/35	12e 11/14	15e $-$ /6	9e 36/27	12e 7/15

Obtained by taking simultaneously into account both the amount of the crude isolated mixture and its <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis performed in DMSO- $d_6$ .<br><sup>b</sup> Referring to separated and purified compounds. solvent giving again zwitterion **8e** as major product, although the yield of 11e also became significant (Table 1). Analogous reactions of 1a,c,d carried out by Method B resulted in the corresponding 1,3,4-thiadiazonines 11a,c,d as exclusive products.

Interestingly, when 1,4-dibromobutane was applied as reagent by Method A, no pronounced selectivity was obtained for transformations  $1a-d-9a-d+12a-d$ , but a significant selectivity was again observable only in the transformation of 1e giving zwitterionic 9e as major product contaminated by 11% of condensed 1,3,4-thiadiazonine 12e (Table 1). The reaction of benzo derivative 1a with 1,4-dibromobutane also afforded a considerable amount (18%) of macrocyclic product 15a containing a fused 1-oxa-3,4-diaza-6-thiacyclodecane ring which could only be identified by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy in the crude product also containing its isomers 9a and 12a.

Under the less polar conditions of Method B besides 1,3,4-thiadiazonines 12a–d, the major products, significant amounts of macrocycles 15a–d were also formed with 1,4-dibromobutane from compounds 1a–d. Conversions 1e $\rightarrow$ 12e and 1e $\rightarrow$ 15e took place only in low detectable yields because formation of zwitterion 9e was again the predominant process (Table 1). With shorter chains S,O-cycloalkylation producing 13a–e or 14a–e could not

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Scheme 2. Reaction conditions: (v) Mel/Method A or Method B; (vi) silica/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 $^{\circ}$ C.





be detected even in traces. During attempted chromatography over silica and alumina with a series of eluents (see Experimental) 15a–e underwent ring contraction to give 12a–e.

In order to get more insight into the nature of the studied cycloalkylation processes 1a–e were also subjected to treatment with equimolar iodomethane (Scheme 2). Under both the applied conditions (Methods A and B) S-methylation occured to give selectively 17a–e which, on subsequent treatment with the reagent, underwent O-methylation yielding 18a–e. Methylation of 17b performed in DMF (Method A) resulted in a 3:1 mixture of S,O-dimethyl derivative 18b and zwitterionic S,N1-dimethyl derivative 19b. On treatment with silica in chloroform S,O-dimethyl dervatives underwent  $O \rightarrow N$  methylmigration (18 $\rightarrow$ 20: Scheme 2) which is closely related to the above mentioned ring contraction of type  $15 \rightarrow 12$ . It is also important to note that O-methylation of 17e could only be achieved in low yields even by applying a great excess of the reagent (see Experimental).

Taking also the results of step-by-step alkylation experiments into account it can be concluded that in the course of the studied cyclizations, in keeping with the general expectations, bromoalkylation of the sulfur atom is the first step  $(1\rightarrow4-6;$  [Scheme 1](#page-1-0)) followed by ring closure to N2, N5 or, in the case of the bromobutyl chain only, to the carbonyl oxygen.

The primary alkylation of the sulfur atom was also supported by theoretical modelling. A convenient way to understand the reactivity of  $1a-e$  is to examine the spatial charge distribution and energetic data of these species via quantum mechanical calculations. Computations were performed using the Gaussian-98 program system.[6](#page-9-0) Geometry optimizations of the neutral and deprotonated forms of these compounds were carried out using DFT with the 6-31G basis set and the hybrid Becke3LYP (B3LYP, Becke's three-parameter exchange<sup>[7](#page-9-0)</sup> and Lee et al. corre-lation<sup>[8](#page-9-0)</sup>) method based on density functional theory. To estimate relative N–H acidities at positions 2 and 5 of these molecules, the proton affinities of the corresponding anions were determined. Since the experiments were carried out in solvents we applied an adequate solvent model, IPCM, $9$ built in the Gaussian program package. The basis set of these calculations was selected to optimize accuracy and computational costs: 6-31G for the hydrogen, 6-31G(d) for the carbon and  $6-31+G(d)$  in case of the relevant nitrogen and sulfur atoms. The very similar proton affinity values of the  $N2$  and  $N5$ -deprotonated pairs (Table 2) calculated with dielectric constant 40 (representing the conditions of Method A) clearly point to the corresponding neutral parent molecules having very similar acidity at these positions, so approximately the same amounts of the two anions must be present in the reaction mixtures.

The charge distribution of the parent molecules (Table 3) and their deprotonated forms (Table 2) were determined by natural bond orbital analysis (NBO) which is a more sophisticated partitioning method than the more often used Mulliken population analysis.<sup>[10](#page-9-0)</sup> The computations (Tables 2) and 3) indicate that in  $1a-e$  the carbonyl oxygen is the most negatively charged atom and the electron density on the

Table 3. Total energy and charge distribution of 1a–e using IPCM solvent model (dielectric constant=40)

	Energy (Hartree)	Natural charge				
		Ω	N2	N5	S	
1a	$-1039.003014$	$-0.671$	0.085	0.050	$-0.311$	
1b	$-1055.040316$	$-0.631$	0.095	0.064	$-0.293$	
1c	$-1055.036675$	$-0.620$	0.092	0.063	$-0.298$	
1d	$-1055.036845$	$-0.674$	0.092	0.054	$-0.295$	
1e	$-1055.034612$	$-0.642$	0.083	0.041	$-0.306$	

	$n=1$		$n=2$		$n=3$	
	$\Delta H(10-7)$	$\Delta H(7-13)$	$\Delta H(11-8)$	$\Delta H(8-14)$	$\Delta H(12-9)$	$\Delta H(9-15)$
a	$-17.08$	$-40.71$	$-0.82$	$-36.20$	$-2.01$	$-21.45$
b	$-20.75$	$-39.55$	$+0.66$	$-42.41$	$+0.87$	$-24.00$
$\mathbf c$	$-20.13$	$-38.77$	$-3,34$	$-31.45$	$-5.54$	$-17.61$
d	$-23.73$	$-34.31$	$-5.02$	$-31.50$	$-6.78$	$-14.90$
e	$-18.14$	$-37.27$	$-0.02$	$-34.34$	$-1.74$	$-19.35$

<span id="page-3-0"></span>Table 4. Relative heats of formation of the corresponding isomerous pairs of compounds  $7a-e-15a-e$  calculated for dielectric constant 40 by B3LYP method at 6-31G basis set using IPCM solvation model  $(kcal \text{ mol}^{-1})$ 

sulfur atom is much larger than that on  $N2$  and  $N5$  atoms. On the other hand, in both possible anions the deprotonated nitrogen carries a negative charge very close to the value found for the sulfur atom. However, it is noteworthy that a considerable increase of the negative charge  $(\sim 0.1, \text{ cf.})$ [Tables 2 and 3\)](#page-2-0) is induced on the sulfur atom even by N5-deprotonation which can be the consequence of their spatial close contact<sup>[11](#page-9-0)</sup> made possible by their steric proximity  $(3.31-3.32 \text{ Å})$  revealed by geometry optimization. On the other hand, N2-deprotonation gives rise to a larger increase in the electron density on the sulfur  $(\sim 0.18,$ cf. [Tables 2 and 3](#page-2-0)) relative to that in the neutral molecule. It means that taking these charge distributions together with the expected effect of orbital control<sup>[12](#page-9-0)</sup> into account in both deprotonated forms S-alkylation can take place as the preferred first step. The facile S-methylations presented in [Scheme 2](#page-2-0) are in agreement with this predicted selectivity. It is important to point out that primary  $N5$ - or  $O$ -alkylations with  $\alpha,\omega$ -dibromoalkanes would finally lead to the formation of lactames  $(10-12)$ , while primary N2-alkylation would result in zwitterions (7–9).

