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Triazolo[4,3-*a*]benzimidazole, unsymmetrical azine containing pyrazole moiety were synthesised via reactions of C-pyrazolôyl-N-p-chlorophenylhydrazonoyl bromide with each 2-(methylthio)benzimidazole and carbodithioates, respectively. Newly synthesised compounds were confirmed on the basis of elemental analysis, spectral data, and alternative route whenever possible.

### INTRODUCTION

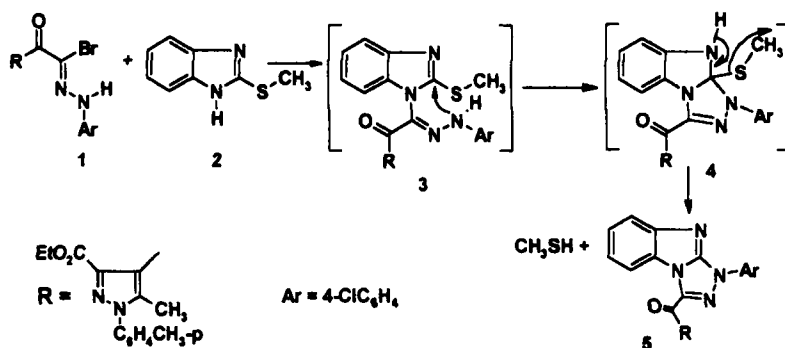
Extensive studies of the chemistry of hydrazonoyl halides have established the value of these compounds as versatile precursors for the synthesis of heterocycles<sup>[2-5]</sup>. In continuation of our interest in the synthesis of heterocyclic systems containing pyrazole moiety<sup>[6-10]</sup>, we report herein a facile synthesis of triazolo[4,3-*a*]benzimidazole and unsymmetrical azines.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reaction of equimolar amounts of C-pyrazolôyl-N-p-chlorophenylhydrazonoyl bromide<sup>[1]</sup> (1) with 2-(methylthio)benzimidazole (2) in boiling

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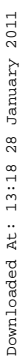
ethanolic triethylamine solution furnished exclusively the corresponding 2-p-chlorophenyl-1-[3'-ethoxycarbonyl-5'-methyl-4'-(p-tolyl)] pyrazoloyl-triazolo[4,3-a]benzimidazole (**5**) in excellent yield. Structure **5** was elucidated on the basis of analytical and spectral data.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum showed signals at  $\delta = 1.01$  (t, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 4.08 (q, 2H) and 7.26–8.56 (m, 12H). The formation of **5** can be explained by a step-wise path involving substitution to give amidrazone **3**, which readily cyclized to give intermediate **4**. The latter converted to **5** via elimination of methyl mercaptan (cf. Scheme 1).



SCHEME 1

Compound **1** readily reacted with methyl phenylethylenhydrazinecarbodithioate (**6a**), in ethanol to afford a product, which analyzed correctly for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClN}_6\text{O}_3\text{S}$  (**9a**). Structure **9** was inferred on the basis of spectral data and alternative synthesis. Thus  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9a** showed signals at  $\delta = 1.14$  (t, 3H); 2.39 (s, 3H); 2.43 (s, 3H); 2.46 (s, 3H); 4.12 (q, 2H) and 7.26–8.04 (m, 13H). Structure of **9a** was further confirmed by the reaction of hydrazonoyl bromide **1** with ethyl phenylethylenhydrazinecarbodithioate (**10a**) in ethanolic triethylamine solution, which afforded a product identical in all respects (mp., mixed mp. and spectra) with **9a** (cf. Scheme 2). The formation of **9a** can be explained via elimination of methyl mercaptan (or ethyl mercaptan) from the cycloadduct **8**, which is assumed to be formed from the 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of the nitrile imide **11** (prepared in situ from **1** with triethylamine) to the  $\text{C}=\text{S}$  double bond of **6a** (cf. Scheme 2). Alternatively the formation of the product **9a** can also be explained by a stepwise path involving substitution, to give

