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2,6-Diaryl-4H-thiopyran-4-thiones have been synthesized in excellent yields by the reaction of 1-aryl-5-phenyl-4-pentyne-1,3-diones with phosphorus pentasulfide in dry pyridine at room temperature and were converted into the corresponding hydrazones and oximes. Their oxidation affords the respective. 4H-thiopyran-4-one sulfoxides or sulfones. The structure of the above compounds was confirmed from their spectral characteristics.

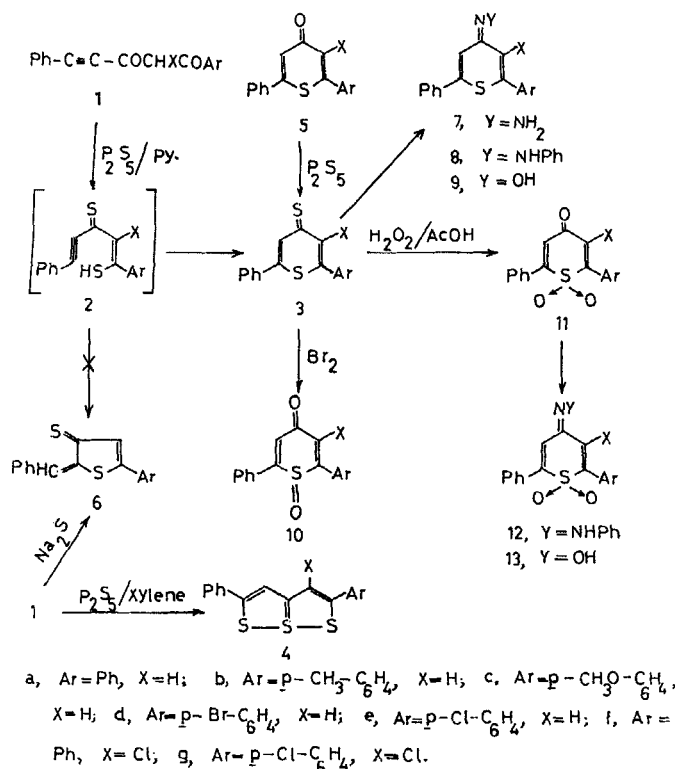
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4H-Thiopyran-4-thiones and their related products are of interest for various potential applications.^{1,2} Some of these compounds show fungicidal,³ pharmacological, medicinal, antibacterial, antiallergic, antihypotensival, sedative and schistosomicidal properties.¹ They have been extensively investigated for the detection and estimation of heavy metals, and are used in the manufacture of dyes.¹ Certain derivatives of 4H-thiopyran-4-thione form highly conducting "organic metals" with suitable acceptors.⁴

A quantity of work has been carried out on the structure of 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones.² The preparation of this ring system has been achieved in only a very limited number of ways, mostly involving the use of either 4H-pyran derivatives^{2,5} or dithiolium salts⁶ as starting materials. The generality of these methods is impaired by the availability of the starting substrates. In the present study, a new method for the synthesis of 2,6-diaryl-4H-thiopyran-4-thiones from acyclic precursors which do not contain sulfur has been developed.

When dry pyridine solution of the readily available 1,5-diaryl-4-pentyne-1,3-diones^{7,8} (**1a–g**) is treated with an excess of phosphorus pentasulfide at room temperature, the corresponding dark brown 2-aryl-6-phenyl-4H-thiopyran-4-thiones (**3a–g**) are obtained in excellent yields. However, the 2-aryl-5-phenyl-6-thiathiophthenes (**4a–g**) are reported⁹ to be formed from the reaction of **1a–g** with phosphorus pentasulfide in refluxing dry xylene (Scheme 1).