Besides the straightforward and expected effect of the polarity of the solvent and the length of the bromoalkyl chain the structure of ring A has also a significant control over the direction of the cyclization of the primarily formed intermediates  $4a-e-6a-e$ . Since it was assumed that ring A basically influences the relative stability of the corresponding alternative ring systems we undertook again B3LYP calculations with geometry optimization at 6-31G level for three homologous groups of possible isomers  $(7-10-13, 8-11-14, and 9-12-15;$  [Scheme 1\)](#page-1-0) followed by the calculation of their relative heats of formation in a solvent with dielectric constant 40 representing Method A, the condition in which the more pronounced selectivity originating from ring A was observed (Table 4).

These energy-calculations carried out at the same level of theory (B3LYP-6-31G) applying IPCM as solvation model spectacularly show that — in accord with the product distributions listed in [Table 1](#page-1-0) — formation of the strained condensed thiazoles  $7a-e(n=1)$  can practically be ruled out as the corresponding 1,3,4-thiadiazines 10a–e are much more stable independently on ring A while the relative heats of formation obtained for the homologous isomeric pairs 11a–d/8a–d  $(n=2)$  and 12a–d/9a–d  $(n=3)$  suggest that intramolecular N2-alkylation in the S-bromopropyl- and bromobutyl intermediates ( $5 \rightarrow 8$  and  $6 \rightarrow 9$ ) can successfully compete with the alternative N5- or O-alkylation steps  $(5\rightarrow 11$  and  $6\rightarrow 12$  or  $6\rightarrow 15$ ; [Scheme 1](#page-1-0)). Moreover, the tendency of these data are in good accord with the 'ring

A-dependent' product distributions detected for the reactions with 1,3-dibromopropane which are obviously controlled by the relative stability of the corresponding isomeric pairs 8/11 as 8b,e proved to be of enhanced stability. On the other hand, in spite of the similar relative stability of homologous zwitterions 8b,e and 9b,e, the formation of the latter is less favoured probably due to intramolecular O-alkylation followed by ring contraction  $(6 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 12;$  [Scheme 1\)](#page-1-0) yielding significant amounts of macrocycles 15b,e. In general, the increased amounts of condensed 1,2,4-thiadiazocines 12a–e in the crude reaction mixtures can be ascribed to this pathway which is accessible only for the bromobutylthio intermediates 6a–e. Analogous O-alkylations in  $4a-e$  and  $5a-e$  are sterically disfavoured processes as they would result in strained ring systems 13a–e and 14a–e, respectively [\(Scheme 1](#page-1-0)). This view is firmly supported by the comparison of the relative heats of formation for isomeric pairs  $10a-e/13a-e$  (n=1),  $11a-e/$ 14a–e  $(n=2)$  and 12a–e/15a–e  $(n=3)$  listed in Table 4. The results spectacularly indicate that 15a–e are sterically the least strained ring systems among the S,O-cycloalkylated molecules having some chance to develop probably under kinetic control in both the solvents used.

Finally it is worth noting that pyridine (ring A) when fused with  $[2,3-g]$  mode to the triazolopyridazinone system (intermediates 5e and 6e) retards most markedly ring closure to the amidate moiety  $(N5 \text{ and } O \text{ atoms})$ simultaneously allowing the formation of significant amounts of the corresponding zwitterions (8e, 9e). This tendency cannot be explained alone on the basis of the thermodynamic data obtained for isomeric pairs 11e/8e  $(n=2)$  and 12e/9e  $(n=3)$  but can at least partly be ascribed to the strong electron-withdrawing effect exerted by the adjacent pyridine nitrogen on the amidate part. The same effect of this ring junction is reflected in the above mentioned sluggish O-methylation of S-methyl derivative 17e [\(Scheme 2\)](#page-2-0) and from the comparison of the amide-I IR-frequencies of 10a–e. The highest frequency was measured for 10e and similar tendency is observable for the amide-I bands of 11a–e and 12a–e also showing that the conjugation in the lactam moiety is decreased with the

Table 5. Amide-I IR-frequencies  $(cm^{-1})$  measured in KBr pellet for lactams 10–12

	a	n	c	d	e
10	1657	1659	1669	1668	1685
11	1664	1675	1680	1683	1698
12	1670	1684	1687	1687	1704

increasing size of the condensed ring associated with the increasing pyramidal character of the N5 atom [\(Table 5\)](#page-3-0). Concluding from the theoretical modelling and the IR data it can be established that in the course of cyclization of the assumed bromoethylthio intermediate 4e ([Scheme 1](#page-1-0)) exclusively N5-alkylation can construct a ring system (10e) without any significant internal strain which obviously overcompensates the effect of the decreased nucleophilicity of the amidate moiety.

The structure determination of the products was straightforward by IR,  ${}^{1}H$  and  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectroscopy including 2D-COSY, HSQC and HMBC (data are listed in [Table 5](#page-3-0) and Experimental). Only the following important notes are necessary: (i) no amide-I band is discernible in the IR spectra of zwitterions  $8a-e$ ,  $9a-e$ ,  $19b$ ; (ii) in the 2D-HMBC spectra of zwitterions 8a–e and 9a–e both  $S$ –CH<sub>2</sub> and  $N2$ –CH<sub>2</sub> protons are correlated to the C3 atom, while in the 2D-HMBC spectra of tetracyclic lactames 10a–e–12a–e  $S$ –CH<sub>2</sub> and  $N5$ –CH<sub>2</sub> protons exhibit cross peaks with C3 and C6-atoms, respectively (this numbering of atoms concerns to the system applied to  $1a-e$ ; (iii) macrocycles 15a–e were identified in the crude reaction mixtures on the basis of their 2D-COSY, HSQC and HMBC spectra taken after assignment of the characteristic downfield-shifted  $O-CH_2$  carbon line  $(67.2-67.5$  ppm $).$ 

#### 3. Conclusion

The facile ring closure of condensed [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b] pyridazinone-3(2H)-thione-6(5H)-ones  $1a-e$  effected by  $\alpha$ , $\omega$ -dibromoalkanes results in easily separable lactams  $(10a-e-12a-e)$  and zwitterions  $(8a-e$  and  $9a-e)$ representing a series of novel heterocyclic systems of various ring size and potential biological interest. According to supplementary preparative experiments and quantum mechanical modelling S-bromoalkylation is the primary step in the course of the cyclizations studied. The product distribution can obviously be influenced by the polarity of the solvent used and on the chain-length of the reagent. Ring A also has a significant effect on the direction of the ring closure in the assumed bromopropylthio- and bromobutylthio intermediates 5a–e and 6a–e ([Scheme 1\)](#page-1-0). The nature of this unusual 'remote control' by ring A lies in the theoretically established tendency that zwitterions incorporating pyrido[2,3-d]- or pyrido[3,2-d]pyridazine subunit (8b,e and 9b,e) are of enhanced stability relative to their analogues incorporating phthalazine-, pyrido[3,4-d]- or pyrido $[4,3-d]$ pyridazine subunit  $(8a,c,d)$  and  $9a,c,d$ ). On the other hand, ring closure of bromobutylthio intermediates 6a–e can also take place on the negatively polarized carbonyl oxygen affording metastable macrocycles 15a–e which easily undergo ring contraction to give condensed thiadiazocines 12a–e under the conditions of column chromatography.

