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STUDIES ON β -LACTAMS AND THIAZOLIDINONES PART I. SYNTHESIS AND BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF SOME NEW TRIAZOLYL-AZETIDIN-2-ONES AND THIAZOLIDIN-4-ONES.

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Arylidene-3-amino-1,2,4-triazoles (1) were prepared by condensation of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole with aromatic aldehydes. Cyclocondensation of chloroacetylchloride, phthaloyl glycyl chloride and mercaptoacetic acid on (1) giving the corresponding azetidin-ones (2 and 3) and 4-thiazolidinones (4) respectively, in good yield.

INTRODUCTION

In view of the fact that the antibiotic activity of penicillin and cephalosporin-C is mainly due to the substituted β -Lactam ring structure¹, and that 4-thiazolidinones are of important interest as local anesthetic agents², it was of interest to incorporate this molecule into the well known antimicrobial triazole³ to evaluate these for the pharmacological activity.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this communication, the basic synthetic approach to the hitherto unreported heterocyclic compound was established by the following routes (i) Preparation of the key intermediates arylidene-3-amino-1,2,4-triazoles (1); (ii) Cycloaddition of the key intermediates on chloroacetylchloride (or phthalyl glycyl chloride) (2 and 3) and (iii) Cycloaddition of key intermediates on mercaptoacetic acid (4).

Thus arylidene -3- amino- 1,2,4- triazoles (1) were prepared by the condensation of 3-amino-1, 2, 4- triazole with aromatic aldehydes in ethanol in the presence of piperidine as a catalyst or by heating the reactant to about 200°C for a period of 5-10 min.

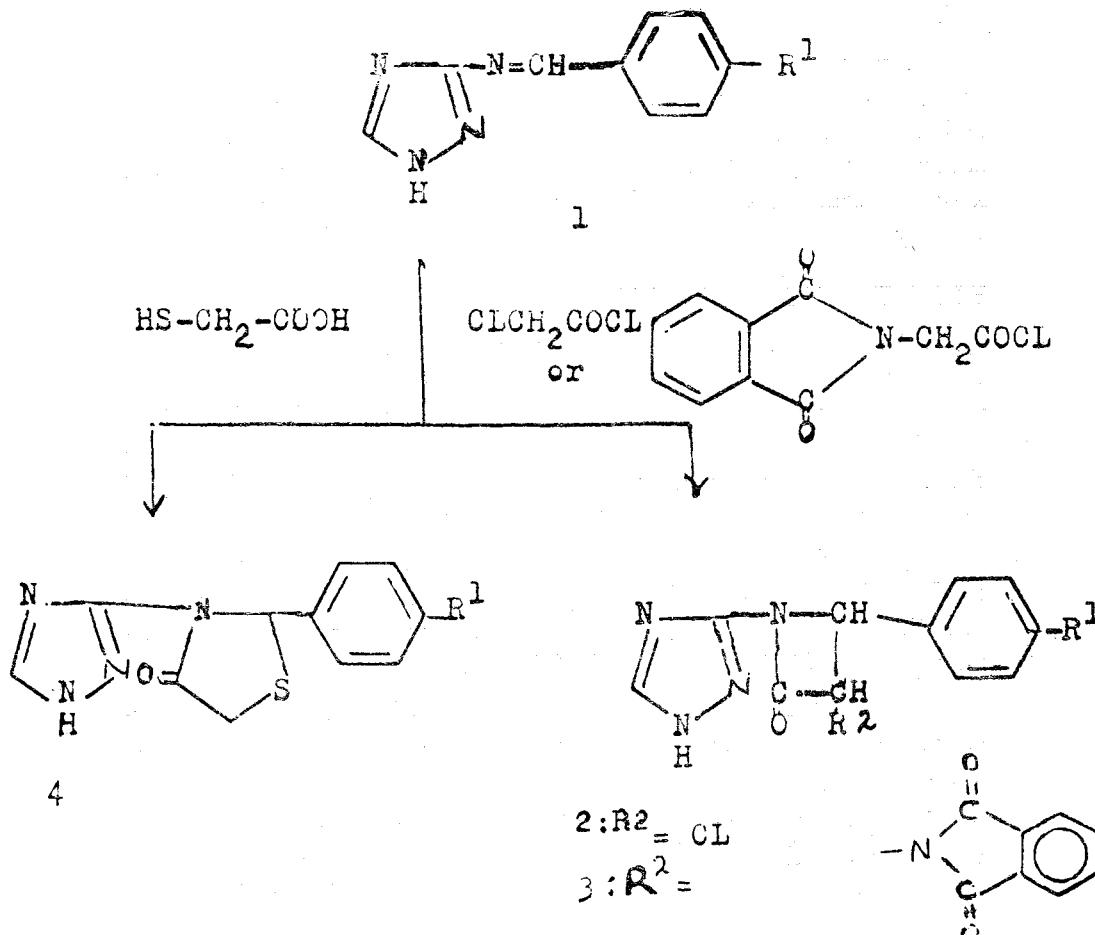
The structure of compounds (1) was confirmed from elemental analysis and the IR spectra which showed absorption band at 1660-1640 cm⁻¹ (ν C=N)⁴.

