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# SYNTHESIS AND REACTIONS OF SOME IMIDAZOPYRIMIDO (PYRIDO)THIENO [2,3-b]QUINOXALINE DERIVATIVES\*

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2-Amino-3(4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)thieno[2,3-b]quinoxaline **2** was prepared and then allowed to react with nitrous acid, triethyl orthoformate, acetic anhydride and carbon disulfide to give the imidazotriazinethienoquinoxaline **3** and imidazopyrimidothienoquinoxaline **4-6** respectively. Starting with thione **6** a series of S-substituted mercapto derivatives **7-10** was obtained. Reaction of 2-amino-3-carbonitrile-thieno[2,3-b]quinoxaline **1** with acrylonitrile, malononitrile and/or arylidene malononitrile gave pyridothienoquinoxaline derivatives **11-13**.

**Keywords:** Ethylenediamine; imidazol; imidazotriazinethienoquinoxaline

## INTRODUCTION

Some purines (imidazopyrimidines) are reported to possess biological activity<sup>[1]</sup> arylquinoxalines were found to have a great antimicrobial potency<sup>[2]</sup>. Also quinoxaline antibiotics and antiasthmatics are well known<sup>[3,4]</sup> In this context and in continuation of our investigations upon the synthesis of polyheterocyclic systems containing a quinoxaline moiety<sup>[5-7]</sup>, we report herein the synthesis of some new pyrimido and pyridothienoquinoxalines of potential biological activity.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Earlier reports described the conversion of the cyano group of *o*-amino nitriles into the corresponding 4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl group by the

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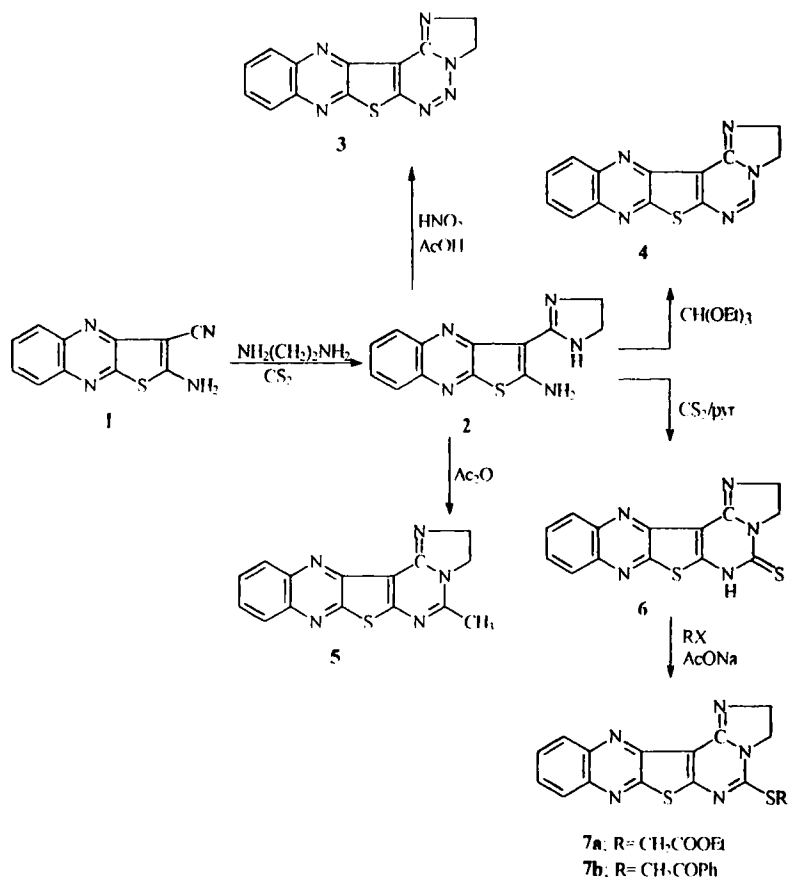
interaction of the aminonitrile with ethylenediamine in the presence of carbon disulfide<sup>[8]</sup>, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid<sup>[9]</sup> or phosphorus pentasulfide<sup>[10]</sup>. Consequently, 2-amino-3-carbonitrile-thieno[2,3-*b*]quinoxaline<sup>[11,12]</sup>. Compound **1** was allowed to react with ethylenediamine in the presence of carbon disulfide on water bath to give 2-amino-3-(4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)thieno [2,3-*b*]quinoxaline **2**. The latter compound on treatment with nitrous acid gave 2,3-dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']triazino [4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*b*]quinoxaline **3**, compound **2** was heated under reflux with triethyl orthoformate in presence of a few drops of acetic acid gave 2,3-dihydro- imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']-pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*b*]quinoxaline **4**. However the 5-methyl derivative **5** was obtained by the interaction of **2** with acetic anhydride. The reaction of **2** with carbon disulfide in ethanolic potassium hydroxide followed by acidification gave thione derivative **6** which was alkylated with halocompounds; namely methyl iodide, phenacyl bromide to S-substituted-2,3-dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6'] pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno [2,3-*b*] quinoxalines **7<sub>a,b</sub>** (Scheme 1).