## 4. Experimental

Melting points (uncorrected) were determined with a Boetius microstage. The IR spectra were recorded in KBr

pellets with a BRUKER IFS 55 FT-spectrometer. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  solution (except for  $18a-e$  and  $20a-e$  which were measured in  $CDC<sub>13</sub>$  in 5 mm tubes at rt, on a Bruker DRX 500 spectrometer at 500 MHz  $(^1H)$  and 125 MHz  $(^{13}C)$ , with the deuterium signal of the solvent as the lock and TMS as internal reference. DEPT spectra were run in a standard manner, using only the  $\Theta = 135^\circ$  pulse to separate CH/CH<sub>3</sub> and CH2 lines phased 'up' and 'down', respectively. The 2D-HMQC and 2D-HMBC spectra were obtained by using the standard Bruker pulse programs INV4GS and INV4GSLPLRND, respectively. The assignment of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals of ring A given for each of the compounds described below refers to the numbering of atoms applied to 1a–e (see: [Scheme 1\)](#page-1-0).

# 4.1. General procedures for alkylation with  $\alpha, \omega$ -dibromoalkanes

*Method A*. The corresponding thione  $1a-e(2 \text{ mmol})$  and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.498 g, 4 mmol) were dissolved in dry DMF (25 mL) by stirring and gentle heating under argon. The corresponding  $\alpha,\omega$ -dibromoalkane (2 mmol) was added to the clear yellow solution which was then kept at  $100^{\circ}$ C for 2 h. After evaporation of the solvent in vacuo the brown residue (solid or oily) was trituated with water  $(10-15 \text{ mL})$ to obtain the crude solid product (white or pale yellow) of which composition ([Table 1\)](#page-1-0) was analysed by  ${}^{1}$ H NMR. The purification of 10a–e and 16a–e was performed by recrystallization from ethanol. The separation of isomeric pairs of types 8/11 and 9/12 was carried out by column chromatography over silica. Lactams 11a–e and 12a–e were eluted by CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH 5:1. Zwitterions  $8a-e$  and  $9a-e$ were removed from the silica by MeOH. The separated 11a–e and 12a–e were recrystallized from ethanol, 8a–e and 9a–e were further purified by recrystallization from different mixtures  $(\sim 1:3-2:3)$  of DMF–ethanol.

*Method B*. The corresponding thione  $1a-e(2 \text{ mmol})$  was suspended in  $CHCl<sub>3</sub>$  (20 mL) under argon. To this suspension 1 M methanolic solution of  $Bu_4NOH$  (4 mL) was added and stirred for 20 min. After this period 2 mmol of the corresponding  $\alpha,\omega$ -dibromoalkane (2 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 2 h. The work-up of the reaction mixture and the separation and purification of the products were carried out as described in Method A. Yields are listed in [Table 1.](#page-1-0) Separation of the mixtures of lactams 12a–e and their macrocyclic isomers 15a–e was attempted both on silica (Merck grade 9385,  $230-400$  mesh,  $60$  Å) and alumina (neutral, Brockmann I,  $\sim$ 150 mesh, 58 Å) by elution with the following mixtures:  $CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH 5:1$ ;  $CHCl<sub>3</sub>–MeOH 10:1$ ;  $CHCl<sub>3</sub>–EtOAc$ 3:1; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-EtOAc 3:1; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-EtOAc 5:1; n-hexane– EtOAc 2:1, however, after evaporation of the eluent exclusively 12a–e were isolated in pure form. Compounds 15a–e were identified in the primarily isolated mixtures of solid substances by  ${}^{1}H$  and  ${}^{13}C$  NMR spectroscopy. The assignments listed below are based on 2D-COSY, HSQC and HMBC measurements.

Yields (% by Method A/B) for thiazolo[2,3-c][1,2,4]triazoles: 16a 35/54; 16b 46/51; 16c 28/39; 16d 32/38; 16e 37/48. Description of  $16a-e$  is reported in [Ref. 1.](#page-9-0)

4.1.1. 3,4-Dihydro-2H-[1,3]thiazino[2',3':5,1][1,2,4]tri $a$ zolo[3,4-a]phthalazine-5-ium-10b-olate (8a). White powder; mp 294–297°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1582, 1538 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.23 (1H, m, H7), 8.16 (1H, m, H10), 7.84 (2H, m, H8 and H9), 4.49 (2H, t, J=5.5 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.48 (2H, t, J=5.5 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.49 (2H, quin, J=5.5 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_C$  164.7, 141.7, 140.2, 133.1, 132.5, 128.9, 128.2, 123.1, 121.7, 52.9, 30.0, 27.5; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{10}N_4OS$  (258.31) C 55.80, H 3.90, N 21.69, S 12.41; Found C 55.77, H 3.86, N 21.75, S 12.39%.

4.1.2. 3,4,-Dihydro-2H-pyrido[2,3-d][1,3]thiazino-  $[2',3';5,1][1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-5-ium-10bolate (8b). Yellow needless; mp  $311-314$ °C;  $v_{\text{max}}$  1605, 1579, 1543 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.00 (1H, dd, J=4.6, 1.8 Hz, H9), 8.54 (1H, dd, J=7.8, 1.8 Hz, H7), 7.85 (1H, dd, J=7.8, 4.6 Hz, H8), 4.48 (2H, t,  $J=5.5$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.48 (2H, t,  $J=5.5$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.48 (2H, quin, J=5.5 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_C$  164.9, 155.1, 141.1, 140.4, 140.2, 137.0, 128.1, 125.6, 52.9, 30.0, 27.4; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_9N_5OS$  (259.29) C 50.95, H 3.50, N 27.01, S 12.37; Found C 51.01, H 3.57, N 26.99, S 12.40%.

4.1.3. 3,4,-Dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-d][1,3]thiazino-  $[2',3';5,1][1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-5-ium-10bolate (8c). Pale yellow needless; mp 319-323°C;  $v_{\text{max}}$ 1601, 1582, 1548 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.41 (1H, s, H10), 8.93 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H8), 8.15 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H7), 4.48 (2H, t,  $J=5.5$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.48 (2H, t,  $J=5.5$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.47 (2H, quin, J=5.5 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_c$  165.3, 151.9, 146.3, 140.6, 140.0, 130.5, 123.2, 119.1, 52.9, 30.0, 27.5; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_9N_5OS$  (259.29) C 50.95, H 3.50, N 27.01, S 12.37; Found C 50.91, H 3.59, N 26.96, S 12.42%.