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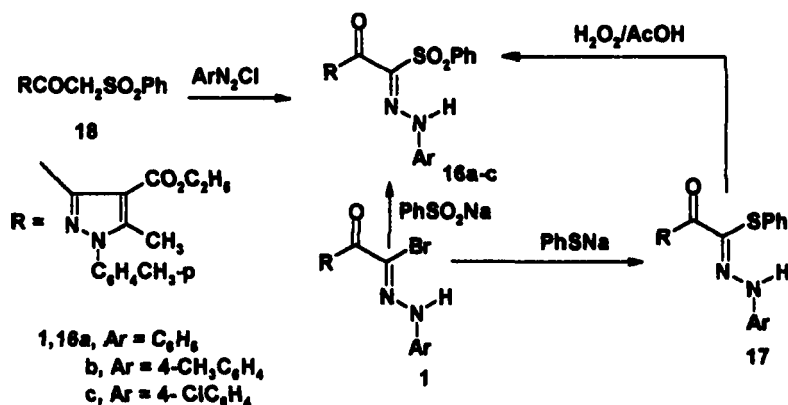
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sulfide **17** (prepared by reaction of **1c** with sodium thiophenolate) with hydrogen peroxide in acetic acid<sup>[11]</sup> yielded product identical in all respects (mp., mixed mp. and spectra) with **16c**. Structure **16** was confirmed by the alternative synthesis via the reaction of diazotized anilines with ketosulfone **18** [prepared by the reaction of 4-(2-bromoacetyl)-3-ethoxycarbonyl-5-methyl-1-p-tolylpyrazole with sodium benzenesulfinate] in ethanolic sodium acetate solution.



SCHEME 3

## EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points were determined on an electrothermal apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded (KBr discs) on a Shimadzu FT-IR 8201 PC spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO on a Varian Gemini 200 MHz spectrometer and chemical shifts were expressed in δ units using TMS as internal reference. Elemental analyses were carried out at the Microanalytical Center of the University of Cairo, Giza, Egypt. Alkyl carbodithioates<sup>[12-14]</sup> were prepared as previously reported.

### Synthesis of 2-p-chlorophenyl-1-[3'-ethoxycarbonyl-5'-methyl-4'-(p-tolyl)]pyrazol-oyltriazolo[4,3-a]benzimidazole (**5**)

A mixture of hydrazonoyl bromide **1** (2.5g, 0.005 mol), 2-methylsulfanylbenzimidazole (0.89g, 0.005 mol), and triethylamine (0.75 ml, 5 mmol) in

ethanol (20 ml) was refluxed for 3h. The resulting solid, which precipitated, was collected, washed with water and crystallized from ethanol gave **5** (cf. Tables I and II).

TABLE I Characterization data of the newly synthesized compounds

% Analyses, Calcd. /Found							
Compd no.	M.P., °C colour	Mol. Formula Mol. Wt.	Yield %	C	H	N	S
<b>5</b>	240–242	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>23</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	83	64.62	4.30	15.59	
	Yellow	539.00		64.60	4.10	15.70	
<b>9a</b>	178–80	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>27</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	92	62.15	4.54	14.03	5.35
	Yellow	599.12		62.30	4.40	13.90	5.20
<b>9b</b>	190–92	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>25</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	89	59.13	4.28	14.27	5.44
	Yellow	589.08		59.20	4.40	14.10	5.40
<b>9c</b>	197–200	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>26</sub> ClN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	89	60.06	4.37	16.34	5.34
	Yellow	600.10		60.10	4.30	16.40	5.34
<b>9d</b>	192–194	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>25</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	90	57.56	4.16	13.89	10.60
	Yellow	605.14		57.80	4.00	14.10	10.50
<b>14a</b>	148–50	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>27</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	94	59.73	4.83	14.93	5.69
	Yellow	563.08		59.80	4.90	15.10	5.80
<b>14b</b>	280–82	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>29</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	93	60.36	5.07	14.56	5.56
	Orange	577.11		60.10	5.00	14.60	5.60
<b>14c</b>	232–234	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>29</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	95	63.40	4.68	13.44	5.13
	Orange	625.15		63.20	4.80	14.30	5.20
<b>16a</b>	200–203	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	77	63.38	4.94	10.56	6.04
	Yellow	530.61		63.20	4.80	10.60	5.80
<b>16b</b>	160–163	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	78	63.96	5.18	10.29	5.89
	Yellow	544.63		64.10	5.30	10.40	5.90
<b>16c</b>	139–140	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>25</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	82	59.52	4.46	9.92	5.67
	Yellow	565.05		59.70	4.30	9.80	5.80
<b>17c</b>	197–200	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>25</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	65	63.09	4.73	10.51	6.02
	Yellow	533.05		63.20	4.90	10.70	5.90
<b>18</b>	88–90	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	72	61.96	5.20	6.57	7.52
	colorless	426.50		61.80	5.00	6.70	7.40

TABLE II IR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of some newly synthesized compounds