The formation of the 1,4-dithiopyrones **3** presumably proceeds through the initial formation of the 1,5-diaryl-4-pentyne-1,3-dithiones (**2**) and subsequent cyclization (Michael type addition). In accordance with Baldwin rules for ring closure,¹⁰ this type of cyclization, 6-endo-digonal for the 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones **3** is more favorable due to inductive effects. This mechanism is supported by the fact that the 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones **3a,f** are reported¹¹ to be formed from the reaction of the respective 4H-thiopyran-4-ones **5** and phosphorus pentasulfide. Also, similar Michael mechanisms were suggested for the formation of 4H-chalcogenapyran-4-ones from pentadiyn-3-ones¹² or acetylenic ketones¹³ and also for 4-pyridones¹⁴ from the amine adducts of pentadiyn-3-ones. The absence of 5-aryl-2-benzylidene-3(2H)-



SCHEME 1

thiophenethiones (6) in the above reaction may be due to the basic conditions which would minimize the concentration of the species containing chalcogen-hydrogen bonds, which are believed to be necessary for the anti-Michael addition.^{12,15} Compounds 6a-e are obtained by the reaction of 1a-e with sodium sulfide.¹⁶

Evidently, the above reaction provides a convenient and apparently general method and is among the best routes for the preparation of 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones carrying aryl substituents of which only a few examples are reported in the literature.^{2,17}

The structure of the 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones was confirmed by their spectral and analytical data (Tables I and II). Their IR spectra showed the thiocarbonyl absorption at 1059–1138 cm^{-1} in almost the same region reported for 2,6-diaryl-4H-thiopyran-4-thiones.¹⁷ Also, the NMR spectra of 3a-g exhibited a singlet at δ 7.91–8.30 for H-3 and H-5 ring protons. Further support of the structure of the 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones was obtained from their mass spectra. The dithiopyrones 3a-c,e,f gave a relatively intense molecular ion peaks which gave rise to a series of fragments characteristic of 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones (cf. Experimental).

The 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones 3, bearing a thiocarbonyl group, appeared to be attractive intermediates for the synthesis of 4H-thiopyrans having reactive functional groups in position 4. In the present study, the reaction of 3a-g with hydrazine hydrate, phenylhydrazine or hydroxylamine led to the formation of the corresponding hydrazones 7a-g, phenylhydrazones 8a-c,f,g or oximes 9a-c,e-g, re-

spectively. Moreover, **3a–g** could be oxidized to the corresponding 4H-thiopyran-4-one sulfoxides (**10b–e,g**) or 4H-thiopyran-4-one sulfones (**11a–g**) on reaction with bromine in wet ether or with hydrogen peroxide in glacial acetic acid. The latter sulfones **11a–c,f,g** afforded with phenylhydrazine and hydroxylamine the sulfone phenylhydrazones **12a–c,f,g** and sulfone oximes **13a–c,f,g**, respectively (Scheme I). The structures of all the compounds were confirmed by their spectral and analytical data (Tables I and II) and supported by the reported data for similar systems.^{17–20} These 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones **3** are useful starting materials for the preparation of some 4H-thiopyran derivatives of which only a few examples are reported in the literature.^{1,17}

EXPERIMENTAL

Microanalyses were performed by the Microanalysis Unit, Cairo University, Cairo. IR spectra were measured with a Unicam SP 1025 spectrophotometer for potassium bromide pellets. The NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ solution on a Varian EM-390 90 MHz spectrometer with TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on an AEI MS 30 spectrometer. For TLC, Merck Kieselgel 60-F 254 precoated plastic plates were used.

