



Synthesis and pesticidal activities of some bis – [2-(substituted phenyl)-thiazolidin-4- one-3-yl] thioureas/ bis-[(2-methyl-2-2 substituted phenyl) thiazolidin -4- one -3- yl]thioureas

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ABSTRACT

Several bis- [2- (substituted phenyl) –thiazolidin -4- one -3-yl] thioureas/ bis – [(2-methyl -2- substituted phenyl) thiazolidin - 4- one -3-yl] thioureas have been synthesized by refluxing a mixture of dihydrazinium thiocarbazine and substituted araldehyde in methanol with two drops of gl. AcOH for 2-3 hours forms bis – (substituted araldehyde hydrazono) – thiocarbazine on condensation with thioglycollic acid in benzene/ by refluxing a mixture of dihydrazinium thiocarbazine with substituted acetophenone in methanol for 2-3 hours. The synthon thus obtained was further treated with thioglycollic acid in benzene to get the titled compounds.

Keywords: Substituted phenyl, 4-thiazolidinone, thiourea, pesticidal activity.

INTRODUCTION

Derivatives of 4- thiazolidinone have been demonstrated to possess antibacterial[1], antifungal[2], anticonvulsant[3], anti cancer[4], anti tuberculosis[5] and antihuman immune deficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1)[6] and other activities[7,8]. The literature survey revealed that many different protocols have been developed in a way that allows the synthesis of 4-thiazolidinone skeletons[9]. In continuation of our work on the synthesis and biological activity of heterocycles including 4-thiazolidinones[10-12], we report herein a simple and one pot route to the synthesis of hitherto unknown bis-[2-(substituted phenyl)-thiazolidine- 4- one- 3-yl] thioureas / bis –[(2-methy -2- substituted phenyl) thiazolidin -4- one -3-yl] thioureas derivatives in order to evaluate their pesticidal activity.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Herbicidal Activity: All the compounds were subjected to primary post and pre-emergent herbicidal[13] evaluation at a rate of 8.0, 4.0, 1.0 and 0.5 kg ha⁻¹. The test species are *Echinochloa oryzicola*, *Echinochloa crusgalli*, *oryza sativa* and *glycine max*, using the following scores: 5, (100%); 4, (44-75%); 3, (74-35%); 2, (34-5%) and 1, (4-0%). The most active compound was found to be 3a, 3c, 3d, 3f, 5a and 5c.

Fungicidal Activity: The title compounds 3a-g and 5a-e were screened for their antifungal activity against *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Pseudoperonospora cubensis*, *Sphaerotheca fuliginea* and *Phytophthora infestans* in DMSO by disc diffusion and broth dilution methods[14]. The results were compared with that of commercial fungicide.

Experimental: All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded in KBr on a Perkin – Elmer – 881 spectrophotometer and ^1H NMR spectra on a Perkin-Elmer R-32 spectrometer at 60MHz.

Dihydrazinium thiocarbazine: It was prepared by the known method[15]. A mixture of carbon disulphide and hydrazine hydrate in cold methanol was dissolved in 150ml of an aq. solution having sufficient hydrazine hydrate. (100CC water, 50CC hydrazine hydrate). The reaction mixture was refluxed on steam bath for 1 hour. The precipitated mass was collected, washed with 95% ethanol and recrystallized from water having 1 drop of methanol. m.p. 169°C, Literature [15] reports m.p. 171°C.

Sym-(substituted benzylidenimino) thioureas (2a.) Ar = 2,4- Cl₂C₆H₃: A mixture of dihydrazinium thiocarbazine (1.06 g, 0.01 M) and 2,4- dichlorobenzaldehyde (3.76 g, 0.02 M) was dissolved in methanol (30 ml) with two drops of gl. AcOH. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h and then poured over crushed ice. The solid mass thus obtained was filtered, washed with excess water and then recrystallized from aq. ethanol m.p. 216°C yield 88% IR (KBr): 3200 (-NH), 1600 (>C = N), 1370-CH₃ sym-bending, 1510 aromatic ring and 1170cm⁻¹ (>C=S) stretching; ^1H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 3.9(s, 6H, OCH₃); 4.8 (s, 2H, -N=CH); 7.2 (d, 8H, aromatic); 7.9 (d, 2H, NH).

Bis- [2- (Substituted phenyl) – thiazolidin -4- one -3- yl] thioureas. (3a) Ar= 2, 4- Cl₂ C₆H₃: This compound was prepared by condensing sym- (2, 4-dichloro benzylidenimino) – thioureas (4.2g) and thioglycollic acid (2.02CC) in benzene (50ml) for 3 hours. Excess of benzene was removed and then poured in to water; the solid mass thus obtained was washed in the sodium bicarbonate solution. It was filtered, washed with excess water dried and recrystallized with aq. ethanol m.p. 197°C yield 72%. IR (KBr): 3400 (-NH), 1710 (>C = O), 1580, 1510 aromatic ring and 1460 cm⁻¹ –CH₂ bending; ^1H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 3.3 (d, 4H, CH₂); 4.8 (s, 2H, CH); 7.7 (s, 6H, aromatic) 8.5-9.0 (m, 2H, NH).

