Reactions of 2,3-Disubstituted 6,7-Dihydro-5*H*-2a-thia(2a-S^{IV})-2,3,4a,7a-tetraazacyclopent[cd]indene-1,4(2*H*,3*H*)-dithiones with Isothiocyanates and Isocyanates

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 12π -Tetraazapentalenes, 2,3-disubstituted 6,7-dihydro-5*H*-2a-thia(2a-S'')-2,3,4a,7a-tetraazacyclopent-[cd]indene-1,4(2*H*,3*H*)-dithiones, 1 and 7, reacted with excess alkyl or aryl isothiocyanates and isocyanates to afford mono- and di-alkyl or aryl substituted tetraazapentalene derivatives which have the thiocarbonyl and carbonyl groups.

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In recent years, much attention has been paid on hypervalent heterocyclic π -electron systems, especially the 10π systems involving the S-S^{IV}-S, S-S^{IV}-O, and N-S^{IV}-N bonds [la-f]. We have recently synthesized the 12π -tetraazapentalene derivative, 2,3-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia- $(2a-S^{IV})-2.3.4a.7a$ -tetraazacyclopent[cd]indene-1,4(2H,3H)dithione (1), by a convenient one-pot reaction using the lithium thioureide/phenacyl chloride/methyl isothiocyanate system [2], and reported that the reactivity of 1 is different from that of the 10π -systems [3a-d]. In the course of further studies on the reactivity of 1, we have found that 1 reacts with excess p-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate and methyl isocyanate to give the tetraazapentalene derivatives, 5 and 12, respectively, which can not be synthesized from lithium thioureide by the one-pot reaction [4]. In this Table 1

Reaction of 1 with Various Isothiocyanates [a]

Isothiocyanate	Time (hour)	Peoduct (yield, %) [b]	Recovered 1 (%)
CH ₃ CH ₂ NCS	48	None	96
C ₆ H ₅ NCS	20	2 (43)	27
p-CIC ₆ H ₄ NCS	20	3 (40); 5 (7)	40
p-CIC ₆ H ₄ NCS	112	3 (35); 5 (12)	29
p-BrC ₆ H ₄ NCS	20	4 (37); 6 (9)	20

[a] All reactions were carried out under reflux in chloroform. [b] Isolated yields are based on 1.

paper, we report the details of the reactions of the tetraazapentalenes, 1 and 7, with various isothiocyanates and isocyanates and the spectral characterization of the novel tetraazapentalenes.

The reactions of 1 with 5 molar equivalents of various alkyl and aryl isothiocyanates (EtNCS, PhNCS, p-ClPhNCS, and p-BrPhNCS) in chloroform were carried out under reflux. After chloroform was removed, the chromatography of the residue on a preparative tlc gave the mono- and di-substituted tetraazapentalenes, 2-6. Table 1 shows the yields of the products and the recovered 1. The structure of products was determined by ir, ¹H nmr, ¹³C nmr, and mass spectra, and elemental analysis.

As shown in Table 1, the reaction of 1 with ethyl isothiocyanate did not give any substituted tetraazapentalene. On the other hand, the reaction of 1 with phenyl isothiocyanate gave only the mono-substituted tetraazapentalene 2 in 43% yield. When p-chloro- and p-bromophenyl isothiocyanates were used, the di-substituted tetraazapentalenes, 5 and 6, were obtained in small amounts together with the mono-substituted tetraazapentalenes, 3 and 4, respectively. In the reaction of 1 with p-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate, the elongation of the reaction time resulted in the increase

of the yield of the di-substituted product 5. This method is very useful and convenient for the synthesis of tetraazapentalenes having one or two aryl groups.

Next, we examined the reaction of the tetraazapentalene derivatives, 1 and 7, with various isocyanates. When the reaction of 1 or 7 with 10 molar equivalents of various isocyanates (R¹-NCO) in chloroform was carried out under reflux for 6 hours, the mono-substituted tetraazapentalenes, 8-11, with a carbonyl group and the di-substituted tetraazapentalenes, 12-14, with two carbonyl groups were obtained in relatively good yields.

Table 2 shows the yields of the products, 8-14. The structure of all products was determined by ir, ¹H nmr, and mass spectra, and elemental analysis. The compound 12 was isolated as a monohydrate (see Experimental).