2-Aryl-6-phenyl-(3a–e)- and 2-Aryl-3-chloro-6-phenyl-(3f,g)-4H-thiopyran-4-thiones (Tables I and II). A solution of **1a–g** (0.8 g; 0.0032 mol) in dry pyridine (15 mL) was stirred with phosphorus pentasulfide (2.0 g; 0.0089 mol) for 3–5 h at room temperature. The pyridine solution was decanted and the residue was boiled with benzene. The combined pyridine and benzene solutions were washed with ammonium sulfide, water, and dried (Na₂SO₄). After removal of most of the solvents under reduced pressure, the separated dithiopyrones **3a–g** were crystallized from benzene as dark brown needles. The 4H-thiopyran-4-thiones **3a,f** were found to be completely identical (m.p. mixed m.p., IR and NMR spectra) with authentic samples prepared from the reaction of 2,6-diaryl-4H-thiopyran-4-ones (**5a,f**) with phosphorus pentasulfide.¹¹ MS, m/z for **3a**: 280 (M⁺), 236 (M⁺–CS), 121 (PhCS), 115 (C₉H₇), 102 (Ph–C≡CH), 77 (Ph); **3b**: 294 (M⁺), 250 (M⁺–CS), 135 (p–CH₃–C₆H₄CS), 129 (C₁₀H₉), 121 (PhCS), 116 (p–CH₃–C₆H₄–C≡CH), 115 (C₉H₇), 102 (PhC≡CH), 91 (p–CH₃–C₆H₄), 77 (Ph); **3c**: 310 (M⁺), 266 (M⁺–CS), 151 (p–CH₃O–C₆H₄CS), 145 (C₁₀H₉O), 132 (p–CH₃O–C₆H₄–C≡CH), 121 (PhCS), 115 (C₉H₇), 107 (p–CH₃O–C₆H₄), 102 (Ph–C≡CH), 77 (Ph); **3e**: 314 (M⁺), 270 (M⁺–CS), 155 (p–Cl–C₆H₄CS), 149 (C₉H₆Cl), 136 (p–Cl–C₆H₄–C≡CH), 121 (PhCS), 115 (C₉H₇), 111 (p–Cl–C₆H₄), 102 (Ph–C≡CH), 77 (Ph); **3f**: 279 (M⁺–Cl), 235 (M⁺–Cl–CS), 121 (PhCS), 114 (C₉H₆), 101 (Ph–C≡CH), 77 (Ph).

2-Aryl-6-phenyl-(7a–e)- and 2-Aryl-3-chloro-6-phenyl-(7f,g)-4H-thiopyran-4-one Hydrazones and Phenylhydrazones (8a–c,f,g) (Tables I and II). A suspension of **3a–g** (0.4 g; 0.0001 mol) in ethanol (10 mL) was heated under reflux with 99% hydrazine hydrate (2 mL; 0.0398 mol) or phenylhydrazine (0.3 mL; 0.0004 mol) for 30–60 min, during which time the starting material dissolved and the dark colored mixture became yellow-orange with evolution of hydrogen sulfide. Dilution with water gave the hydrazones **7a–g** or phenylhydrazones **8a–c,f,g** which were crystallized from methanol-water or benzene-petroleum ether (b.p. 40–60°C) as orange needles.

2-Aryl-6-phenyl-(9a–c,e)- and 2-Aryl-3-chloro-6-phenyl-(9f,g)-4H-thiopyran-4-one Oximes (Tables I and II). A suspension of **3a–c,e–g** (0.4 g; 0.0001 mol) in ethanol (30 mL) was heated under reflux with hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.8 g; 0.0115 mol) and fused sodium acetate (0.8 g; 0.0096 mol) in water (2 mL) for 3–5 h. After concentration and dilution with water, the separated oximes **9a–c,e–g** were crystallized from benzene as yellow needles.

2-Aryl-6-phenyl-(10b–e)- and 2-Aryl-3-chloro-6-phenyl-(10g)-4H-thiopyran-4-one Sulfoxides (Tables I and II). A solution of **3b–e,g** (0.4 g; 0.0001 mol) in ether (15 mL) was shaken well with bromine water (20 mL; 0.62 g; 0.0039 mol). The ethereal solution after washing with water for three times, drying (Na₂SO₄) and evaporation gave **10b–e,g** which crystallized from methanol as pale yellow needles.

2-Aryl-6-phenyl-(11a–e)- and 2-Aryl-3-chloro-6-phenyl-(11f,g)-4H-thiopyran-4-one Sulfones (Tables I and II). A solution of **3a–g** (0.4 g; 0.0001 mol) in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) was heated on a boiling water bath with 30% hydrogen peroxide (9 mL) for 2–3 h. The sulfones **11a–g** which separated were crystallized from methanol as yellow needles.