Bis – (substituted acetophenone hydrazono) thiocarbazine (4a) Ar=4-OCH₃ C₆H₄: It was prepared by taking a mixture of dihydrazinium thiocarbazine (1.06g) and 4-methoxy acetophenone (3.0g) in methanol (30ml) with two drops of gl. AcOH and refluxed for 2 hours It was poured into crushed ice. The compound thus obtained was filtered, washed, dried and recrystallized from aq ethanol m.p. 175°C yield 67% IR (KBr): 3240 (-NH), 1630 (>C = N), 1350 (>c=s), 1170 –C-N, 1250 -C-O-C, 1600, 1500 and 1450 cm⁻¹ aromatic rings. ^1H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 2.0 (m, 1H, NH), 3.73 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.8 (s, 1H, N=C), 7.2 (d, 8H, aromatic).

Bis – [(2-methyl-2- substituted phenyl) – thiazolidine -4- one -3yl] thioureas. (5a), Ar = 4-OCH₃C₆H₄ : This compound was prepared by condensing bis – (4- methoxy acetophenone hydrazono) – thiocarbazine (3.7g) with thioglycollic acid (2.02ml) in benzene (30ml) was refluxed for 3h. It was poured into crushed ice. The compound thus obtained was filtered, washed, dried and recrystallized from aq. ethanol m.p. 173°C yield 72% IR (KBr): 3400 (-NH), 1720 (>c=o), 1600 (>C=N), 1580, 1500, 1450 aromatic ring and 1170 cm⁻¹ >C=S. ^1H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 3.6 (d, 4H, CH₂), 4.8 (s, 2H, CH), 3.7 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.8-7.3 (m, 7H, Ar-H).

Other such compounds were also prepared in a similar way and their characterization data are given in table 1.

TABLE 1. Characterization data of compounds 3a-g and 5a-e

Compounds	M.P. (°C)	Yield (%)	Mol. Formula	Found (%) (Calcd.)		
				C	H	N
3a	197	72	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ N ₄ S ₃ O ₂ Cl ₄	40.00 (40.14)	2.35 (2.46)	9.72 (9.85)
3b	252	69	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ N ₄ S ₃ O ₂	52.90 (53.02)	4.07 (4.18)	12.89 (13.00)
3c	26	68	C ₁₉ H ₁₆ N ₄ S ₃ O ₂ Cl ₂	45.62 (45.09)	3.11 (3.20)	11.08 (11.22)
3d	170	64	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ N ₄ S ₃ O ₂	55.00 (55.02)	4.80 (4.80)	12.14 (12.22)
3e	135	71	C ₂₃ H ₂₈ N ₆ S ₃ O ₂	53.26 (53.48)	5.31 (5.42)	16.09 (16.27)
3f	166	69	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ N ₄ S ₃ O ₄	51.34 (51.42)	4.32 (4.48)	11.35 (11.42)
3g	163	70	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ N ₄ S ₃ O ₄	43.81 (43.90)	3.35 (3.41)	13.47 (13.65)
5a	173	72	C ₂₃ H ₂₆ N ₄ S ₃ O ₄	53.36 (53.20)	5.78 (5.00)	10.11 (10.80)
5b	179	68	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ N ₄ S ₃ O ₂	54.96 (55.02)	4.68 (4.80)	12.13 (12.22)
5c	240	66	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ N ₄ S ₃ O ₂ Cl ₂	47.59 (47.81)	3.70 (3.79)	10.51 (10.62)
5d	292	69	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₆ S ₃ O ₂	51.44 (51.63)	4.78 (4.91)	17.09 (17.21)
5e	180	70	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ N ₄ S ₃ O ₄	51.27 (51.42)	4.31 (4.48)	11.36 (11.42)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