Comp no.	IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\delta$ ppm)
9b	1714,1651(CO's).	1.14(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.39(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.43(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.46(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 4.12(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); and 7.26–8.04(m, 11H, ArH's).
9c	1714,1651(CO's).	1.14(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.39(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.43(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.46(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 4.12(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); and 7.26–8.04(m, 12H, ArH's).
9d	1714,1651(CO's).	1.14(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.39(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.43(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.46(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 4.12(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); and 7.26–8.04(m, 11H, ArH's).
14a	1714,1651(CO's).	1.14(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.81(m, 4H, $2\text{CH}_2$ ); 2.43(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.50(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.52(t, 4H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 4.12(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); and 7.26–8.04(m, 8H, ArH's).
14b	1714,1651(CO's).	1.14(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.81(m, 6H, $3\text{CH}_2$ ); 2.43(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.50(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.52(t, 4H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 4.12(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); and 7.26–8.04(m, 8H, ArH's).
14c	1714,1651(CO's).	1.14(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.81(m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 2.43(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.50(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.52(t, 4H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 4.12(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); and 7.26–8.04(m, 12H, ArH's).
16a	3241(NH); 1720,1676(CO's); 1314,1140( $\text{SO}_2$ ).	1.20(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.27(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.32(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 4.28(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 7.03–8.21(m, 14H, ArH's), and 12.38(s, br., 1H, NH).
16b	3241(NH); 1720,1676(CO's); 1314,1140( $\text{SO}_2$ ).	1.18(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.27(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.32(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.40(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 4.29(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 7.03–8.21(m, 13H, ArH's), and 12.38(s, br., 1H, NH).
17c	3450(NH); 1735,1659(CO's).	1.22(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.29(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.38(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 4.11(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 7.10–7.58(m, 13H, ArH's), and 8.61(s, br., 1H, NH).
18	1726,1687(CO's); 1325,1043( $\text{SO}_2$ ).	1.08(t, 3H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.27(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.32(s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3$ ); 4.12(q, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ); 5.05(s, 2H, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 7.28–7.85(m, 9H, ArH's).

### Synthesis of 2,3-dihydro-1,3,4-thiadiazoles 9b-d, and 14a-c.

#### General Procedure

Triethylamine (0.7 ml, 0.005 mol) was added to a mixture of the appropriate dithiocarbazate **6a-d**, **10a-d**, **12a-c**, **13a-c** (0.005 mol) and hydrazonoyl bromide **1** (2.5g, 5 mol) in ethanol (20 ml), at room temperature with stirring. Stirring was continued for 2h, and the resulting solid was

collected, washed with water and crystallized from acetic acid to give **9a-d** and **14a-c**, respectively. The compounds obtained are listed together with physical properties in tables I and II.

### Synthesis of 1-benzenesulfonyl-2-[3'-ethoxycarbonyl-5'-methyl-4'-(p-tolyl)pyrazoloyl]ethane-2-one (**18**)

Equimolar quantities of 4-(2-bromoacetyl)-3-ethoxycarbonyl-5-methyl-1-p-tolylpyrazole<sup>15</sup> and sodium benzenesulfinate (0.05 mol), in ethanol (50 ml) was refluxed 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was cooled, the solid, so formed, was collected and then crystallized from ethanol to give **18** (cf. Tables I and II).

### Synthesis **16**, **17**

Method (A)- To a solution of sodium thiophenolate or sodium benzenesulfinate (0.005 mol) in ethanol (30 ml), a solution of hydrazonoyl bromide **1** (2.5g, 0.005 mol) was added while stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4h. at room temperature. During this period, the material went into solution and new solid precipitated. The latter was collected, washed with water, and crystallized from ethanol to give corresponding **16c** (77% yield) and **17** (65% yield), respectively (cf. Tables I and II).

Method (B)- The appropriate diazotized primary aromatic amines (0.01 mol) was added to a cold solution contains **18** (4.2g, 0.01 mol) and sodium acetate trihydrate (1.3g, 0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml). The reaction mixture stirred in ice chest for 8h and the resulting residue was collected, washed with water, and then crystallized from ethanol to give **16a-c** in 72–82 yields. Compound prepared by this method is identical in all respects (m.p., mixed m.p. and spectra) with those prepared above.

### Oxidation of **17**

To a solution of the appropriate sulfides **17** (1g) in glacial acetic acid (10 ml), hydrogen peroxide (7 ml, 30%) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 48h at room temperature and then poured onto water (50 ml). The crude products were crystallized from ethanol to give **16c** in



55% yield. The product prepared by this way proved identical in all respects with that prepared above.

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