The ester function of derivative **7<sub>a</sub>** was converted into carbohydrazide **8** by the interaction with hydrazine hydrate in boiling ethanol. The latter carbohydrazide **8** was treated with nitrous acid to produce carboazide **9**, condensation of **8** in presence of piperidine with aromatic aldehydes such as benzaldehyde, *p*-anisaldehyde gave arylidine derivatives **10<sub>a,b</sub>**, respectively (Scheme 2).

Likewise, compound **1** was readily cyclized to the corresponding pyrido [1',2':4,5]-thieno[2,3-*b*]quinoxaline derivatives **11–13** upon reaction with acrylonitrile, malononitrile and/or arylidine malononitrile through refluxing in pyridine or in sodium ethoxide (Scheme 3).

## EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points were determined on a Kofler melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded as KBr disks on a Pye-Unicam SP3–100 spectrometer using KBr wafer technique. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra are recorded in suitable deuterated solvent on a Varian 390 90 MHz NMR spectrometer using TMS as internal standard. Elemental analyses were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 240 C microanalyzer. Elemental analysis, Melting points, yields and spectroscopic data are listed in Tables I and II respectively.



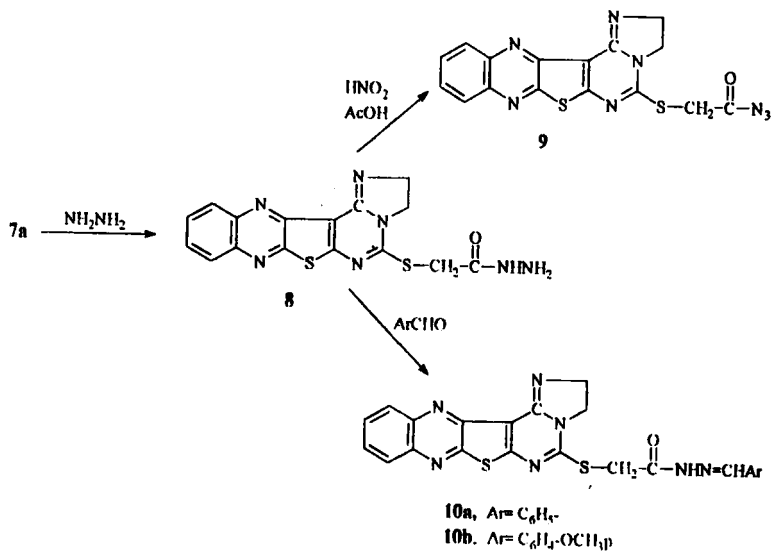
SCHEME 1

### 2-Amino-3-carbonitrile-thieno(2,3-b)quinoxaline(1)

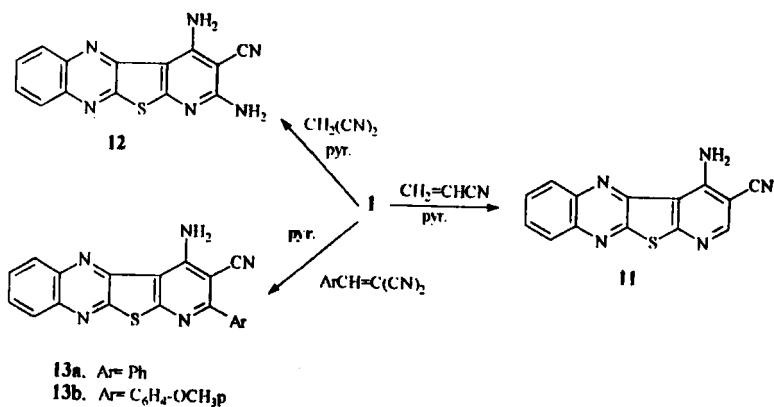
This compound was prepared according to a known procedure[Lit. 11,12]

### 2-Amino-3(4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)thieno[2,3-b]quinoxaline (2)

To a mixture of compound **1** (0.01mol) and ethylenediamine (12 ml) was added dropwise carbon disulfide (1 ml). The resulting reaction mixture was heated on a steam bath for 2 hr, the cold reaction mixture was poured



SCHEME 2



SCHEME 3

into cold water, and was left to stand for one hour. The solid precipitate was collected and recrystallized from ethanol as dark brown crystals.