4.1.4. 3,4,-Dihydro-2H-pyrido[4,3-d][1,3]thiazino-  $[2',3';5,1][1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-5-ium-10b**olate (8d).** White powder; mp  $323-326^{\circ}C$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1603, 1580,  $1547 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.31 (1H, s, H7), 8.97 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz, H9), 8.10 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz, H10), 4.49 (2H, t, J=5.5 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.48 (2H, t, J=5.5 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.47 (2H, quin, J= 5.5 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_c$  165.0, 154.0, 150.7, 142.1, 140.2, 131.3, 122.1, 116.5, 52.9, 30.0, 27.4; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_9N_5OS$  (259.29) C 50.95, H 3.50, N 27.01, S 12.37; Found C 50.88, H 3.54, N 27.08, S 12.36%.

4.1.5. 3,4,-Dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-d][1,3]thiazino-  $[2',3';5,1][1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-5-ium-10bolate (8e). Grey powder; mp 306–310°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1599, 1577,  $1547 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.09 (1H, dd, J=4.9, 1.5 Hz, H8), 8.58 (1H, dd,  $J=7.8$ , 1.5 Hz, H7), 7.83 (1H, dd,  $J=7.8$ , 4.9 Hz, H9), 4.46 (2H, t,  $J=5.5$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.47 (2H, t,  $J=5.5$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.46 (2H, quin, J=5.5 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_c$  163.7, 155.3, 144.2, 140.7, 140.0, 132.5, 127.5, 121.7, 52.7, 29.8, 27.5; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_9N_5OS$  (259.29) C 50.95, H 3.50, N 27.01, S 12.37; Found C 50.92, H 3.56, N 27.05, S 12.34%.

4.1.6. 2,3,4,5-Tetrahydro[1,3]thiazepino[2',3':5,1]-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-a]phthalazine-6-ium-11b-olate (9a). White powder; mp  $282-285^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1600, 1586, 1541 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  8.25 (1H, m, H7), 8.14 (1H, m, H10), 7.83 (2H, m, H8 and H9), 4.66 (2H, t,  $J=5.1$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.28 (2H, t,  $J=5.1$  Hz,  $SCH<sub>2</sub>$ ), 2.21 (2H, quin,  $J=5.1$  Hz,  $NCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2S$ ), 2.00 (2H, quin, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2-</sub> CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 165.0, 141.6, 141.5, 133.0, 132.4, 128.6,

128.4, 122.9, 122.0, 55.2, 33.0, 31.4, 25.3; Anal. calcd for  $C_{13}H_{12}N_A$ OS (272.33) C 57.34, H 4.44, N 20.57, S 11.77; Found C 57.39, H 4.38, N 20.52, S 11.80%.

4.1.7. 2,3,4,5-Tetrahydropyrido[2,3-d][1,3]thiazepino-  $[2',3';5,1][1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-6-ium-11bolate (9b). Grey powder; mp 300–304°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1602, 1576,  $1548 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.03 (1H, dd, J=4.5, 1.8 Hz, H9), 8.51 (1H, dd,  $J=7.8$ , 1.8 Hz, H7), 7.87 (1H, dd,  $J=7.8$ , 4.5 Hz, H8), 4.66 (2H, t, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.28 (2H, t, J=5.1 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.21 (2H, quin, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 2.00 (2H, quin, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_c$  164.3, 155.6, 141.1, 140.9, 140.0, 137.2, 127.8, 125.4, 55.1, 33.0, 31.3, 25.3; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}N_5OS$  (273.32) C 52.73, H 4.06, N 25.62, S 11.73; Found C 52.82, H 4.00, N 25.67, S 11.71%.

4.1.8. 2,3,4,5-Tetrahydropyrido[3,4-d][1,3]thiazepino-  $[2',3';5,1][1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-6-ium-11bolate (9c). Yellowish powder; mp  $308-312^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1607, 1574, 1547 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.46 (1H, s, H10), 8.91 (1H, d, J= 5.0 Hz, H8), 8.20 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H7), 4.67 (2H, t,  $J=$ 5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.29 (2H, t, J=5.1 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.21 (2H, quin, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.99 (2H, quin, J= 5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_c$  166.3, 152.1, 146.6, 141.2, 140.3, 130.2, 123.0, 118.4, 55.4, 33.1, 31.3, 25.3; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}N_5OS$  (273.32) C 52.73, H 4.06, N 25.62, S 11.73; Found C 52.74, H 4.10, N 25.56, S 11.80%.

4.1.9. 2,3,4,5-Tetrahydropyrido[4,3-d][1,3]thiazepino [2',3':5,1][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-6-ium-11bolate (9d). Yellowish powder; mp 310-314°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1604, 1579, 1550 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.36 (1H, s H7), 8.91 (1H, d, J= 5.0 Hz, H9), 8.20 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H10), 4.66 (2H, t,  $J=$ 5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.28 (2H, t, J=5.1 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.21 (2H, quin, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 2.00 (2H, quin, J= 5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_C$  164.7, 154.7, 151.5, 142.4, 149.6, 130.7, 122.0, 116.8, 55.3, 33.0, 31.6, 25.3; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}N_5OS$  (273.32) C 52.73, H 4.06, N 25.62, S 11.73; Found C 52.80, H 4.12, N 25.69, S 11.82%.

4.1.10. 2,3,4,5-Tetrahydropyrido[3,2-d][1,3]thiazepino-  $[2',3';5,1][1,2,4]$ triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-6-ium-11bolate (9e). Yellowish needless; mp 293–297°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1603, 1572, 1548 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.12 (1H, dd, J=5.0, 1.6 Hz, H8), 8.60  $(1H, dd, J=7.8, 1.6 Hz, H10), 7.80 (1H, dd, J=7.8, 5.0 Hz,$ H9), 4.66 (2H, t, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.28 (2H, t, J=5.1 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.21 (2H, quin, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 2.00 (2H, quin, J=5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_C$  164.1, 155.0, 144.5, 141.1, 140.3, 133.0, 127.1, 121.4, 55.2, 33.0, 31.4, 25.4; Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (273.32) C 52.73, H 4.06, N 25.62, S 11.73; Found C 52.63, H 4.15, N 25.62, S 11.77%.

4.1.11. 4,5-Dihydro[1,3,4]thiadiazino[2,3,4-cd]-[1,2,4] triazolo[3,4-a]phthalazine  $7(6H)$ -one (10a). White powder; mp 163–165°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1657, 1574, 1540 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.27 (1H, d,  $J=7.6$  Hz, H7), 8.25 (1H, d,  $J=7.6$  Hz, H10), 7.95 (1H, t,  $J=7.6$  Hz, H9), 7.80 (1H, t,  $J=7.6$  Hz, H8), 4.53 (2H, t,  $J=5.2$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (2H, t,  $J=5.2$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>);  $\delta_C$  157.3, 142.3, 138.5, 135.3, 131.7, 131.6, 129.1, 124.1, 123.2, 42.8, 23.3; Anal. calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS (244.28) C 54.09, H 3.30,

N 22.94, S 13.13; Found C 54.01, H 3.37, N 23.02, S 13.13%.

