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Michael additions of dihydropyrimidines and 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazoles to α,β-ethylenic compounds: using polyethylene glycols as a green reaction media

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Abstract—Polyethylene glycol (PEG) was found to be an inexpensive, non-toxic, and effective medium for the Michael additions of 3,4dihydropyrimidines to α , β -ethylenic compounds to provide *N*3-functionalized dihydropyrimidines in the presence of K₂CO₃ as the catalyst. Under similar reaction conditions, 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles reacted with methyl acrylate to give unexpected products 5*H*,6*H*-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-ones through tandem Michael addition and intramolecular cyclization. © 2007 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

The Michael reaction has been one of the most important reactions in organic chemistry.¹ While most of them are performed in organic solvents, therefore this synthetic methodology does not meet the requirement of green chemistry. To address some of these issues, there are three main methods to eliminate the threat of organic solvents to environment. Firstly, solvent-free processes have been developed,² which to some extent have succeeded in some Michael addition reactions. But in performing the majority of organic transformations, solvents play a critical role in mixing the ingredients to allow molecular interactions to be more efficient. Meanwhile using water as green solvent has also been well documented,³ but the practical utilization is limited due to the hydrophobic nature of organic compounds and the sensitivity of catalysts to moisture. Another alternative has been reported where ionic liquid has been used as reaction media instead of water and organic solvents.⁴ However, ionic liquids require tedious preparation and their environment safety is still debatable.

Recently, polyethylene glycol (PEG) and its monomethyl ethers have emerged as alternative green reaction media with unique properties such as thermal stability, commercial availability, non-volatility, immiscibility with a number of organic solvents, and recyclability. On the other hand, PEGs are inexpensive, completely non-halogenated, easily degradable, and possess low toxicity.⁵ The use of PEGs as a reaction solvent has received considerable attention in synthetic organic chemistry. It has previously been suggested that PEGs could be used as complexing solvents of inorganic salts, in order to enhance the reactivity of the anion with the organic substrate.⁶ In these systems, where the anion could be brought into solution with higher reactivity. Additionally, it may be possible by utilizing the unique physicochemical properties of PEGs to realize reactivity and/or selectivity that cannot be attained in organic solvents.⁷ However, it is surprised that Michael additions in PEGs are relatively scarce.⁸

3,4-Dihydropyrimidines (DHPMs) have received considerable attention in the past decades due to their heterocyclic scaffold⁹ and their interesting pharmacological properties.¹⁰ Among the DHPM derivatives, most of the pharmacologically attractive DHPM derivatives are *N*3 substituted analogues.^{9b,9c} It has already been pointed out that *N*3monoalkylated DHPMs cannot be obtained either by alkylation of unsubstituted derivatives or by classical Biginelli condensation using alkylureas. In both cases, only *N*1alkylated products are formed.¹¹ Previously we reported an alternative synthetic pathway to *N*3-functionalized DHPMs: by treatment of DHPMs with α , β -ethylenic compounds using KF/Al₂O₃ as the catalyst under mild reaction conditions.¹² At that time we noted that these aza-Michael reactions carried out in DMF were not efficient when using K₂CO₃ as the catalyst.

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Herein, we report the aza-Michael additions of DHPMs and 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles to α , β -ethylenic compounds where PEG-400 is used as solvent and applying K₂CO₃ as the catalyst (Schemes 1 and 2). Consequently, cumbersome isolation is avoided, and good yield of desired products are obtained, and mild reaction condition is of significant contribution to synthetic convenience.

2. Results and discussion

In a model reaction, we employed DHPM **1a** and methyl acrylate 2a as reactants with PEG-400 as solvent and found that N3-functionalized 3,4-dihydropyrimidine 3a could be produced in the presence of inorganic bases such as K₂CO₃, Na₂CO₃, KF, NaOH, and KOH. However, the reaction would be failed if Et₃N was applied as catalyst. From Table 1, we can see that the best yield of 3a (80%) was obtained by carrying out the reaction in PEG-400 at room temperature for 18 h using DHPM 1a (1 mmol), methyl acrylate 2a (1 mmol), and K_2CO_3 (0.2 mmol) (entry 1). The reaction could also be conducted at more elevated temperature for 4 h to give **3a** with good yield of 80% (entry 6). It has been reported that water has unusual effects on the rate and outcome of many organic reactions. We then mixed 1a and 2a in the combination solvent system of equal amount of PEG-400 and H₂O, and the Michael reaction occurred to give 3a. However, the higher temperature and prolonged reaction time were required and the yield of 3a was unsatisfied. When using water as reaction medium the Michael adduct could not be detected (entry 12).