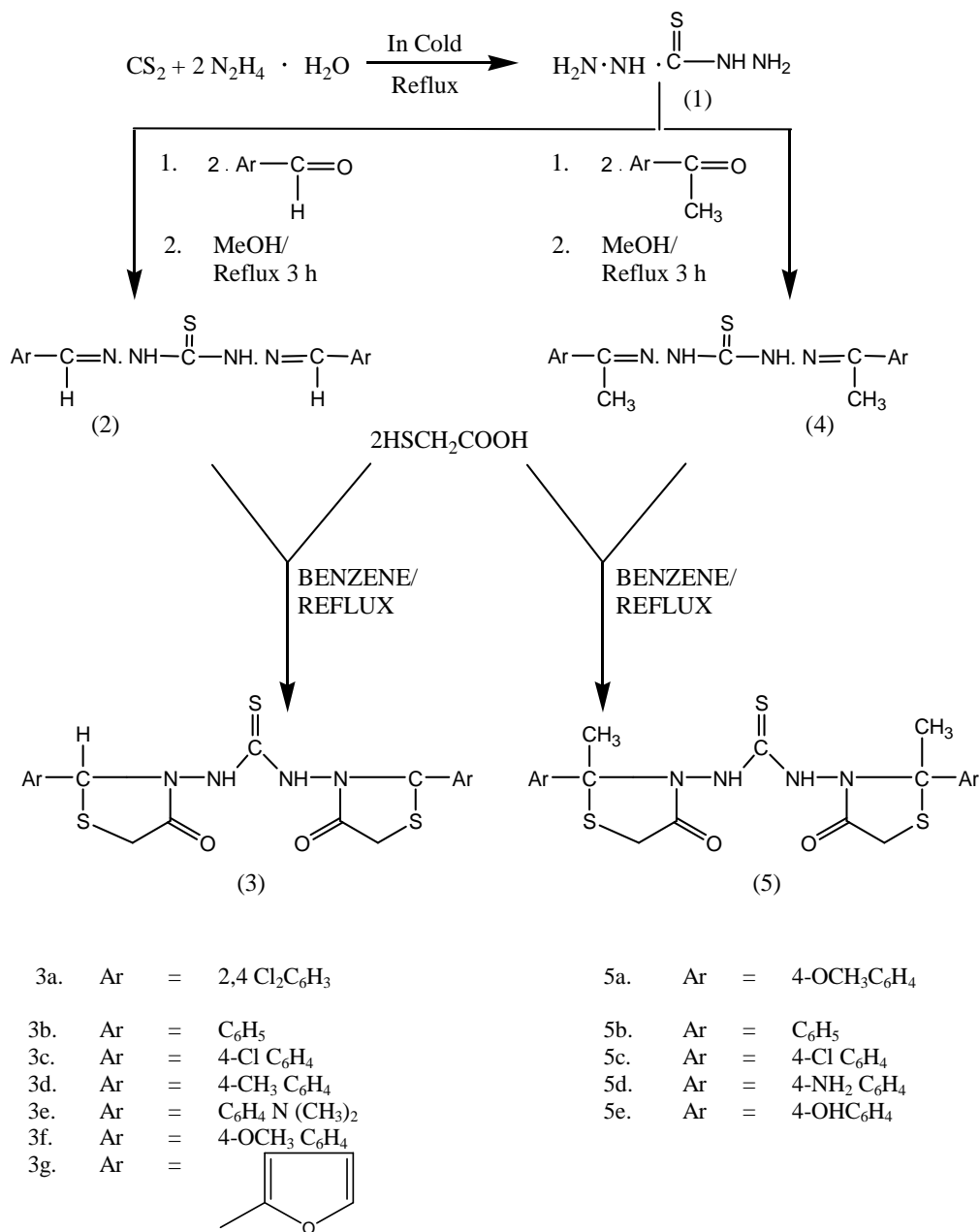
Compounds 3a-g and 5a-e were screened for their herbicidal activity against *Echinochloa oryzicola*, *Echinochloa crusgalli*, *Oryza sativa* and *Glycine max* where as fungicidal activity against *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Pseudoperonospora cubensis*, *Sphaerotheca fuliginea* and *phytophthora infestans*. The results were compared with commercial herbicides as well as fungicides under similar conditions. Amongst these the most active compounds are 3a, 3c, 3d, 3f, 5a, 5c and 5e as shown in table 2.

TABLE 2: Fungicidal activity of compounds 3a-g and 5a-e (zone of inhibition in mm)

Compound	<i>Pyricularia oryzae</i>	<i>Pseudoperonospora cubensis</i>	<i>Sphaerotheca fuliginea</i>	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>
3a	10	10	9	10
3b	6	6	6	6
3c	10	9	10	10
3d	13	14	12	12
3e	7	7	7	7
3f	12	12	12	13
3g	8	7	7	8
5a	12	13	12	12
5b	7	7	7	7
5c	11	10	11	11
5d	9	8	8	9
5e	12	12	12	12
Carbendiazim	14	14	14	14

APPLICATIONS

We have synthesized bis-[2-(substituted phenyl) -thiazolidin -4- one -3- yl] thioureas/ bis -[(2-methyl -2-substituted phenyl) thiazolidin -4- one -3- yl] thioureas. All these compounds have been assayed for their pesticidal activities. Some of them have shown excellent pesticidal activity



Scheme

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