4.1.12. 4,5-Dihydropyrido[3,2-g][1,3,4]thiadiazino[2,3,4  $cd$ ]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-7(6H)-one (10b). White powder; mp  $177-180^{\circ}$ C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1659, 1587,  $1532 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.09 (1H, dd, J=4.3, 1.6 Hz, H9), 8.59 (1H, dd, J=7.9, 1.6 Hz, H7), 7.82 (1H, dd, J=7.9, 4.3 Hz, H8), 4.54 (2H, t, J=5.2 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.53 (2H, t, J=5.2 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>);  $\delta_C$ 157.5, 156.0, 143.1, 142.1, 139.2, 137.4, 126.5, 121.4 43.1, 23.2; Anal. calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (245.27) C 48.97, H 2.88, N 28.55, S 13.07; Found C 49.01, H 2.82, N 28.71, S 13.12%.

4.1.13. 4,5-Dihydropyrido[4,3-g][1,3,4]thiadiazino[2,3,4  $cd$ ]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-7(6H)-one (10c). Pale yellowish powder; mp  $172-174$ °C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1669, 1578,  $1538 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.56 (1H, s, H10), 8.99 (1H, d, J=4.9 Hz, H8), 8.11 (1H, d, J=4.9 Hz, H7), 4.53 (2H, t, J=5.2 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (2H, t, J=5.2 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>);  $\delta_C$  157.2, 152.8, 145.4, 140.6, 139.2, 130.1, 122.4, 118.8, 42.9, 23.2; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_7N_5OS$  (245.27) C 48.97, H 2.88, N 28.55, S 13.07; Found C 48.88, H, 2.92, N 28.60, S 13.10%.

4.1.14. 4,5-Dihydropyrido[3,4-g][1,3,4]thiadiazino[2,3,  $4-cd$ ]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-7(6H)-one (10d). White powder; mp 181–184<sup>o</sup>C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1668, 1608 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ 9.36 (1H, s, H7), 9.02 (1H, d, J=5.1 Hz, H9), 8.14 (1H, d,  $J=5.1$  Hz, H10), 4.51 (2H, t,  $J=5.1$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (2H, t,  $J=5.1$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>);  $\delta_C$  156.7, 154.8, 151.1, 141.0, 140.0, 130.3, 118.7, 116.1, 42.8, 23.3; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_7N_5OS$ (245.27) C 48.97, H 2.88, N 28.55, S 13.07; Found C 48.90, H 2.85, N 28.71, S 13.11%.

4.1.15. 4,5-Dihydropyrido[2,3-g][1,3,4]thiadiazino[2,3,  $4-cd$ ]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-7(6H)-one (10e). Pale grey powder; mp  $184-186^{\circ}$ C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1685, 1599,  $1543 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  9.01 (1H, dd, J=4.5, 1.5 Hz, H8), 8.67  $(1H, dd, J=8.0, 1.5 Hz, H10), 7.93 (1H, dd, J=8.0, 4.5 Hz,$ H9), 4.55 (2H, t,  $J=5.1$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.54 (2H, t,  $J=5.1$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>);  $\delta_C$  155.8, 153.0, 141.7, 140.6, 138.8, 131.7, 129.2, 121.6, 43.1, 23.5; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_7N_5OS$  (245.27) C 48.97, H 2.88, N 28.55, S 13.07; Found C 49.05, H 2.81, N 28.62, S 13.08%.

4.1.16. 5,6-Dihydro-4H-[1,3,4]thiadiazepino[2,3,4-cd]-  $[1,2,4]$ triazolo $[3,4-a]$ phthalazine-8(7H)-one (11a). White powder; mp 150–152<sup>o</sup>C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1664, 1589, 1540 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ 8.23 (1H, d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, H7), 8.21 (1H, d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, H10), 7.92 (1H, t, J=7.8 Hz, H9), 7.78 (1H, t, J=7.8 Hz, H8), 4.76  $(2H, t, J=6.0 \text{ Hz}, CH_2), 3.53 (2H, t, J=6.0 \text{ Hz}, SCH_2), 2.26$ (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_c$  159.6, 144.1, 143.7, 135.2, 131.7, 129.2, 125.0, 124.8, 123.2, 47.0, 31.4, 28.7; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{10}N_4OS$  (258.31) C 55.80, H 3.90, N 21.69, S 12.41; Found C 55.82, H 3.84, N 21.59, S 12.36%.

4.1.17. 5,6-Dihydro-4H-pyrido[3,2-g][1,3,4]thiadiazepino[2,3,4-cd]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-8(7H) one (11b). White powder; mp  $155-157^{\circ}C$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1675, 1591,  $1546 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.07 (1H, dd, J=4.2, 1.6 Hz, H9), 8.60 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9$ , 1.6 Hz, H7), 7.80 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9$ , 4.2 Hz, H8), 4.75 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.27 (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_C$  159.5, 156.0,

144.0, 143.3, 140.0, 138.5, 125.7, 121.8, 47.1, 31.5, 28.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_0N_5OS$  (259.29) C 50.95, H 3.50, N 27.01, S 12.37; Found C 50.91, H 3.61, N 26.92, S 12.36%.

4.1.18. 5,6-Dihydro-4H-pyrido[4,3-g][1,3,4]thiadiazepino[2,3,4-cd]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-8(7H) one (11c). Pale yellowish powder; mp  $161-164^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ 1680, 1595, 1550 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.47 (1H, s, H10), 8.95 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H8), 8.04 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H7), 4.73 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.25 (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_C$  158.5, 152.1, 145.6, 144.3, 142.5, 131.0, 121.4, 119.8, 47.3, 31.4, 28.4; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_9N_5OS$  (259.29) C 50.95, H 3.50, N 27.01, S 12.37; Found C 50.90, H 3.57, N 27.10, S 12.47%.

4.1.19. 5,6-Dihydro-4H-pyrido[3,4-g][1,3,4]thiadiazepino[2,3,4-cd]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-8(7H) one (11d). Yellowish powder; mp  $149-151^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1683, 1606, 1542 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.31 (1H, s, H7), 8.99 (1H, d, J= 5.0 Hz, H9), 8.09 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H10), 4.73 (2H, t,  $J=$ 6.0 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.25 (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_C$  159.0, 154.0, 151.0, 145.0, 142.9, 131.2, 119.5, 116.1, 47.2, 31.4, 28.5; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_9N_5OS$  (259.29) C 50.95, H 3.50, N 27.01, S 12.37; Found C 50.93, H 3.60, N 27.04, S 12.35%.