TABLE I Melting points, Yields and Analytical data of compounds 2–13

Compound No.	M.P(0 C) Yield(%)	Formula (M.W)	Calculated/Found			
			C	H	N	S
2	300	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	57.99	4.08	26.02	11.89
	90	269	57.82	4.00	25.92	11.78
3	220	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S	55.71	2.85	30.00	11.42
	80	280	55.63	2.78	29.84	11.32
4	340	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	60.21	3.27	25.08	11.46
	75	279	60.14	3.16	24.96	11.35
5	>360	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	61.43	3.75	23.89	10.92
	67	293	61.34	3.62	23.76	10.81
6	280	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	54.01	2.89	22.50	20.57
	82	311	53.91	2.72	22.41	20.45
7a	210	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	54.40	3.97	17.63	16.12
	72	397	54.30	4.00	17.51	15.98
7b	200	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OS <sub>2</sub>	61.53	3.49	16.31	14.91
	86	429	61.50	3.35	16.23	14.78
8	285	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>7</sub> OS <sub>2</sub>	50.13	3.39	25.58	16.71
	95	383	50.21	3.34	25.37	16.60
9	120(decomp.)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O S <sub>2</sub>	48.73	2.53	28.42	16.24
	69	394	48.61	2.41	28.35	16.13
10a	310	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>7</sub> OS <sub>2</sub>	58.59	3.60	20.80	13.58
	84	471	58.44	3.62	20.72	13.40
10b	325	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	57.48	3.79	19.56	12.77
	78	501	57.40	3.57	19.37	12.67
11	220	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	60.64	2.52	25.27	11.55
	67	277	60.54	2.41	25.13	11.48
12	320	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S	57.53	2.73	28.76	10.95
	72	292	57.43	2.62	28.63	10.81
13a	>360	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S	67.98	3.11	19.83	9.06
	84	353	67.87	3.00	19.73	9.00
13b	> 360	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OS	65.79	3.39	18.27	8.35
	77	383	65.52	3.27	18.10	8.24

TABLE II Spectral data of compounds 2–13

Compound No.	$IR(\lambda\text{ cm}^{-1})/\delta^d\text{H-NMR}(\delta\text{ ppm})$
2	3400, 3300, 3200(NH <sub>2</sub> , NH) and 1600(C=N). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ): $\delta$ 3.3(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 7.4–7.8(m, 4H, ArH), $\delta$ 8.3(s, 1H, NH) and $\delta$ 8.9(s, 2H, NH <sub>2</sub> ).
3	2980(CH, aliph.) and 1600(C=N). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ): $\delta$ 3.1(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ) and $\delta$ 7.2–7.9(m, 4H, ArH).
4	1610(C=N). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ): $\delta$ 3.2(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 7.4–7.8(m, 4H, ArH) and $\delta$ 9.2(s, 1H, CH pyrim.).
5	3050 (CH, arom), 2960(CH, aliph.) and 1600(C=N). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ): $\delta$ 2.7(s, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), $\delta$ 3.5(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ) and $\delta$ 7.6–8.1(m, 4H, ArH).
6	3220(NH), 1600(C=N) and 1210(C=S). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ): $\delta$ 3.4(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 7.5–8.0(m, 4H, ArH) and $\delta$ 8.4(s, 1H, NH).
7a	3040 (CH, arom), 2950(CH, aliph), 1740(C=O, ester). (CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): $\delta$ 1.2(t, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), $\delta$ 3.8(q, 2H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 3.2(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ) and $\delta$ 7.6–8.1- (m, 4H, ArH).
7b	1670(C=O) and 1600(C=N). (CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): $\delta$ 3.2(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 4.2(s, 2H, S-CH <sub>2</sub> ) and $\delta$ 7.6–8.3(m, 9H, ArH).
8	3400, 3180(NH <sub>2</sub> , NH), 1660(C=O) and 1620(C=N). (CF <sub>3</sub> COOD) $\delta$ 3.4(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 4.4(s, 2H, S-CH <sub>2</sub> ) and $\delta$ 7.5–8.3(m, 4H, ArH).
9	2210(azide: N <sub>3</sub> ), 1700(C=O) and 1610(C=N). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ): $\delta$ 3.5(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 4.2(s, 2H, S-CH <sub>2</sub> ) and $\delta$ 7.4–8.1(m, 4H, ArH).
10a	3220(NH), 1660(C=O) and 1590(C=N). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ): $\delta$ 3.4(m, 4H, 2CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 4.5(s, 2H, S-CH <sub>2</sub> ), $\delta$ 7.4–8.1(m, 9H, ArH), $\delta$ 9.4(s, 1H, CH and $\delta$ 10.3(s, 1H, NH).
10b	3200(NH), 2950(CH, aliph.), 1670(C=O) and 1600(C=N). —
11	3420, 3200(NH <sub>2</sub> ), 2220(C $\equiv$ N) and 1610(C=N). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ) $\delta$ 7.4–7.9(m, 4H, ArH), $\delta$ 8.7(s, 2H, NH <sub>2</sub> ) and $\delta$ 9.2(s, 1H, CH).
12	3400, 3300(NH <sub>2</sub> ), 2230(C $\equiv$ N) and 1620(C=N). (CF <sub>3</sub> COOD): $\delta$ 7.8–8.2(m, 9H, ArH).
13a	3300(NH <sub>2</sub> ), 2210(C $\equiv$ N) and 1610(C=N). (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ) $\delta$ 7.8–8.2(m, 9H, ArH) and $\delta$ 8.7(s, 2H, NH <sub>2</sub> ).
13b	3380(NH <sub>2</sub> ), 2220(C $\equiv$ N) and 1600(C=N). —