After experimentation with a variety of material molars, bases, reaction times, and temperature, we quickly arrived at the optimized reaction conditions: equivalent amounts of **1a** and **2a**, 20 mol % of K_2CO_3 , 2.0 g of PEG-400, and stirring for 18 h at room temperature.

Under the optimal conditions, the Michael additions were extended to a series of substrates **1a–g** and **2b–c** with various substituents. The results are presented in Table 2. Generally, the reactions between DHPMs **1a–g** and **2b–d** proceeded efficiently and furnished excellent isolated yields of desired products (entries 1–22). After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with H₂O and filtered to give the adduct

product. And PEG was recyclized from the solution by extraction with CH_2Cl_2 and could be reused without obvious losses of its high activity and regioselectivity. For the reaction of **1a** with **2a**, over 70% yield for **3a** was obtained after recycling three times (78%, 74%, and 71%).

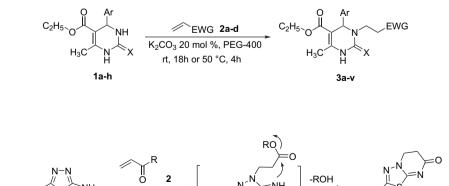
PEGs can be regarded as open-chain crown ethers as they are able to form complexes with alkaline and alkaline-earth cations in protic and aprotic solvents.¹³ We postulated that in the PEG/K₂CO₃ system, where the CO_3^{2-} anion could be brought into solution through coordination of the cationic center of K₂CO₃ with the oxygen atom of the PEG. Thus the reactivity of CO_3^{2-} anion with dihydropyrimidines was elevated through enhancing the nucleophilicity of nitrogen for addition to electron-deficient alkenes.

We next planned to establish the generality of the reaction media of PEG/K₂CO₃ for reactions of 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles with α , β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds (Scheme 2). The mixture of 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole 4a and methyl acrylate 2a was warmed in PEG/K₂CO₃ system at 50 °C for 12 h, resulting in an unexpected compound. Extensive analysis of this compound was performed to elucidate the structure. To our surprise, mass spectrometry indicated that this compound resulted from the elimination of one equivalent of methanol between 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole 4a and methyl acrylate 2a. Elemental analysis confirmed this finding. The IR (KBr) spectrum of this compound exhibited a strong absorption at 1690 cm^{-1} , which indicated that the carbonyl group (C=O) was conjugate with the π -conjugate of C=N or nitrogen atom, respectively. And the disappearance of the absorption of NH2 confirmed the previous findings. The ¹H NMR spectrum was clean and exhibited two triplicate signals derived from methylene groups. These facts along with the ¹³C NMR spectrum led us to hypothesize that 4a reacted with 2a to afford 5H,6H-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-one **6a** through tandem Michael addition and intramolecular cyclization by losing methanol.

In order to verify the hypothesis, ethyl acrylate **2b** was employed as substrate under above mentioned conditions, the same product **6a** was obtained. These results promoted us to utilize other 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles **4b–e** as substrates and all the reactions were smoothly

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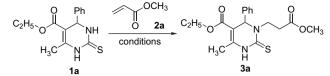
6a-e



Scheme 1.

Scheme 2. $Ar=C_6H_5$, 4a, 6a; $Ar=2-CH_3C_6H_4$, 4b, 6b; $Ar=3-CH_3C_6H_4$, 4c, 6c; $Ar=4-CH_3C_6H_4$, 4d, 6d; $Ar=4-CH_3OC_6H_4$, 4e, 6e. $R=CH_3$ 2a or C_2H_5 2b.