Table 2
Reactions of 1 and 7 with Various Isocyanates [a]

Tetraazapetalene	Isocyanate	Product (yield, %) [b]
1	CH ₃ NCO	8 (32), 12 (26)
1	C ₆ H ₅ NCO	9 (53), 13 (30)
1	CICH ₂ CH ₂ NCO	10 (32), 14 (21)
7	CH ₃ NCO	12 (78)
7	C ₆ H ₅ NCO	11 (55), 13 (35)
7	CICH ₂ CH ₂ NCO	14 (78)

[a] Reaction of 1 with various isocyanates in chloroform was carried out under reflux for 6 hours. Molar ratio of 1 to isocyanate = 1:10. [b] Isolated yields are based on 1.

As shown in Table 2, the yields of 8-14 depended on the kinds of the substituents of isocyanates and tetraazapentalenes 1 and 7. Generally, the yields of the di-substituted tetraazapentalenes, 12-14, from 7 were better than those from 1. Furthermore, it was found that the substitution reactions of 1 and 7 with isocyanates proceed more smoothly than those with isothiocyanates. As the di-substituted

tetraazapentalenes, 12-14, are not prepared by the one-pot reaction using the lithium thioureide/phenacyl chloride/isocyanate system, the substitution reactions shown here are very useful for the synthesis of the tetraazapentalene derivatives with the carbonyl groups.

The reaction of 1 with R-NCX (X = S or 0) is considered to proceed by the process of path A rather than path B, as shown in Scheme 1, because (a) the heating of 1 at 170° under reduced pressure (2 mm Hg) is required for the removal of methyl isothiocyanate from 1 to give 15 [5], and (b) the ¹H nmr spectrum of 1 in benzene-d₆ at 61° is the same as that at room temperature. That is, the reaction would proceed by the nucleophilic attack of the nitrogen atom at the 4a-position of 1 on R-NCX, followed by the cleavage of th S^{IV}-N bond to form the mono-substituted tetraazapentalenes. Further susbtitution reaction by R-NCX rsults in the formation of the di-substituted tetraazapentalenes.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on a Yanagimoto MP-S3 melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. The ¹H and ¹³C nmr spectra were obtained using a JEOL JNM-GX270 spectrometer (270 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from TMS as an internal standard and are given in δ units. The ir spectra were determined on a Hitachi 215 Grating infrared spectrometer. Mass spectra were obtained with a Shimadzu LKB-9000 instrument equipped with a solid injector; the ionizing voltage was 70 eV. Purifications of products were conducted by a preparative tlc on silica-gel (Merck Kieselgel 60 GF₂₅₄).

Typical Procedure for the Reaction of 1 with Isothiocyanate.

To a solution of 1 (52 mg, 0.20 mmole) in chloroform (25 ml) was added p-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (169 mg, 1.0 mmole) with stirring, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 20 hours. After chloroform was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed on a preparative tlc (silica-gel, dichloromethane as an eluent) to give 3 (Rf 0.5, 28 mg, 40%), 5 (Rf

Scheme 1

0.6, 6 mg, 7%), and the recovered 1 (Rf 0.3, 21 mg, 40%). Recrystallization from hexane-chloroform or methanol gave pure samples.

2-Methyl-3-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a- $S^{\prime\prime}$)-2,3,4a,7a-tetra-azacyclopent[cd]indene-1,4(2H,3H)-dithione (2).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of 1 with phenyl isothiocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 179-182° dec. Spectroscopic data of 2 coincided with previously reported data [2].

2-Methyl-3-(p-chlorophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a-S IV)-2,3,-4a,7a-tetraazacyclopent[cd]indene-1,4(2H,3H)-dithione (3).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of 1 with p-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 188-191° dec. Spectroscopic data of 3 coincided with previously reported data [2].

2-Methyl-3-(p-bromophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a-S IV)-2,3,-4a,7a-tetraazacyclopent[cd]indene-1,4(2H,3H)-dithione (4).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of 1 with p-bromophenyl isothiocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 190-193° dec; ir (potassium bromide): 3050, 2950, 1575, 1530, 1500, 1320, 1245, 1130, and 1070 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.43 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 3.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.42 (t, 2H, J = 5.5 Hz, NCH₂), 4.53 (t, 2H, J = 5.5 Hz, NCH₂), and 7.26-7.60 (AA'XX' type, 4H, aromatic); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 20.12, 31.49, 45.09, 45.27, 120.47, 126.93, 132.44, 137.95, 157.71, 170.84, and 172.60; ms: m/z (relative intensity) 216 (100), 214 (p-BrC₆H₄NCS; 98), 187 (M⁺ -p-BrC₆H₄NCS, 47), 157 (15), 155 (17), 134 (31), 76 (13), 75 (21), 74 (14), 73 (20), 72 (22), and 69 (19).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{13}H_{13}N_4S_3Br$: C, 38.90; H, 3.26; N, 13.96. Found: C, 38.71; H, 3.25; N, 14.10.

