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2-Amino-1,1,3-tricyanoprop-1-ene (**1**) reacted with thioglycollic acid to afford the key compound for this study namely: 2-amino-1,1-dicyano-3(2-thiazolin-4-on-2-yl)prop-1-ene **2**. **2** reacted with hydrazines to afford the thiazolylmethylaminopyrazole derivatives **3** and **4**. The reaction of **2** with diazotised primary aromatic amines afforded coupling products which were cyclised to the hydrazothiazolonylpyridazine derivatives **7**. The reaction with aromatic aldehydes gave the bis-ylidene derivatives **8**. Structures are assigned based on elemental and spectroscopic analysis.

**Key words:** Thiazolones; thiazolonylpyridazines; thiazolylpyrazolones; thioglycollic acid; malononitrile dimer.

## INTRODUCTION

The reported biological activities of thiazoles and thiazolones as tuberculostically active drugs,<sup>1</sup> antituberculous agents,<sup>2</sup> bacteriostatic activity agents<sup>3</sup> and fungistatic and mildew-preventing activity agents<sup>4</sup> together with their use as reagents in quantitative and qualitative analysis<sup>5–7</sup> besides their use as coloured photographic film developers<sup>8–10</sup> prompted the interest in the synthesis of derivatives of these ring systems. The reaction of malonitrile dimer **1** with thioglycollic acid seemed to be a logic and easy route for these syntheses.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It has been found that 2-amino-1,1,3-tricyanoprop-1-ene (**1**, malononitrile dimer) reacted with thioglycollic acid (TGA) in glacial acetic acid to give a product corresponding to the addition of one molecule of **1** to one molecule of thioglycollic acid followed by the loss of one molecule of water. The reaction product has been assigned to the structure of 2-amino-1,1-dicyano-3(2-thiazolin-4-on-2-yl)-prop-1-

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consequently leading to several new heterocyclic derivatives required for both biological activity studies as well as for further chemical transformations. Thus, it has been found that **2** reacted with hydrazine hydrate in ethanol to afford thiazolylmethylaminomethylene diaminopyrazoline **3** based on elemental analysis and spectral data. The IR spectrum of **3** showed peaks related to the presence of  $\text{NH}_2$ , saturated  $\text{CH}_2$  and ring CO groups and the bands attributable to the presence of the CN functions were entirely absent meaning that the two cyano groups in **2** were those which participated in the reaction with hydrazine hydrate leading to **3** (cf. Experimental Part). Similar to its behaviour towards hydrazine hydrate, compound **2** reacted also with phenylhydrazine to afford the pyrazoline derivative **4** whose structure was elucidated on the basis of elemental analysis and spectral data (cf. Experimental Part). A further proof of the structure of **4** was achieved via its conversion into the pyrazolin-5-one derivative **5** by boiling in ethanolic-hydrochloric acid. The structure of **5** was, in turn, elucidated based on elemental and spectral data studies (cf. Experimental Part).

The investigation was also extended to study the behaviour of **2** towards diazotised primary aromatic amines. Thus, it has been found that compound **2** coupled with the diazotised primary aromatic amines **6a–c** to afford products corresponding to the addition of two molecules of **6a–c** followed by hydrolysis. The reaction products can be formulated as the thiazolyl pyridazinone derivatives **7a–c** based on both elemental and spectral data. The IR spectra of **7a–c** showed absorption peaks related to the presence of  $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}$ , CN and ring CO groups. The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of **7a–c** revealed a pattern which could only be intelligibly interpreted in terms of structure **7a–c**. It is remarkable to note here that the monoazo-coupling

TABLE I  
Characterisation data of the newly synthesised derivatives

Comp.	M.P. (°C)	Cryst. Solv.	Yield (%)	Mol. Formula	% Analysis		Calcd. Found	
					C	H	N	S
<b>2</b>	>300	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O	75	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub> OS	46.59 46.60	2.92 2.90	27.16 27.20	15.54 15.55
<b>3</b>	275	Acetic acid	70	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>6</sub> OS	40.32 40.35	4.23 4.25	35.27 35.20	13.45 13.55
<b>4</b>	295	Acetic acid	70	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>6</sub> OS	53.48 53.44	4.48 4.50	26.73 26.69	10.19 10.20
<b>5</b>	>300	Ethanol	80	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	53.32 53.35	4.15 4.18	22.20 22.25	10.16 10.11
<b>7a</b>	212	Acetic acid	75	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	57.82 57.77	3.15 3.15	23.59 23.55	7.71 7.73
<b>7b</b>	225–6	Acetic acid	75	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	59.58 59.55	3.86 3.84	22.10 22.20	7.22 7.17
<b>7c</b>	245–7	Acetic acid	75	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>9</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S	47.52 47.50	2.19 2.13	24.94 24.90	6.34 6.40
<b>8a</b>	248–9	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O	85	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> OS	69.09 69.11	3.68 3.66	14.64 14.58	8.38 8.34
<b>8b</b>	262–3	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O	85	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> OS	70.22 70.20	4.41 4.41	13.64 13.63	7.81 7.80
<b>8c</b>	268–9	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O	85	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S	55.93 55.90	2.55 2.57	17.78 17.78	6.78 6.77

products could not be obtained under the applied reaction conditions and the reactants reacted in a molar ratio of 1:2 in each case.