Table 1. Optimization of Michael reaction conditions^a



Entry	Base (mol)	Solvent ^b	$T(^{\circ}\mathrm{C})$	Time ^c (h)	Yield ^d (%)
1	20% K ₂ CO ₃	PEG-400	rt	18	80
2	20% Na ₂ CO ₃	PEG-400	rt	18	68
3	20% KF	PEG-400	rt	18	58
4	20% NaOH	PEG-400	rt	18	68
5	20% KOH	PEG-400	rt	18	62
6	20% K ₂ CO ₃	PEG-400	50	4	80
7	30% K ₂ CO ₃	PEG-400	rt	18	80
8	20% Et ₃ N	PEG-400	50	18	0
9	None	PEG-400	50	18	0
10	20% K ₂ CO ₃	1:1 PEG/H ₂ O	50	18	40
11	20% K ₂ CO ₃	2:1 PEG/H ₂ O	50	12	50
12	20% K ₂ CO ₃	H ₂ O	rt	72	0

^a Equivalent amounts of starting material 1a (1 mmol), methyl acrylate 2a (1 mmol), K₂CO₃, and PEG-400 were used for the reaction.

^b Amount of solvents (in 2.0 g) used for the reaction.

^c Time required for complete disappearance of starting compounds by TLC.

^d Isolated yield of purified Michael product after recrystallization.

completed affording the corresponding products **6b–e** (Scheme 2). It should be emphasized that it is the first example of one-pot procedure for 5H,6H-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo-[3,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-one through the addition/elimination reaction of 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles and α , β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds.

Some previous searches on the reactions of 2-amino-5-substituted-1,3,4-thiadiazoles with α -halo carbonyl compounds have revealed that the amino group (NH₂) of 2-amino-5-substituted-1,3,4-thiadiazoles showed poor

Table 2. Aza-Michael reactions of DHPMs 1 with α,β -ethylenic compounds 2 in PEG

Entry ^a	Ar	1	Х	EWG	2	Product	Yield ^b (%)
1	C ₆ H ₅	1a	S	COOMe	2a	3a	80
2	$4-CH_3OC_6H_4$	1b	S	COOMe	2a	3b	70
3	$4-ClC_6H_4$	1c	S	COOMe	2a	3c	83
4	C ₆ H ₅	1a	S	COOC ₂ H ₅	2b	3d	86
5	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	1b	S	COOC ₂ H ₅	2b	3e	70
6	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	1c	S	COOC ₂ H ₅	2b	3f	86
7	C ₆ H ₅	1a	S	CN	2c	3g	80
8	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	1b	S	CN	2c	3h	79
9	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	1c	S	CN	2c	3i	80
10	C ₆ H ₅	1d	0	COOMe	2a	3j	82
11	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	1e	0	COOMe	2a	3k	74
12	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	1f	0	COOMe	2a	31	87
13	C ₆ H ₅	1d	0	COOC ₂ H ₅	2b	3m	82
14	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	1e	0	COOC ₂ H ₅	2b	3n	83
15	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	1f	0	COOC ₂ H ₅	2b	30	79
16	C ₆ H ₅	1d	0	CN	2c	3р	78
17	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	1e	0	CN	2c	3q	71
18	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	1f	0	CN	2c	3r	80
19	C ₆ H ₅	1a	S	CONH ₂	2d	3s	90
20	2-ClC ₆ H ₄	1g	S	$CONH_2$	2d	3t	86
21	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	1c	S	$CONH_2$	2d	3u	92
22	2-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	1h	S	$CONH_2$	2d	3v	80

^a Equivalent amounts of starting material **1a** (1 mmol), methyl acrylate **2a** (1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), and PEG-400 (2.0 g) were used for the reaction.

reactivity to electrophilic compounds.^{14,15} Comparatively, the nitrogen atom on thiadiazole cycle has a good reactivity to electrophilic agent. So the probable mechanism for the reactions of 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles with alkyl acrylate may be described as Scheme 2. Herein, the *N*3 of thiadiazole **4** attacked β -carbon of alkyl acrylate to give the intermediate **5**. Then a nucleophilic addition and elimination reactions occurred to give the product **6** (Scheme 2).