TABLE I
Characterization data of the 4H-thiopyran-4-thione derivatives

Compd.	IR (cm ⁻¹)					NMR (δ/ppm) ^a					
	C=S	C=N	NH ₂	NH	OH	C=O	SO	SO ₂	H-3 & H-4(a) (s)	Ar-H (m)	Others ^b (s)
3a	1059								8.10	7.50	
3b	1122								7.95	7.31	2.26 (CH ₃)
3c	1130								7.91	7.53	3.90 (OCH ₃)
3d	1135								8.01	7.42	
3e	1138								8.15	7.60	
3f	1126								8.30	7.45	
3g	1128								8.03	7.40	
7a		1618	3345,3196						7.13	7.55	6.51 (NH ₂)
7b		1610	3420,3180						7.23	7.62	2.22 (CH ₃), 6.40 (NH ₂)
7c		1603	3427,3051						7.12	7.78	3.87 (OCH ₃), 6.55 (NH ₂)
7d		1610	3365,3200						7.15	7.89	6.55 (NH ₂)
7e		1619	3367,3187						7.10	7.19	6.74 (NH ₂)
7f		1630	3340,3190						7.11	7.23	6.56 (NH ₂)
7g		1632	3345,3183						7.01	7.69	6.48 (NH ₂)
8a		1615		3195					7.13	7.52	11.13 (NH)
8b		1610		3210					7.03	7.67	2.28 (CH ₃), 11.17 (NH)
8c		1606		3215					7.10	7.70	3.91 (OCH ₃), 10.98 (NH)
8f		1600		3230					7.15	7.18	11.15 (NH)
8g		1602		3185					7.08	6.98	12.00 (NH)
9a		1617			3152				6.83,7.16	7.50	8.25 (OH)
9b		1624			3163				6.32,6.50	7.57	2.20 (CH ₃), 8.50 (OH)
9c		1620			3190				6.30,6.40	7.25	3.77 (OCH ₃), 8.30 (OH)
9e		1618			3142				6.70,6.90	7.37	8.30 (OH)
9f		1612			3150				7.20	7.48	9.56 (OH)
9g		1610			3155				7.22	7.52	9.50 (OH)
10b						1625	1036		6.78	7.53	2.40 (CH ₃)
10c						1630	1053		6.70	7.59	3.72 (OCH ₃)
10d						1635	1060		6.66	7.70	
10e						1640	1042		6.62	7.69	
10g						1645	1045		6.76	7.15	

^b All NH₂, NH and OH protons are exchanged with deuterium oxide. (a) The H-3 and H-5 protons are doublet for **9a-c**, **e** ($J = 2$ Hz), **13a-c** ($J = 0.07$ Hz). (b) The H-5 protons are overlapped by the aromatic protons multiplet.