2,3-Bis(p-chlorophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a-S IV)-2,3,4a,7a-tetraazacyclopent[cd]indene-1,4(2H,3H)-dithione (5).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of 1 with p-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 173-176° dec; ir (potassium bromide): 2910, 1565, 1505, 1440, 1315, 1255, 1220, 1150, 1085, and 835 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.45 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 4.50 (t, 4H, J = 6.0 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), and 7.30 (s, 8H, aromatic); ms: m/z (relative intensity): 285 (2), 283 (M*-p-ClC₆H₄NCS, 5), 219 (4), 171 (37), 169 (100), 137 (11), 113 (15), 111 (38), and 75 (19).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{14}N_4S_3Cl_2$: C, 47.68; H, 3.11; N, 12.36. Found: C, 47.69; H, 3.48; N, 12.24.

2,3-Bis(p-bromophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a-S'')-2,3,4a,7a-tetraazacyclopent[cd]indene-1,4(2H,3H)-dithione (6).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of **1** with *p*-bromophenyl isothiocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 192-195° dec; ir (potassium bromide): 2970, 1575, 1515, 1490, 1430, 1315, 1255, 1155, 1095, 1005, 835, and 740 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.49 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 4.53 (t, 4H, J = 6.0 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), and 7.23-7.59 (AA'XX' type, 8H, aromatic); ms: m/z (relative intensity) 329 (10), 327 (M⁺ -*p*-BrC₆H₄NCS; 9), 265 (7), 263 (7), 216 (100), 214 (94), 157 (17), 155 (16), 134 (28), 116 (11), 90 (11), 86 (14), and 85 (19).

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₄S₃Br₂: C, 39.86; H, 2.60; N, 10.33. Found: C, 39.98; H, 3.00; N, 10.16.

Typical Procedure for the Reactions of 1 and 7 with Isocyanate.

To a solution of 1 (83 mg, 0.32 mmole) in chloroform (30 ml) was added methyl isocyanate (182 mg, 3.2 mmoles) with stirring at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hours, chloroform was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on a preparative tlc (silica-gel, ethyl acetate as an eluent) to give 8 (Rf 0.4, 25 mg, 32%) and 12 (Rf 0.1, 20 mg, 26%) as colorless solids. Recrystallization from hexane-chloroform or methanol gave pure samples.

2,3-Dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a-S $^{\prime\prime}$)-2,3,4a,7a-tetraazacy-clopent[cd]inden-1(2H)-one-4(3H)-thione (8).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of **1** with methyl isocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 183-185°; ir (potassium bromide): 2925, 1695, 1595, 1535, 1400, 1310, 1240, 1185, 1050, 990, and 745 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.29 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 2.95 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 3.19 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 3.99 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), and 4.38 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.58, 26.25, 30.85, 40.39, 44.13, 150.09, 157.51, and 170.30; ms: m/z (relative intensity): 187 (M*-CH₃NCO, 100), 171 (M*-CH₃NCS, 19), 73 (62), 69 (51), and 57 (71).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_8H_{12}N_4OS_2$: C, 39.32; H, 4.95; N, 22.93. Found: C, 39.10; H, 4.65; N, 22.64.

2-Phenyl-3-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a- S^{IV})-2,3,4a,7a-tetra-azacyclopent[cd]inden-1(2H)-one-4(3H)-thione (9).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of 1 with phenyl isocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 161-162.5°; ir (potassium bromide): 2950, 1700, 1600, 1535, 1435, 1400, 1360, 1250, 1190, 1120, 1050, and 760 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr deuteriochloroform): δ 2.24 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 3.20 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 3.98 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 4.27 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂N), and 7.12-7.41 (m, 5H, aromatic); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.67, 31.31, 40.59, 44.55, 123.16, 125.04, 129.25, 138.47, 148.17, 158.88, and 171.21; ms: m/z (relative intensity) 187 (M*-C_eH₅NCO, 25), 119 (100), 91 (38), 73 (20), 64 (24).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{13}H_{14}N_4OS_2$: C, 50.96; H, 4.61; N, 18.29. Found: C, 50.61; H, 4.38; N, 18.45.