In summary, we have developed a novel and efficient protocol for the N3-functionalized DHPMs by Michael additions using K_2CO_3 as the catalyst in PEG under mild reaction conditions with excellent yields. Under similar reaction conditions, treatment of 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4thiadiazoles with methyl/ethyl acrylate led to a tandem Michael addition and elimination reaction, to provide 5H,6H-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-ones. The advantages of this protocol are the simplicity of operation, the high regioselectivity of products, the utilization of inexpensive and mild basic catalyst, and without using volatile organic solvents as reaction media.

3. Experimental

3.1. General experimental procedures

All reagents were obtained commercially and used without further purification. Melting points were determined on an XT-4 electrothermal micromelting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded using KBr pellets on a Digilab Merlin FT-IR spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded at 400 (¹H) and 100 (¹³C) MHz, respectively, on a Varian Mercury plus-400 instrument using CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6 as solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Elemental analyses were performed on a Carlo-Erba 1106 Elemental Analysis instrument. Mass spectra were recorded on a TRACE DSQ instrument. Compounds **1a–h**¹⁶ and **4a–e**¹⁷ were prepared by following the reported methods.

3.2. Synthesis of compounds 3a-v: general procedure

To a suspension of 3,4-dihydropyrimidine **1** (1.00 mmol) and α , β -ethylenic compound **2** (1.00 mmol) in PEG-400 (2.0 g), K₂CO₃ (20 mol %, 0.26 g) was added in one portion. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h and poured onto ice-water. The resulting product was purified by recrystallization from ethanol and water (EtOH/H₂O=4:1).

3.2.1. 3-(2-Methoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3a). Mp 175–176 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (br s, 1H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 5H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.32–4.25 (m, 1H), 4.19–4.08 (m, 2H), 3.76–3.69 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.96–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.59–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.25–1.21 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 171.8, 165.2, 142.4, 141.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.9, 102.8, 62.1, 60.4, 50.8, 48.4, 31.7, 18.0, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3298, 3076, 2992, 2938, 1722, 1704, 1644, 1245, 1221, 1194, 1101. MS: *m*/*z*=362 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂N₂O₄S: C, 59.65; H, 6.12; N, 7.73. Found: C, 59.38; H, 6.19; N, 7.96.

^b Isolated yield of purified Michael product after recrystallization from 80% ethanol.

3.2.2. 3-(2-Methoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(**4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3b).** Mp 170–171 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (br s, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 4.35–4.24 (m, 1H), 4.07–4.02 (m, 2H), 3.78–3.70 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.94–2.86 (m, 1H), 2.61–2.54 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.22–1.19 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 171.8, 165.7, 153.6, 146.3, 136.1, 127.8, 113.9, 101.5, 62.1, 59.9, 55.2, 55.3, 48.4, 31.8, 16.6, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3278, 3098, 2992, 2938, 1723, 1707, 1644, 1245, 1221, 1194, 1101. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₅S: C, 58.15; H, 6.16; N, 7.14. Found: C, 58.41; H, 6.31; N, 7.01.

3.2.3. 3-(2-Methoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3c). Mp 126–127 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (br s, 1H), 7.29–7.22 (m, 4H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.32–4.25 (m, 1H), 4.18–4.10 (m, 2H), 3.67– 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.97–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.62–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.26–1.23 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 171.8, 165.2, 142.4, 141.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.9, 102.8, 62.1, 60.4, 50.8, 48.4, 31.8, 18.1, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3304, 3064, 2986, 2950, 1725, 1707, 1650, 1260, 1215, 1194, 1098. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁ClN₂O₄S: C, 54.47; H, 5.33; N, 7.06. Found: C, 54.79; H, 5.49; N, 7.30.

3.2.4. 3-(2-Ethoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3d). Mp 150–151 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (br s, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 5H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.33–4.26 (m, 1H), 4.17–4.05 (m, 4H), 3.70–3.63 (m, 1H), 2.94–2.86 (m, 1H), 2.59–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.25–1.19 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 171.2, 165.2, 142.3, 141.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.9, 102.9, 62.0, 60.8, 60.4, 53.4, 48.4, 32.0, 18.2, 14.2, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3298, 3082, 2992, 2938, 1704, 1644, 1245, 1215, 1197, 1098. MS: *m*/*z*=376 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₄S: C, 60.62; H, 6.43; N, 7.44. Found: C, 60.80; H, 6.30; N, 7.60.