4.1.20. 5,6-Dihydro-4H-pyrido[2,3-g][1,3,4]thiadiazepino[2,3,4-cd]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-8(7H) one (11e). Yellowish powder; mp  $153-156^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1698, 1598, 1537 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.03 (1H, dd, J=4.5, 1.5 Hz, H8), 8.70  $(1H, dd, J=8.0, 1.5 Hz, H10), 7.94 (1H, dd, J=8.0, 4.5 Hz,$ H9), 4.73 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.25 (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, CCH<sub>2</sub>C);  $\delta_c$  157.4, 153.2, 145.8, 142.8, 140.1, 132.2, 129.8, 121.9, 47.2, 31.5, 28.5; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_0N_5OS$  (259.29) C 50.95, H 3.50, N 27.01, S 12.37; Found C 50.88, H 3.55, N 26.96, S 12.33%.

4.1.21. 4,5,6,7-Tetrahydro[1,3,4]thiadiazocino[2,3,4-cd]-  $[1,2,4]$ triazolo $[3,4-a]$ phthalazine-9(8H)-one (12a). White needless; mp 134–137°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1670, 1601, 1546 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ 8.36 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz, H7), 8.26 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz, H10), 7.98 (1H, t, J=7.8 Hz, H9), 7.87 (1H, t, J=7.8 Hz, H8), 5.20 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.18 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.13 (2H, quin,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.81 (2H, quin,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_c$  158.2, 145.0, 140.2, 135.2, 132.1, 128.9, 124.6, 124.5, 123.5, 43.6, 36.3, 29.1, 23.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{13}H_{12}N_4OS$  (272.33) C 57.34, H 4.44, N 20.57, S 11.77; Found C 57.40, H 4.51, N 20.52, S 11.79%.

4.1.22. 4,5,6,7-Tetrahydropyrido[3,2-g][1,2,4]thiadiazocino[2,3,4-cd]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-9(8H) one (12b). Grey powder; mp 139–142°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1684, 1604,  $1547 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  8.91 (1H, dd, J=4.2, 1.6 Hz, H9), 8.64 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9$ , 1.6 Hz, H7), 7.80 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9$ , 4.2 Hz, H8), 5.20 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.19 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.11 (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.82 (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_c$  159.7, 156.1, 144.0, 143.8, 140.0, 137.9, 125.0, 121.2, 43.6, 36.2, 29.0, 23.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}N_5OS$  (273.32) C 52.73, H 4.06, N 25.62, S 11.73; Found C 52.77, H 3.98, N 25.69, S 11.77%.

4.1.23. 4,5,6,7-Tetrahydropyrido[4,3-g][1,2,4]thiadiazocino[2,3,4-cd]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-9(8H)-one (12c). Yellowish powder; mp  $131-132^{\circ}C$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1687, 1597, 1551 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.40 (1H,s, H10), 8.92 (1H, d, J= 5.0 Hz, H8), 8.00 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H7), 5.21 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.19 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.11 (2H, quin,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.82 (2H, quin,  $J=$ 5.9 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_C$  160.2, 151.8, 145.8, 142.5, 140.4, 131,6, 120.4, 112.2, 43.5, 36.2, 29.3, 23.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}N_5OS$  (273.32) C 52.73, H 4.06, N 25.62, S 11.73; Found C 52.80, H 4.10, N 25.56, S 11.70%.

4.1.24. 4,5,6,7-Tetrahydropyrido[3,4-g][1,2,4]thiadiazo- $\text{cino}[2,3,4\text{-}cd]$ -[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-9(8H)one (12d). Yellowish powder; mp  $128-129^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1687, 1599, 1539 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.37 (1H,s, H7), 8.94 (1H, d, J= 5.0 Hz, H8), 8.02 (1H, d,  $J=4.9$  Hz, H10), 5.20 (2H, t,  $J=$ 6.0 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.19 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12 (2H, quin,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.81 (2H, quin,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_C$  159.8, 154.1, 150.6, 144.7, 140.4, 132.1, 119.3, 116.4, 43.6, 36.3, 29.3, 23.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}N_5OS$  (273.32) C 52.73, H 4.06, N 25.62, S 11.73; Found C 52.82, H 4.02, N 25.59, S 11.72%.

4.1.25. 4,5,6,7-Tetrahydropyrido[2,3-g][1,2,4]thiadiazocino[2,3,4-cd]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-9(8H)-one (12e). Yellow needless; mp 137-139°C;  $v_{\text{max}}$  1704, 1601,  $1535 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.00 (1H, dd, J=4.4, 1.5 Hz, H8), 8.65 (1H, dd,  $J=8.0$ , 1.5 Hz, H10), 7.92 (1H, dd,  $J=8.0$ , 4.4 Hz, H9), 5.20 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.18 (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12 (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.81 (2H, quin, J=6.0 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_c$  159.6, 152.9, 145.8, 144.8, 140.1, 132.0, 130.3, 121.4, 43.6, 36.3, 29.2, 23.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}N_5OS$  (273.32) C 52.73, H 4.06, N 25.62, S 11.73; Found C 52.77, H 4.10, N 25.54, S 11.79%.

4.1.26. 1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-1-oxa-6-thia-7,8,13,13atetraazabenzo[f]-[10]annuleno[1,2,3,4-bcd]indene (15a).  $\delta_H$  8.46 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz, H10), 8.23 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz, H7), 8.06 (1H, t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, H9), 7.92 (1H, t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, H8), 4.69, (2H, t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.10 (2H, t  $J=6.9$  Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.18 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.65 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_c$  158.6, 144.7, 144.4, 135.2, 132.1, 128.9, 125.9, 123.5, 119.3, 67.3, 33.1, 29.8, 24.6.

4.1.27. 1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-1-oxa-6-thia-7,8,9,13,13apentaazabenzo[f]-[10]annuleno[1,2,3,4-bcd]indene (15b).  $\delta_H$  9.12 (1H, dd, J=4.4,1.5 Hz, H9), 8.74 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9, 1.5$  Hz, H7), 7.88 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9, 4.4$  Hz, H8), 4.69 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.11 (2H, t J=6.9 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.18 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.64 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_C$  160.0, 156.1, 146.2, 143.1, 140.4, 137.9, 121.6, 121.2, 67.1, 33.1, 30.0, 24.6.

4.1.28. 1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-1-oxa-6-thia-7,8,10,13, 13a-pentaazabenzo[f]-[10]annuleno[1,2,3,4-bcd]indene  $(15c)$ .  $\delta_H$  9.57 (1H,s, H10), 8.99 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz, H8), 8.09  $(1H, d, J=4.9 \text{ Hz}, H7), 4.69 \ (2H, t, J=6.0 \text{ Hz}, OCH_2), 3.10$ (2H, t J=6.9 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.18 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.65 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_C$ 

160.7, 152.0, 145.7, 144.7, 144.2, 126,9 120.4, 112.5, 67.4, 33.0, 29.8, 24.7.

4.1.29. 1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-1-oxa-6-thia-7,8,11,13, 13a-pentaazabenzo[f]-[10]annuleno[1,2,3,4-bcd]indene (15d).  $\delta_H$  9.45 (1H,s, H7), 9.00 (1H, d, J=4.9 Hz, H9), 8.22  $(1H, d, J=4.9 \text{ Hz}, H10), 4.69 \ (2H, t, J=6.0 \text{ Hz}, OCH_2), 3.10$ (2H, t J=6.9 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.18 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.65 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_C$ 160.3, 154.0, 150.6, 144.9, 144.4, 131.3, 116.5, 114.8, 67.4, 33.1, 29.8, 24.6.