On the other hand, **2** reacted with aromatic aldehydes to afford the bis-ylidene derivatives **8a–c**. The structure of **8a–c** was established on the basis of elemental analyses and spectral data studies (cf. Experimental Part). Again it is remarkable to note that all trials to synthesise the mono-ylidene derivatives were unsuccessful and the bis-ylidenes were the only isolable reaction products even on using the reactants in a molar ratio of 1:1.

## EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Pye Unicam SP-1100 spectrophotometer using KBr discs.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-390 90 MHz spectrometer using  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$  as a solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are expressed as  $\delta$  ppm units. The microanalyses were performed by the microanalytical center at Cairo University.

*Reaction of 1 with thioglycolic acid.* A solution of **1** (0.01 mol) and thioglycolic acid (0.01 mol) in glacial acetic acid (30 ml) was heated under reflux for 3 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the solid product so formed was crystallised from the proper solvent to afford **2** (cf. Tables I and II).

TABLE II  
IR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral data

Comp.	IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\delta$ ppm)
<b>2</b>	3450, 3380, 3290 ( $\text{NH}_2$ group); 2250, 2160 (CN group) and 1720 (CO).	2.2 (s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.2 (s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ) and 5.6 (s, br. 2H, $\text{NH}_2$ ).
<b>3</b>	3450, 3380, 3280, 3170 ( $\text{NH}_2$ groups) and 1710 (CO).	2.2 (s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.2 (s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ) and 6.2–6.4 (s, br., 6H, 3 $\text{NH}_2$ ).
<b>4</b>	3450, 3390, 3300, 3280 (NH and $\text{NH}_2$ groups) and 1715 (CO).	2.2 (s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.3 (s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 6.3 (s, br. 4H, 2 $\text{NH}_2$ ); 7.1–7.5 (m, 5H, ArH's) and 9.1 (s, br. 1H, NH).
<b>5</b>	3440, 3380, 3290 ( $\text{NH}_2$ group) and 1720, 1700 (CO group).	2.2 (s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.3 (s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 6.2 (s, br. 4H, 2 $\text{NH}_2$ ); and 7.1–7.3 (m, 5H, ArH's).
<b>7a</b>	3350, 3270, 3180 (NH and $\text{NH}_2$ group); 2220 (CN) and 1710, 1690 (CO group).	5.6 (s, br. 2H, $\text{NH}_2$ ) and 7.1–8.2 (m, 11 H, ArH's and NH).
<b>7b</b>	3350, 3270, 3180 (NH and $\text{NH}_2$ group); 2220 (CN) and 1710, 1690 (CO group).	2.3 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{ArCH}_3$ -p); 5.6 (s, br. 2H, $\text{NH}_2$ ) and 7.1–8.2 (m, 9H, ArH's and NH).
<b>7c</b>	3350, 3270, 3180 (NH and $\text{NH}_2$ group); 2220 (CN) and 1710, 1690 (CO group).	5.6 (s, br. 2H, $\text{NH}_2$ ) and 7.1–8.2 (m, 9H, ArH's and NH).
<b>8a</b>	3350, 3280 ( $\text{NH}_2$ ); 2260, 2200 (CN groups) and 1690 (CO).	5.6 (s, br. 2H, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 6.9 (s, 1H, CH); 7.0 (s, 1H, CH) and 7.2–7.5 (m, 10 H, ArH's).
<b>8b</b>	3350, 3280 ( $\text{NH}_2$ ); 2260, 2200 (CN groups) and 1690 (CO).	2.3 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{ArCH}_3$ -p); 5.6 (s, br. 2H, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 6.9 (s, 1H, CH); 7.0 (s, 1H, CH) and 7.2–7.5 (m, 8H, ArH's).
<b>8c</b>	3350, 3280 ( $\text{NH}_2$ ); 2260, 2200 (CN groups) and 1690 (CO).	5.6 (s, br. 2H, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 6.9 (s, 1H, CH); 7.0 (s, 1H, CH) and 7.2–7.5 (m, 8H, ArH's).

*Reactions of 2 with hydrazines.* A solution of **2** (0.01 mol) and each of hydrazinehydrate or phenylhydrazine (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol was heated under reflux for 2 h and then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The solid product thus obtained was then filtered off and crystallised from the proper solvent to give **3** and **4** respectively (cf. Tables I and II).

*Conversion of 4 into 5.* A solution of **4** (1 g) in ethanol (30 ml) was treated with conc. HCl (3 ml) and the whole was heated under reflux for 3 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the product so formed was filtered off, washed with water and then crystallised from the proper solvent to give **5** (cf. Tables I and II).

*Coupling of 2 with 6a-c.* A cold solution of **2** (0.01 mol) in ethanol (30 ml) and sodium acetate (2 g) was added dropwise to cold stirred solution of the appropriate diazotised primary aromatic amines (**6a-c**; 0.022 mol). The reaction mixture was then allowed to stand in the ice chest for 5 h. The solid product so formed was collected by filtration, washed with water and then crystallised from the proper solvent to give **7a-c** (cf. Tables I and II).

*Reactions of 2 with aromatic aldehydes.* A solution of **2** (0.01 mol) and the appropriate aromatic aldehyde (0.022 mol) in ethanol (30 ml) and triethylamine (1 ml) was heated under reflux for 5 h. The solvent was removed and the product so formed was collected by filtration and crystallised from the proper solvent to give **8a-c** (cf. Tables I and II).

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