3.2.5. 3-(**2**-Ethoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(4-methoxylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3e). Mp 114–115 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (br s, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.36–4.25 (m, 1H), 4.11–4.06 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75–3.68 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.19 (m, 1H), 2.60–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.23– 1.18 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 171.4, 165.4, 153.6, 145.4, 136.1, 127.8, 113.8, 102.4, 62.1, 59.9, 55.4, 55.3, 48.4, 32.1, 18.2, 14.2, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3302, 3098, 2992, 2938, 1700, 1648, 1240, 1218, 1200, 1098. Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₅S: C, 59.09; H, 6.45; N, 6.89. Found: C, 59.33; H, 6.59; N, 6.74.

3.2.6. 3-(2-Ethoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(**4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3f).** Mp 160–161 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (br s, 1H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 4H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.32–4.26 (m, 1H), 4.18–4.10 (m, 4H), 3.67– 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.97–2.85 (m, 1H), 2.59–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.27–1.24 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 171.4, 165.2, 142.3, 141.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.9, 102.9, 62.0, 60.3, 53.4, 48.4, 32.0, 18.2, 14.2, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3305, 3091, 2962, 2948, 1733, 1715, 1682, 1265, 1246, 1215, 1096. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₃ClN₂O₄S: C, 55.54; H, 5.64; N, 6.82. Found: C, 55.27; H, 5.50; N, 6.95.

3.2.7. 3-(2-Cyanoethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3g). Mp 154–155 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (br s, 1H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 5H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.31–4.24 (m, 1H), 4.17–4.07 (m, 2H), 3.71–3.64 (m, 1H), 3.11–3.01 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.25–1.16 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 164.8, 142.3, 140.6, 129.1, 128.8, 127.0, 117.42, 103.2, 62.8, 60.6, 48.3, 17.9, 15.6, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3208, 3058, 2992, 2944, 2260, 1701, 1653, 1266, 1239, 1200. MS: *m/z*=329 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉N₃O₂S: C, 61.98; H, 5.81; N, 12.76. Found: C, 62.15; H, 5.85; N, 12.68.

3.2.8. 3-(2-Cyanoethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(4-methoxylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3h). Mp 86–87 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (br s, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.30–4.25 (m, 1H), 4.17–4.08 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.73–3.65 (m, 1H), 3.11–3.02 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.33 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.23–1.18 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 164.8, 153.6, 142.3, 140.6, 127.2, 117.3, 103.5, 62.8, 60.6, 55.4, 48.2, 17.9, 15.6, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3222, 3090, 2962, 2938, 2264, 1705, 1655, 1265, 1246, 1213. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₃O₃S: C, 60.15; H, 5.89; N, 11.69. Found: C, 60.28; H, 5.86; N, 11.65.

3.2.9. 3-(2-Cyanoethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3i). Mp 121–122 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (br s, 1H), 7.28–7.21 (m, 4H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.32–4.23 (m, 1H), 4.18–4.10 (m, 2H), 3.73–3.62 (m, 1H), 3.11–3.01 (m, 1H), 2.39–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.23–1.19 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 164.8, 142.3, 140.6, 139.5, 129.1, 128.4, 116.8, 102.8, 62.7, 60.6, 48.3, 17.8, 15.6, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3302, 3093, 2965, 2946, 2259, 1708, 1655, 1265, 1245, 1208. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈ClN₃O₂S: C, 56.12; H, 4.99; N, 11.55. Found: C, 56.37; H, 5.06; N, 11.71.