4.1.30. 1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-1-oxa-6-thia-7,8,12,13, 13a-pentaazabenzo[f]-[10]annuleno[1,2,3,4-bcd]indene (15e).  $\delta_H$  9.17 (1H, dd, J=4.6, 1.5 Hz, H8), 8.75 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9, 1.5$  Hz, H10),  $7.99$  (1H, dd,  $J=8.0, 4.6$  Hz, H9),  $4.70$ (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.12 (2H, t J=6.9 Hz, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.18 (2H, br,  $\sim$ quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S), 1.67 (2H, br, ~quin, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S);  $\delta_c$  159.9, 153.1, 144.8, 144.2, 135.8, 132.2, 130.7, 120.4, 67.3, 33.2, 29.9, 24.6.

## 4.2. General procedures for alkylation with iodomethane

Method A. The substrate  $(1a-e, 17a-e: 2 mmol)$  and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.149 g: 1.5 mmol) were dissolved in dry DMF (25 mL) by stirring and gentle heating under argon. Iodomethane (0.284 g: 2 mmol) was added to the clear yellow solution of  $1a-e$ ,  $17a-d$  but an increased amount (1.420 g, 10 mmol) of iodomethane was added to the solution of 17e. The resulting mixture was then stirred and kept at  $100^{\circ}$ C for 2 h. From the cooled reaction mixture of 17b zwitterion 19b slowly separated as pale orange crystals which was then collected and washed with cold methanol  $(\sim$ 3–4 mL). After evaporation of the solvent in vacuo the brown residue (solid or oily) was trituated with water  $(5-10 \text{ mL})$  to obtain white solid crystals  $(17a-e)$  or yellow oil (18a–e) which were then purified by recrystallization from ethanol  $(17a-e)$ , or solidified by treatment with methanol–water (18a–e).

Method B. The substrate  $(1a-e, 17a-e: 2mmol)$  was suspended in  $CHCl<sub>3</sub>$  (20 mL) under argon. To this suspension 1 M methanolic solution of  $Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH$  (2 mL) was added and stirred for 20 min. After this period iodomethane  $(0.284 \text{ g}$ : 2 mmol for  $1a-e$ ,  $17a-d$  and 1.420 g: 10 mmol for 17e) was added and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 2 h. The work-up of the reaction mixture and the purification of the products were carried out as described in Method A.

4.2.1. 3-Methylthio-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-a]phthalazine- $6(5H)$ -one (17a). White needless; yield (%, by Method A/B) 72/85; mp 226-230°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3200-2780 br, 1652, 1610, 1597 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  13.35 (1H, br s, NH), 8.50 (1H, d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, H10), 8.27 (1H, d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, H7), 8.10 (1H, t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, H9), 7.96 (1H, t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, H8), 2.84 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$  159.8, 147.0, 144.9, 134.9, 131.7, 126.7, 125.0, 123.0, 119.6, 14.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_8N_4OS$  (232.27) C 51.71, H 3.47, N 24.12, S 13.80; Found C 51.65, H 3.39, N 24.02, S 13.82%.

4.2.2. 3-Methylthiopyrido[2,3-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b] pyridazine-6(5H)-one (17b). Yellowish cubes; yield  $(\%$ ,

by Method A/B) 57/73; mp 238-241°C;  $v_{\text{max}}$  3140-2850 br, 1649, 1605, 1592 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  13.21 (1H, br s, NH), 9.22  $(1H, dd, J=4.1, 1.6 Hz, H9), 8.56 (1H, dd, J=7.9, 1.6 Hz,$ H7), 8.01 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9$ , 4.1 Hz, H8), 2.85 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$  157.7, 155.8, 144.5, 142.7, 138.8, 137.5, 127.52, 125.8, 14.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_9H_7N_5OS$  (233.26) C 46.34, H 3.03, N 30.03, S 13.75; Found C 46.37, H 2.98, N 29.95, S 13.79%.

4.2.3. 3-Methylthiopyrido[3,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b] pyridazine-6(5H)-one (17c). Pale yellow powder; yield (%, by Method A/B) 82/75; mp 245–248°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3210– 2700, 1662, 1611, 1599 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.75 (1H, s, H10), 8.12  $(1H, d, J=5.0 \text{ Hz}, H8)$ , 8.06  $(1H, d, J=5.0 \text{ Hz}, H7)$ , 2.84 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 157.7, 152.0, 145.8, 144.8, 142.2, 133.3, 121.7, 120.1, 14.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_9H_7N_5OS$  (233.26) C 46.34, H 3.03, N 30.03, S 13.75; Found C 46.31, H 3.10, N 29.98, S 13.75%.

4.2.4. 3-Methylthiopyrido[4,3-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b] pyridazine-6(5H)-one (17d). Yellow powder; yield  $(\%$ , by Method A/B) 69/73; mp 240–244°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3200–2760, 1657, 1603, 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  12.88 (1H, br s NH), 9.35 (1H, s, H7), 9.11 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H9), 8.34 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H10), 2.86 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 159.8, 153.6, 149.2, 146.1, 142.5, 131.4, 119.9, 112.5, 14.5; Anal. calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (233.26) C 46.34, H 3.03, N 30.03, S 13.75; Found C 46.41, H 3.07, N 29.95, S 13.69%.

4.2.5. 3-Methylthiopyrido[3,2-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b] pyridazine-6(5H)-one (17e). Yellow powder; yield  $(\%$ , by Method A/B) 59/75; mp 228–233°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3170–2790, 1670, 1602, 1596 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  13.95 (1H, br s, NH), 9.20 (1H, dd,  $J=4.5$ , 1.5 Hz, H8), 8.93 (1H, dd,  $J=8.0$ , 1.5 Hz, H10), 8.08 (1H, dd, J=8.0, 4.5 Hz, H9), 2.85 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$ 157.9, 153.4, 146.5, 142.4, 137.1, 132.4, 130.6, 121.3, 14.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_9H_7N_5OS$  (233.26) C 46.34, H 3.03, N 30.03, S 13.75; Found C 46.38, H 3.00, N 30.11, S 13.70%.

4.2.6. 6-Methoxy-3-methylthio-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-a] phthalazine (18a). White powder; yield (%, by Method A/B) 53/59; mp 111–112°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1622, 1594, 1533 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  8.47 (1H, d, J=7.7 Hz, H10), 8.22 (1H, d, J=7.7 Hz, H7),  $7.82$  (1H, t,  $J=7.7$  Hz, H9),  $7.68$  (1H, t,  $J=7.7$  Hz, H8), 3.87 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.93 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$  160.3, 148.2, 144.6, 134.1, 130.8, 126.2, 124.2, 123.5, 120.3, 55.7, 14.9; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_{10}N_4OS$  (246.30) C 53.64, H 4.09, N 22.75, S 13.02; Found C 53.70, H 4.13, N 22.68, S 12.97%.