The β -Lactams were prepared by the reaction between an acid chloride and anils in the presence of a base⁵. Thus, the cyclo condensation reaction of chloroacetylchloride and/or phthaloyl glycyl chloride

(1) was carried out in dry benzene in the presence of triethylamine as a catalyst, giving 1-(3-1, 2,4-triazolyl)-2-azetidinones 2 and 3 respectively.

The structure of compounds 2 and 3 were identified from the microanalytical data and the IR spectra, which showed an absorption band at about 1750-1710 cm⁻¹ for $\nu\text{C=O}$ (monocyclic B-Lactam)⁶.

The cyclocondensation reaction of mercaptoacetic acid on (1) was carried out in dry benzene using Deanstark trap. The compounds obtained from this reaction were 3-(3-1, 2,4-triazolyl)-4-thiazolidinones (4) which is in agreement with data given by Surrey². Substituted 4-thiazolidinones (4) were identified by a combination of spectral and elemental analysis. The IR spectra of compounds 4 are characterized by an absorption band in the region of 1700-1690 cm⁻¹, $\nu\text{C=O}$ group.



ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY:

Compounds 2, 3 and 4 penicillin G procaine (reference sample) were tested in vitro for the biological activity against a variety such as *Salmonella* Sp., *Proteus* Sp., *Staphylococcus Albus* and *Bacillus Subtilis*^{6,7}. The activity of the tested compounds was compared with that of Penicillin G procaine at a concentration of 0.2 g / L. The most potent compounds against *Salmonella* Sp. are 2b, and 4e and against *B. subtilis* are 3a and 3c.

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points were uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded on a Pye Unicam SP 200 G spectrophotometer using KBr discs. The purity of the compounds prepared were checked by TLC.

ARYLIDINE-3-AMINO-1,2,4-TRIAZOLES (1):

A mixture of equimolecular amounts of 3-amino-1, 2, 3-triazole and the appropriate aldehyde was heated at about 200°C for 5-10 min. The product was cooled, washed with ether and recrystallized from dioxane with 60-85 % yield. The results are given in table 1.

Table 1. Physical date of Arylidene-3-amino-1, 2, 4-Triazoles (1)

Com- oundl	R ¹	M.P. C°	Molecular formula	Analysis (calc / found)			
				C	H	N	Cl
a	H	193	C ₉ H ₈ N ₄	62.79 62.78	4.65 4.66	32.55 32.53	—
b	Cl	213	C ₉ H ₇ N ₄ Cl	52.30 52.40	3.38 3.39	27.12 27.14	17.19 17.21
c	OCH ₃	195	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ ON ₄	59.40 59.42	4.95 4.95	27.72 27.70	—
d	N(CH ₃) ₂	292	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ N ₅	61.39 61.36	6.05 6.07	32.56 32.58	—
e	NO ₂	254	C ₉ H ₇ O ₂ N ₆	49.77 49.78	3.22 3.23	32.26 32.28	—

SUBSTITUDE 3-(1-3, 2, 4-TRIAZOLYL) AZETIDIN -2-ONES (2 AND 3).