3.2.10. 3-(**2**-Methoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (**3**j). Mp 120–121 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (br s, 1H), 7.34–7.22 (m, 5H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.12–4.03 (m, 2H), 3.77–3.70 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.30– 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.71–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.22–1.12 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 165.5, 153.1, 146.3, 142.1, 128.6, 128.0, 127.2, 101.6, 61.3, 59.9, 51.7, 42.1, 32.6, 18.5, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3208, 3088, 2956, 1737, 1713, 1683, 1263, 1242, 1086. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂N₂O₅: C, 62.42; H, 6.40; N, 8.09. Found: C, 62.70; H, 6.32; N, 7.96.

3.2.11. 3-(2-Methoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(**4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3k).** Mp 103–104 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (br s, 1H), 6.91–6.50 (m, 4H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.15–4.04 (m, 2H), 3.79–3.71 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.31–3.22 (m, 1H), 2.77–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.35 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.25–1.13 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 165.6, 153.6, 153.2, 146.4, 142.2, 136.6, 127.8, 113.9, 101.5, 61.3, 59.9, 51.7, 42.0, 32.6, 18.5, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3258, 3092, 2956, 1747, 1708, 1683, 1260, 1243, 1086. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₆: C, 60.63; H, 6.43; N, 7.44. Found: C, 60.46; H, 6.52; N, 7.31.

3.2.12. 3-(**2**-Methoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(**4**-chloroxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5carboxylic acid ethyl ester (**3**). Mp 132–133 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (br s, 1H), 7.30–7.21 (m, 4H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.17–4.06 (m, 2H), 3.59–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.31–3.22 (m, 1H), 2.73–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.50–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.23–1.12 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 165.6, 153.2, 146.4, 144.1, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 101.8, 61.3, 59.9, 51.6, 42.1, 32.6, 18.4, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3266, 3059, 2956, 1743, 1710, 1680, 1260, 1245, 1086. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁ClN₂O₅: C, 56.77; H, 5.56; N, 7.36. Found: C, 56.52; H, 5.68; N, 7.50.

3.2.13. 3-(2-Ethoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3m). Mp 102–103 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (br s, 1H), 7.35–7.23 (m, 5H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.12–4.03 (m, 4H), 3.78–3.71 (m, 1H), 3.28–3.20 (m, 1H), 2.70–2.62 (m, 1H), 2.42–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.23–1.18 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 165.5, 153.0, 146.2, 142.1, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 101.6, 61.2, 60.6, 59.9, 53.4, 42.0, 32.93, 18.5, 14.2, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3255, 3096, 2956, 1742, 1705, 1683, 1260, 1242, 1089. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₅: C, 63.32; H, 6.71; N, 7.77. Found: C, 63.66; H, 6.45; N, 7.52.

3.2.14. 3-(**2**-Ethoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(4methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3n). Mp 90–91 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (br s, 1H), 7.01–6.84 (m, 4H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.11–4.01 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.77–3.70 (m, 1H), 3.29–3.20 (m, 1H), 2.71–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.31 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.25–1.19 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 165.6, 153.6, 153.0, 146.2, 142.2, 136.1, 127.8, 113.9, 102.0, 61.3, 60.6, 59.9, 55.3, 51.6, 42.1, 32.6, 18.5, 18.4, 14.2, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3268, 3104, 2956, 1746, 1707, 1683, 1260, 1246, 1090. Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₆: C, 61.53; H, 6.71; N, 7.18. Found: C, 61.81; H, 6.57; N, 7.03.

3.2.15. 3-(**2**-Ethoxycarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(4chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (30). Mp 119–120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (br s, 1H), 7.33–7.22 (m, 4H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.19–4.05 (m, 4H), 3.75–3.69 (m, 1H), 3.30– 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.73–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.33 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.22–1.16 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 165.6, 153.0, 146.3, 142.1, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 102.0, 61.3, 60.0, 53.5, 42.1, 32.9, 18.6, 14.3, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3275, 3096, 2936, 1722, 1711, 1683, 1260, 1240, 1081. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₃ClN₂O₅: C, 57.80; H, 5.87; N, 7.09. Found: C, 58.25; H, 5.63; N, 6.85. **3.2.16. 3-(2-Cyanoethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3p).** Mp 146–147 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.84 (br s, 1H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 5H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.12–4.03 (m, 2H), 3.73–3.66 (m, 1H), 3.35–3.27 (m, 1H), 2.71–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.75–1.69 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 153.1, 146.0, 141.6, 128.8, 128.4, 127.1, 117.6, 101.7, 61.9, 60.1, 42.3, 18.4, 16.4, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3202, 3094, 2956, 2266, 1668, 1641, 1272, 1248, 1119. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉N₃O₃: C, 65.16; H, 6.11; N, 13.41. Found: C, 65.35; H, 5.97; N, 13.55.