4.2.7. 6-Methoxy-3-methylthiopyrido[2,3-d][1,2,4]triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine (18b). White powder; yield  $(\%$ , by Method A/B) 47/64; mp 124-126°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1619, 1602,  $1533 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.34 (1H, dd, J=4.3, 1.6 Hz, H9), 8.60 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9$ , 1.6 Hz, H7), 8.05 (1H, dd,  $J=7.9$ , 4.3 Hz, H8), 3.87 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.93 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$  161.8, 155.1, 144.8, 143.5, 139.4, 137.1, 128.2, 125.0, 55.7, 14.8; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_0N_5OS$  (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.54, H 3.77, N 28.45, S 12.97%.

4.2.8. 6-Methoxy-3-methylthiopyrido[3,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine (18c). Yellowish powder; yield  $(\%$ , by Method A/B) 50/54; mp 120-121°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1620, 1600,  $1536 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.80 (1H, s, H10), 9.14 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz,

H8), 8.15 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz, H7), 3.90 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.92 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$  161.7, 152.9, 145.2, 145.0, 142.7, 133.0, 121.7, 118.1, 55.9, 14.7; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_9N_5OS$ (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.48, H 3.74, N 28.26, S 13.03%.

4.2.9. 6-Methoxy-3-methylthiopyrido[4,3-d][1,2,4]triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine (18d). Yellow powder; yield (%, by Method A/B) 58/70; mp 114-115°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1614, 1603,  $1530 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.18 (1H, s, H7), 9.12 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz, H9), 8.39 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz, H10), 3.90, (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.89  $(3H, s, SCH_3); \delta_C$  160.5, 153.0, 148.1, 147.6, 141.7, 133.0, 117.9, 113.1, 56.1, 14.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_9N_5OS$ (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.56, H 3.75, N 28.36, S 13.00%.

4.2.10. 6-Methoxy-3-methylthiopyrido[3,2-d][1,2,4]triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine (18e). Grey powder; yield (%, by Method A/B) 25/33; mp 125–126°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1628, 1601,  $1534 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_H$  9.10 (1H, dd, J=4.8, 1.6 Hz, H8), 8.88 (1H, dd,  $J=8.0$ , 1.6 Hz, H10), 7.87 (1H, dd,  $J=8.0$ , 4.8 Hz, H9), 3.90, (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.89 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$  162.3, 155.1, 145.6, 142.7, 137.2, 132.0, 128.6, 117.3, 56.2, 14.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_9N_5OS$  (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.49, H 3.65, N 28.25, S 13.10%.

4.2.11. 1-Methyl-3-methylthiopyrido[2,3-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-1-ium-6-olate (19b). Grey powder; yield (%, by Method A/B) 16/-; mp 285-290°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1611, 1592, 1546, 1525 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  9.20 (1H, br d, J=3.9 Hz, H9), 8.71 (1H, br d,  $J=7.7$  Hz, H7), 8.04 (1H, dd,  $J=7.7$ , 3.9 Hz, H8), 4.56 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.81 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$  164.5, 153.8, 147.0, 138.0, 137.5, 136.9, 128.7, 125.4, 40.6, 13.7; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_9N_5OS$  (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.47, H 3.72, N 28.44, S 12.99%.

## 4.3. Silica-catalyzed isomerization of methoxy derivatives 18a–e

The methoxy compound  $(1 \text{ mmol})$  was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (15 mL) then silica (0.3 g, Merck grade 9385, 230–400 mesh,  $60 \text{ Å}$ ) was added to the solution. The mixture was stirred for 1 h under argon. After evaporation of the reaction mixture the product (20a–e) was eluted with EtOAc ( $\sim$ 50– 60 mL) from the silica. The evaporation of solvent gave the product as oily residue which solidified on standing and was washed with *n*-hexane  $(\sim 5$  mL). Yield: 94–98%.

4.3.1. 5-Methyl-3-methylthio-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-a] phthalazine-6(5H)-one (20a). White powder; mp  $142-$ 142°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1652, 1577, 1530 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.35 (1H, d, J= 7.9 Hz, H10), 8.28 (1H, d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, H7), 7.99 (1H, t,  $J=$ 7.9 Hz, H9), 7.66 (1H, t,  $J=7.9$  Hz, H8), 4.14 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.85 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_c$  159.5, 144.9, 144.6, 134.7, 131.3, 129.2, 124.5, 123.7, 123.5, 35.2, 17.2; Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_{10}N_4$ OS (246.30) C 53.64, H 4.09, N 22.75, S 13.02; Found C 53.52, H 4.16, N 22.88, S 12.99%.

4.3.2. 5-Methyl-3-methylthiopyrido[2,3-d][1,2,4]tria $zolo[4,3-b]$  pyridazine-6(5H)-one (20b). White powder; mp 135–136°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1658, 1570, 1535 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  9.16  $(1H, dd, J=4.3, 1.6 Hz, H9), 8.67 (1H, dd, J=7.9, 1.6 Hz,$ H7), 7.69 (1H, dd, J=7.9, 4.3 Hz, H8), 4.14 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>),

<span id="page-9-0"></span>2.85 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 159.5, 155.1, 143.2, 143.0, 139.4, 138.2, 124.9, 121.5, 35.2, 17.3; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_0N_5OS$ (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.66, H 3.79, N 28.41, S 12.88%.

4.3.3. 5-Methyl-3-methylthiopyrido[3,4-d][1,2,4]triazolo $[4,3-b]$ pyridazine-6(5H)-one (20c). White powder; mp 139–140°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1661, 1573, 1545 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  9.60  $(1H, s, H10), 8.84$  (1H, d, J=5.1 Hz, H8), 8.11 (1H, d, J= 5.1 Hz, H7), 4.15 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.85 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_C$ 159.5, 151.5, 145.5, 143.6, 141.8, 131.0, 121.7, 118.9, 35.3, 17.4; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_9N_5OS$  (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.63, H 3.58, N 28.45, S 12.92%.

4.3.4. 5-Methyl-3-methylthiopyrido[4,3-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-6(5H)-one  $(20d)$ . Yellowish cubes; mp 122–124°C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1664, 1580, 1537 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  9.39 (1H, s, H7), 8.89 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H9), 8.23 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, H10), 4.14 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.84 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 158.2, 153.4, 151.2, 144.0, 142.2, 131.5, 119.4, 115.7, 35.3, 17.4; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_9N_5OS$  (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.49, H 3.68, N 28.49, S 13.06%.

4.3.5. 5-Methyl-3-methylthiopyrido[3,2-d][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine-6(5H)-one (20e). White needless; mp 141–142<sup>o</sup>C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1681, 1576, 1547 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  8.91 (1H, dd,  $J=4.5$ , 1.6 Hz, H8), 8.82 (1H, dd,  $J=8.2$ , 1.6 Hz, H10), 8.01 (1H, dd,  $J=8.2$ , 4.5 Hz, H9), 4.14 (3H, s, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.84 (3H, s, SCH<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ <sub>C</sub> 157.4, 153.0, 146.2, 142.3, 139.4, 131.5, 129.9, 121.0, 35.4, 17.6; Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_9N_5OS$ (247.28) C 48.57, H 3.67, N 28.32, S 12.97; Found C 48.44, H 3.76, N 28.39, S 13.02%.

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