To a well stirred solution of anils 1 (0.01 mol) and triethylamine (0.02 mol) in dry benzene (50 ml) was added monoochloroacetylchloride or phthaloyl glycyl chloride (0.01 mol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for about 10 hours and left at room temperature for 7 days. The precipitated N(C₂H₅)₃ HCl was filtered off and washed tho-

roughly with dioxane. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue obtained was washed with dil. HCl then with H₂O. It was then dried and recrystallized from dioxan with 40–60 % yield. The results are listed in table 2.

Table 2. Physical Data of Substituted 1-(3-1, 2, 4-triazolyl) azetidin-2-ones (2 and 3)

Com-pound	R ¹	M.P. °C	Molecular formula	Analysis (Calc. found)			
				C	H	N	Cl
2a	H	302	C ₁₁ H ₉ ON ₄ Cl	53.12 53.11	3.62 3.60	22.53 22.51	14.11 14.03
2b	Cl	310	C ₁₁ H ₈ ON ₄ Cl ₂	46.64 46.66	3.18 3.19	19.79 19.76	25.08 25.06
2c	OCH ₃	320	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ O ₂ N ₄ Cl	51.70 51.73	3.95 3.94	20.11 20.13	12.59 12.56
2d	N(CH ₃) ₂	359	C ₁₃ H ₁₄ ON ₅ Cl	53.52 53.55	4.80 4.83	24.01 24.03	12.02 12.01
2e	NO ₂	297	C ₁₁ H ₈ O ₃ N ₃ Cl	44.97 44.99	2.72 2.74	23.85 23.88	12.09 12.01
3a	H	297	C ₁₉ H ₁₃ O ₃ N ₅	63.51 63.52	3.62 3.63	19.49 19.50	— —
3b	Cl	305	C ₁₉ H ₁₂ O ₃ B ₅ Cl	57.94 57.91	3.04 3.06	17.78 17.77	8.90 8.92
3c	OCH ₃	350	C ₂₀ H ₁₅ O ₄ N ₅	61.69 61.68	3.85 3.82	17.99 17.96	— —
3d	N(CH ₃) ₂	332	C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₆	62.68 62.66	4.48 4.45	20.89 20.86	— —
3e	NO ₂	350	C ₁₉ H ₁₂ O ₅ N ₆	56.43 56.41	2.97 2.99	20.79 20.77	— —

SUBSTITUTED 4-THIAZOLIDINONES (4):

A mixture of anils 1 (0.02 mol) and metcaptoacetic acid (0.02 mol) in dry benzene (50 ml) was refluxed using water separator until the theoretical amount of water was collected. When most of the benzene had been removed the residue was dissolved in ether and seeded. The results are listed in Table 3.

Table 3. Physical Data of Substituted 3-(3-1, 2, 4-Triazolyl) Thiazolidin-4-ones (4)

Compo-und	R ¹	M.P. °C	Molecular formula	Analysis (Calc. found)				
				C	H	N	S	Cl
4a	H	150	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ N ₄ OS	53.66 53.62	4.06 4.05	22.76 22.72	13.0 13.1	— —
4b	Cl	170	C ₁₁ H ₉ ON ₄ SCl	47.06 47.08	3.21 3.22	19.96 19.97	11.41 11.44	12.5 12.6
4c	OCH ₃	147	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ O ₂ N ₄ S	52.17 52.19	4.34 4.35	20.29 20.26	11.59 11.56	— —
4d	N(CH ₃) ₂	163	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ ON ₅ S	53.98 53.99	5.19 5.18	24.22 24.23	11.07 11.09	— —
4e	NO ₂	85	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ N ₃ S	45.36 45.37	3.09 3.06	24.05 24.08	10.99 10.90	— —

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