**2,3-Dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']1,2,3-triazino[4',5':5,4]thieno[2,3-b]quinoxaline (3)**

To a mixture of compound **2** (0.01mol) in acetic acid (15 ml), sodium nitrite solution (1.4g in 4 ml water) was added dropwise with stirring. The reaction mixture was left to stand for 3 hr. The solid was collected and recrystallized from ethanol as yellow crystals.

**2,3-Dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-b]quinoxaline (4)**

A sample of compound **2** (0.5g) in triethyl orthoformate (10 ml) in presence of (1ml) acetic acid was refluxed for 3 hr, the solid product which formed on heating was separated and recrystallized from acetic acid as orange crystals.

**5-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-b] quinoxaline (5)**

A sample of compound **2** (0.5g) in acetic anhydride (12 ml) was refluxed for 4 hr, then allowed to cool. The solid product was collected and recrystallized from acetic acid as pale yellow crystals.

**2,3-Dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-b]quinoxalin-5(6H)thione (6)**

To a mixture of compound **2** (2.0 g) and carbon disulfide (5 ml) in alcoholic potassium hydroxide solution (10 ml, 10 %) was heated under reflux on a water bath for 5 hr, and the excess of carbon disulfide was eliminated. After acidification with hydrochloric acid, the solid product was collected and recrystallized from ethanol as yellow crystals.

**Alkylation of 6 : prepration of S-alkylated derivatives (7a,b)**

To a mixture of equimolar (0.01 mol) amounts of the thione **6** and the haloderivative in ethanol (30 ml) sodium acetate (0.015 mol) was added, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 hr, then allowed to cool. The solid product was collected washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol.



**(2,3-Dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-b]quinoxalin-5-yl-thio) acetichydrazide (8)**

A mixture of 7a (0.01mol) and hydrazine hydrate (0.01mol) in ethanol (30 ml) was refluxed for 3 hr, then allowed to cool. The solid product was collected and recrystallized from ethanol as yellowish crystals.

**(2,3-Dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-b]quinoxalin-5-yl-thio) aceticazide (9)**

To a solution of 8 (1.0g) in acetic acid (15 ml) was added dropwise with stirring sodium nitrite solution (1.5 g in 5 ml water). The reaction mixture was then allowed to stand for 2 hr. The solid product was filtered washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol as yellow crystals.

**Arylidene(2,3-dihydro-imidazo[1'',2'':1',6']pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-b]-quinoxalin-5-ylthio) acetichydrazide (10a,b)**

General procedure: A mixture of an equimolar ratio of 8 (0.002 mol) and each of the aromatic aldehydes (benzaldehyde, *p*-anisaldehyde) in ethanol (15 ml) and piperidine was refluxed for 4 hr, then allowed to cool. The solid product was collected and recrystallized from ethanol.

**4-Amino-3-cyano-(2H)-pyrido[2',3':4,5]thieno[2,3-b]quinoxaline (11)**

A mixture of 1 (0.01mol) and acrylonitrile (0.01 mol) in pyridine was refluxed for 4 hr, then allowed to cool. The solid product was collected and recrystallized from ethanol as red crystals.

**2,4-Diamino-3-cyano-pyrido[2',3':4,5]thieno[2,3-b]quinoxaline (12)**

A mixture of 1 (0.01mol) and malononitrile (0.01mol) in pyridine (20 ml) was refluxed for 2 hr, then allowed to cool. The solid product was collected and recrystallized from ethanol as yellowish crystals.

**2-Aryl-3-carbonitrile-4-Amino-pyrido[2',3':5,4]thieno[2,3-b]-quinoxalines (13a, b)**

A mixture of **1** (0.01mol) and arylidine malononitrile (0.01mol) in pyridine (25 ml) was refluxed for 3 hr, then allowed to cool. The solid product was collected and recrystallized from ethanol.

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