2-(2-Chloroethyl)-3-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a-S IV)-2,3,4a-7a-tetraazacyclopent[cd[inden-1(2H)-one-4(3H)-thione (10).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of 1 with 2-chloroethyl isocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 153-155°; ir (potassium bromide): 1690, 1590, 1530, 1425, 1240, and 1050 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.31 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂-CH₂N), 3.21 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 3.68 (s, 4H, NCH₂CH₂Cl), 4.00 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), and 4.37 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz, NCH₂-CH₂CH₂N); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.62, 31.07, 40.47, 42.67, 42.81, 44.33, 150.65, 158.18, and 170.65; ms: m/z (relative intensity) 187 (M⁺ -ClCH₂CH₂NCO, 71), 73 (19), 69 (43), 56 (100), 41 (30).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_9H_{13}N_4OS_2Cl$: C, 36.92; H, 4.48; N, 19.13. Found: C, 36.68; H, 4.43; N, 18.82.

2-Phenyl-3-allyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a-S IV)-2,3,4a,7a-tetraaza-cyclopent[cd[inden-1(2H)-one-4(3H)-thione (11).

This compound was obtained from the reaction of 7 with phenyl isocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 67-69°; ir (potassium

bromide): 1690, 1590, 1350, 1240, 1160, 1120, and 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.35 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 4.08 (t, 2H, J = 5.8 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 4.36-4.40 (m, 4H, NCH₂-CH₂CH₂N) and NCH₂CH=CH₂), 5.23-5.30 (m, 2H, NCH₂-CH=CH₂), 5.94-6.02 (m, 1H, NCH₂CH=CH₂), 7.14-7.45 (m, 5H, aromatic); ms: m/z (relative intensity) 213 (M*-C₆H₅NCO, 22), 119 (100), 91 (40), 64 (23), 41 (39).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{16}N_4OS_2$: C, 54.19; H, 4.85; N, 16.85. Found: C, 53.90; H, 4.60; N, 16.88.

2,3-Dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-2a-thia(2a-S^{IV})-2,3,4a,7a-tetraazacy-clopent[cd]indene-1,4(2*H*,3*H*)-dione Monohydrate (12).

This compound was obtained from the reactions of 1 and 7 with methyl isocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 162.5-165°; ir (potassium bromide): 3510, 2920, 1675, 1615, 1410, 1340, 1055, 1000, 925, and 740 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.23 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 2.90 (s, 6H, 2 x NCH₃), and 3.94 (t, 4H, J = 5.5 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.34, 26.19, 39.94, 151.42, and 159.34; ms: m/z (relative intensity) 171 (M* -CH₃NCO-H₂O, 100), 114 (29), 75 (40), 61 (67), and 57 (93).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_8H_{14}N_4O_9S$: C, 39.01; H, 5.73; N, 22.75. Found: C, 38.96; H, 5.77; N, 22.57.

2,3-Diphenyl-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-2a-thia(2a-S^{tv})-2,3,4a,7a-tetraazacy-clopent[cd]indene-1,4(2*H*.3*H*)-dione (13).

This compound was obtained from the reactions of 1 and 7 with phenyl isocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 211-212°; ir (potassium bromide): 1700, 1680, 1610, 1500, 1345, 970, 765, and 745 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.35 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 4.07 (t, 4H, J = 5.8 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), and 7.15-7.45 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.34, 40.36, 123.04, 125.12, 129.32, 138.26, 149.22, and 160.74; ms: m/z (relative intensity) 233 (M* -C₆H₅NCO, 3), 119 (100), 92 (56), 64 (33), 39 (11).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{16}N_4O_2S$: C, 61.35; H, 4.58; N, 15.90. Found: C, 61.41; H, 4.31; N, 16.26.

2,3-Bis(2-chloroethyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-2a-thia(2a- S^{IV})-2,3,4a,7a-tetraazacyclopent[cd[indene-1,4(2H,3H)-dione (14).

This compound was obtained from the reactions of 1 and 7 with 2-chloroethyl isocyanate as a colorless solid, mp 211-212°; ir (potassium bromide): 1685, 1595, 1330, 1300, and 745 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 2.27 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂N), 3.67 (s, 8H, 2 x NCH₂CH₂Cl), and 3.97 (t, 4H, J = 6.1 Hz, NCH₂CH₂-CH₂N); ¹³C nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 19.20, 40.05, 42.73, 42.98, 151.43, and 160.14; ms: m/z (relative intensity) 219 (M⁺-ClCH₂CH₂NCO, 38), 170 (65), 105 (11), 56 (100), 42 (16).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{14}N_4O_2SCl_2$: C, 36.93; H, 4.34; N, 17.23. Found: C, 36.62; H, 4.20; N, 17.00.

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