3.2.17. 3-(**2**-Cyanoethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3q). Mp 65–66 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.92 (br s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.15–4.06 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.72–3.64 (m, 1H), 3.34–3.25 (m, 1H), 2.70–2.62 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.75–1.69 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 153.6, 153.0, 146.1, 141.6, 128.5, 127.2, 117.6, 102.0, 62.0, 60.5, 55.4, 42.4, 18.5, 16.4, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3213, 3099, 2954, 2265, 1668, 1641, 1272, 1241, 1098. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₃O₄: C, 62.96; H, 6.16; N, 12.24. Found: C, 63.02; H, 6.13; N, 12.19.

3.2.18. 3-(2-Cyanoethyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3r). Mp 77–78 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (br s, 1H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 4H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.10–4.05 (m, 2H), 3.75–3.69 (m, 1H), 3.39–3.28 (m, 1H), 2.70–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.35 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.81–1.72 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 153.1, 146.0, 139.6, 134.3, 129.1, 128.4, 117.6, 101.8, 62.0, 60.2, 42.4, 18.4, 16.4, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3209, 3090, 2956, 2267, 1668, 1641, 1272, 1248, 1124. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈ClN₃O₃: C, 58.71; H, 5.22; N, 12.08. Found: C, 59.02; H, 5.03; N, 12.25.

3.2.19. 3-(2-Aminocarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3s). Mp 192–193 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 5H), 5.78 (br s, 1H), 5.70 (br s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.26–4.19 (m, 1H), 4.18–4.08 (m, 2H), 3.84–3.77 (m, 1H), 2.86–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.42 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.22 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 172.7, 165.1, 142.2, 141.1, 128.8, 128.4, 127.1, 103.0, 62.2, 60.4, 49.1, 33.5, 18.1, 14.1. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3376, 3178, 3070, 2986, 1695, 1668, 1554, 1233. MS: *m*/*z*=347 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁N₃O₃S: C, 58.77; H, 6.09; N, 12.09. Found: C, 58.52; H, 6.23; N, 12.27.

3.2.20. 3-(2-Aminocarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3t). Mp 149–150 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (br s, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 4H), 5.79 (br s, 1H), 5.70 (br s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.28–4.21 (m, 1H), 4.19–4.08 (m, 2H), 3.91–3.80 (m, 1H), 2.86–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.51–2.43 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.21 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 172.6, 164.6, 150.6, 143.4, 142.2, 136.5, 136.1, 130.6, 128.8, 104.3, 61.9, 60.8, 48.6, 35.2, 18.1, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3376, 3196, 3070, 2980, 1713, 1653, 1545, 1242. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀ClN₃O₃S: C, 53.47; H, 5.28; N, 11.00. Found: C, 53.58; H, 5.38; N, 11.25.

3.2.21. 3-(**2**-Aminocarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(**4**-chlorophenyl)-**1**,**2**,**3**,**4**-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3u). Mp 195–196 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (br s, 1H), 7.33–7.23 (m, 4H), 5.77 (br s, 1H), 5.71 (br s, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.25–4.20 (m, 1H), 4.18–4.06 (m, 2H), 3.62–3.54 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.65 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.20 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 171.8, 165.2, 142.4, 141.0, 136.5, 128.8, 128.4, 102.9, 62.1, 60.4, 50.7, 32.4, 18.1, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3400, 3208, 3064, 2998, 1675, 1668, 1548, 1239. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀ClN₃O₃S: C, 53.47; H, 5.28; N, 11.00. Found: C, 53.70; H, 5.61; N, 10.79.