TABLE II
Analytical data of the 4H-thiopyran-4-thione derivatives

Compd.	m.p. (°C)	Yield (%)	Molecular Formula	C	H	% Found/Required			X
3a	129–130	90	C ₁₇ H ₁₂ S ₂	73.1 (72.9)	4.2 4.3			22.6 22.9)
3b	143–144	86	C ₁₈ H ₁₄ S ₂	73.8 (73.5)	4.5 4.7			22.1 21.8)
3c	128–130	78	C ₁₈ H ₁₄ OS ₂	69.9 (69.7)	4.6 4.5			20.4 20.7)
3d	143–145	81	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ BrS ₂	56.6 (56.9)	3.0 3.1			17.9 17.8	22.0 22.3)
3e	132–133	85	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ ClS ₂	65.2 (64.9)	3.7 3.5			20.1 20.4	11.7 11.3)
3f	153–155	87	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ ClS ₂	65.1 (64.9)	3.4 3.5			20.7 20.4	11.0 11.3)
3g	163–164	83	C ₁₇ H ₁₀ Cl ₂ S ₂	58.8 (58.5)	3.1 2.9			18.6 18.3	20.0 20.3)
7a	103–104	81	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ N ₂ S	73.5 (73.4)	5.3 5.0	10.2 10.1		11.2 11.5)
7b	85–86	50	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₂ S	74.3 (74.0)	5.3 5.5	9.9 9.6		11.3 11.0)
7c	125–127	60	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₂ OS	70.4 (70.1)	5.0 5.2	8.9 9.1		10.7 10.4)
7d	102–105	72	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ BrN ₂ S	56.9 (57.1)	3.8 3.6	8.0 7.8		9.3 9.0	22.0 22.4)
7e	115–118	66	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ S	65.6 (65.3)	4.0 4.2	9.3 9.0		10.0 10.2	11.9 11.4)
7f	163–165	77	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ S	65.1 (65.3)	4.0 4.2	9.3 9.0		10.4 10.2	11.0 11.4)
7g	176–178	62	C ₁₇ H ₁₂ Cl ₂ N ₂ S	58.5 (58.8)	3.8 3.6	8.3 8.1		9.0 9.2	20.9 20.5)
8a	132–133	45	C ₂₃ H ₁₈ N ₂ S	78.3 (78.0)	5.0 5.1	7.6 7.9		9.3 9.0)
8b	142–145	53	C ₂₄ H ₂₀ N ₂ S	78.6 (78.3)	5.2 5.4	7.9 7.6		8.9 8.7)
8c	122–123	60	C ₂₄ H ₂₀ N ₂ OS	74.8 (75.0)	5.0 5.2	7.0 7.3		8.6 8.3)

8f	145-147	70	$C_{23}H_{17}ClN_2S$	71.3 (71.0)	4.6	7.0	8.4	9.5
8g	174-176	55	$C_{23}H_{16}Cl_2N_2S$	65.0	4.4	7.2	8.2	9.1
9a	203-205	85	$C_{17}H_{13}NOS$	(65.3)	3.6	6.8	7.9	16.3
9b	192-193	75	$C_{17}H_{13}NOS$	(73.0)	3.8	6.6	7.6	16.8
9c	228-230	82	$C_{18}H_{15}NO_2S$	(73.1)	4.8	4.8	11.3	
9e	235-237	78	$C_{17}H_{12}ClNOS$	(73.5)	4.7	5.0	11.5	
9f	230-232	86	$C_{17}H_{12}ClNOS$	(73.7)	5.1	4.6	10.7	
9g	240-242	80	$C_{17}H_{11}Cl_2NOS$	(70.1)	5.0	4.8	10.9	
10b	188-190	65	$C_{18}H_{14}O_2S$	(69.9)	4.9	4.5	10.4	
10c	210-212	68	$C_{18}H_{14}O_3S$	(64.8)	4.0	4.8	10.0	
10d	197-198	70	$C_{17}H_{11}BrO_2S$	(65.1)	3.8	4.5	10.2	11.7
10e	200-202	56	$C_{17}H_{11}ClO_2S$	(65.3)	4.0	4.5	10.3	11.3
10g	175-176	62	$C_{17}H_{10}Cl_2O_2S$	(65.1)	3.8	4.5	10.2	11.3
11a	146-148	45	$C_{17}H_{12}O_3S$	(58.9)	3.2	4.3	9.4	20.0
11b	143-145	59	$C_{18}H_{14}O_3S$	(58.6)	3.2	4.6	9.2	20.4
11c	153-155	53	$C_{18}H_{14}O_4S$	(73.8)	4.6	4.8	11.1	
11d	167-168	62	$C_{17}H_{11}BrO_3S$	(69.9)	4.4	4.8	10.9	
11e	148-150	58	$C_{17}H_{11}ClO_3S$	(56.8)	3.3	4.5	10.3	
11f	163-164	70	$C_{17}H_{11}ClO_3S$	(57.0)	3.3	4.5	10.3	
				(64.9)	3.5	4.1	10.2	22.0
				(58.3)	3.1	4.3	8.9	22.3
				(58.5)	2.9	4.1	9.9	11.7
				(68.6)	4.3	4.1	9.5	11.3
				(68.9)	4.1	4.1	9.2	19.8
				(69.5)	4.2	4.5	11.1	20.3
				(69.7)	4.5	4.5	10.8	
				(66.0)	4.5	4.5	10.0	
				(66.3)	4.3	4.3	10.1	
				(54.7)	3.1	4.3	9.8	
				(54.4)	2.9	3.1	8.8	21.7
				(61.4)	3.5	3.3	8.5	21.3
				(61.7)	3.3	3.3	9.9	10.3
				(61.5)	3.3	3.3	9.7	10.7
				(61.7)	3.3	3.3	10.0	10.3
							9.7	10.7

TABLE II (Continued)

Compd.	m.p. (°C)	Yield (%)	Molecular Formula	% Found/Required				
				C	H	N	S	X
11g	175–177	63	C ₁₇ H ₁₀ Cl ₂ O ₂ S	56.1 (55.9)	3.0 2.9		9.0 8.8	19.0 19.5)
12a	240–241	66	C ₂₃ H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₂ S	71.8 (71.5)	4.5 4.7	7.5 7.3	8.0 8.3)
12b	253–255	73	C ₂₄ H ₂₀ N ₂ O ₂ S	72.3 (72.0)	5.2 5.0	7.3 7.0	7.8 8.0)
12c	269–270	70	C ₂₄ H ₂₀ N ₂ O ₃ S	69.5 (69.2)	5.0 4.8	6.4 6.7	7.9 7.7)
12f	205–207	53	C ₂₃ H ₁₇ ClN ₂ O ₂ S	65.3 (65.6)	4.2 4.0	6.9 6.7	7.3 7.6	8.0 8.4)
12g	215–217	78	C ₂₃ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₂ S	60.9 (60.7)	3.7 3.5	6.0 6.2	7.3 7.0	15.9 15.6)
13a	193–195	58	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ NO ₃ S	65.9 (65.6)	4.0 4.2	4.3 4.5	10.7 10.3)
13b	209–210	68	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ NO ₃ S	66.3 (66.5)	4.8 4.6	4.0 4.3	10.1 9.9)
13c	212–215	56	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ NO ₄ S	63.5 (63.3)	4.2 4.4	4.3 4.1	9.7 9.4)
13f	211–213	70	C ₁₇ H ₁₂ ClNO ₃ S	59.3 (59.1)	3.8 3.5	4.3 4.1	9.6 9.3	10.8 10.3)
13g	232–233	68	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ NO ₃ S	53.9 (53.7)	3.0 2.9	3.9 3.7	8.1 8.4	18.3 18.7)

2-Aryl-6-phenyl-(12a-c)- and 2-Aryl-3-chloro-6-phenyl-(12f,g)-4H-thiopyran-4-one Sulfone Phenylhydrazones (Tables I and II). A solution of 11a-c,f,g (0.4 g; 0.0014 mol) in ethanol (10 mL) was stirred with phenylhydrazine (0.3 mL; 0.0004 mol) for 2–3 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then poured into cold water and the separated 12a-c,f,g were crystallized from methanol as red needles.

2-Aryl-6-phenyl-(13a-c)- and 2-Aryl-3-chloro-6-phenyl-(13f,g)-4H-thiopyran-4-one Sulfone Oximes (Tables I and II). A solution of 11a-c,f,g (0.4 g; 0.0014 mol) in ethanol (10 mL) was heated under reflux with a mixture of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.8 g; 0.0115 mol) and fused sodium acetate (0.8 g; 0.0096 mol) in water (2 mL) for 5–15 min. The reaction mixture was then diluted with cold water and the sulfone oximes 13a-c,f,g which separated were filtered and crystallized from methanol as yellow needles.

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