3.2.22. 3-(**2**-Aminocarbonyl-ethyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-4-(**2**-methoxyphenyl)-1,**2**,**3**,**4**-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (3v). Mp 132–133 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (br s, 1H), 7.37–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.03–7.00 (m, 1H), 6.90–6.87 (m, 2H), 5.78 (br s, 1H), 5.71 (br s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.24–4.18 (m, 1H), 4.08–4.03 (m, 2H), 3.78–3.73 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.86–2.80 (m, 1H), 2.52–2.43 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.23 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 172.3, 166.1, 158.4, 150.2, 142.3, 128.8, 127.4, 111.8, 102.6, 62.3, 60.3, 56.8, 49.5, 33.3, 18.1, 14.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 3436, 3394, 3166, 3064, 2998, 1707, 1659, 1548, 1242. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₃N₃O₄S: C, 57.28; H, 6.14; N, 11.13. Found: C, 57.52; H, 6.26; N, 11.34.

3.3. Synthesis of compounds 6a-e: general procedure

To a suspension of methyl acrylate **2** (1.2 mmol, 0.10 g) and 2-amino-5-aryloxymethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole **5** (1.0 mmol) in PEG-400 (2.0 g), K_2CO_3 (0.2 mmol, 0.26 g) was added in one portion. After the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 h, the mixture was poured onto ice and neutralized by 2 N HCl. The precipitate formed was isolated by filtration. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc).

3.3.1. 5*H*,6*H*-2-Phenyloxymethylene-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-one 6a. Yield 65%, mp 180 °C (dec). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.00 (m, 3H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 3.77 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 160.6, 159.3, 157.5, 129.8, 121.7, 115.1, 64.1, 48.7, 32.8. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 2920, 2870, 1689, 1570, 1250, 1122. MS: *m*/*z*=261 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₃O₂S: C, 55.16; H, 4.24; N, 16.08. Found: C, 55.02; H, 4.19; N, 16.15.

3.3.2. 5*H*,6*H*-2-(2-Methylphenyloxymethylene)-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-one 6b. Yield 68%, mp 156 °C (dec). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 3.76 (t, *J*=6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 160.8, 155.5, 130.8, 127.1, 126.1, 121.4, 112.1, 69.8, 48.7, 33.0, 16.0. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 2909, 2873, 1690, 1569, 1251, 1118. MS: 275 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}N_3O_2S$: C, 56.71; H, 4.76; N, 15.26. Found: C, 56.87; H, 4.73; N, 15.21.

3.3.3. 5*H*,6*H*-2-(3-Methylphenyloxymethylene)-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-one 6c. Yield 65%, mp 185 °C (dec). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.87–6.83 (m, 3H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J*=6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 162.3, 157.2, 132.4, 129.2, 126.1, 122.8, 112.0, 65.9, 48.6, 32.2, 16.0. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 2914, 2884, 1695, 1614, 1260, 1158. MS: *m*/*z*=275 (M⁺). C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₂S: C, 56.71; H, 4.76; N, 15.26. Found: C, 56.62; H, 4.73; N, 15.20.

3.3.4. 5*H*,6*H*-2-(4-Methylphenyloxymethylene)-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-one 6d. Yield 70%, mp 166 °C (dec). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.90 (m, 3H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 3.76 (t, *J*=6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 160.6, 155.0, 130.4, 114.9, 64.2, 48.7, 32.9, 20.2. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 2922, 2872, 1691, 1595, 1247, 1174. MS: *m*/*z*=275 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₂S: C, 56.71; H, 4.76; N, 15.26. Found: C, 56.59; H, 4.74; N, 15.33.

3.3.5. 5*H*,6*H*-2-(4-Methoxylphenyloxymethylene)-[1,3,4]thiadiazolo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-7-one 6e. Yield 70%, mp 175 °C (dec). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, *J*=8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.0 (d, *J*=8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (t, *J*=6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 160.6, 158.3, 158.0, 115.4, 64.0, 55.35, 48.7, 32.8. FT-IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹) 2914, 1695, 1629, 1569, 1239, 1170. MS: *m*/*z*=291 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₃S: C, 53.60; H, 4.50; N, 14.42. Found: C, 53.72; H, 4.57; N, 14.34.

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