REACTION PRODUCTS OF THIOSEMICARBAZIDE WITH 1, 5-DIARYLPENT-1-YNE-3, 5-DIONES

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SUMMARY: Acetylenic β -diketones reacted with thiosemicarbazide to give either 6<u>H</u> or 3<u>H</u>, 6<u>H</u>pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidinethiones depending on the nature of the substituents as well as the reaction conditions. The reaction of 2-aryl-5-phenyl-6<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidine-7-thiones with nitrous acid and benzenediazonium chloride gave the corresponding disulfide and phenylazo disulfide derivatives, respectively. With certain electrophiles, 3-substituted-7-thiones are formed. Moreover, oxidation with alkaline hydrogen peroxide afforded the respective pyrazolopyrimidinones.

Key Words: Thiosemicarbazide, 5-diarylpenth-1-yne-3, 5-diones.

INTRODUCTION

1, 5-diarylpent-1-yne-3, 5-diones are polyfunctional reagents which were found to give rise to a great variety of five and six-membered heterocyclic rings (1).

The versatility of these substrates led us to suppose that the polyfunctionalized reagents would constitute suitable building blocks for the synthesis of biheterocyclic compounds which have a great variety of useful properties.

In this paper, we would like to report the reactivity of 1, 5-diarylpent-1-yne-3, 5-diones $\underline{1}$ with thiosemicarbazide. Starting materials $\underline{1}$ are easily available from condensation of acetylenic esters with suitable ketones, as described previously (2, 3).

Thus, the reaction of compounds <u>1</u>a-c with thiosemicarbazide in ethanol at room temperature in the presence of concentrated hydrochloric acid or thiosemicarbazide hydrochloride afforded the respective 2-aryl-5-phenyl-<u>6</u>H-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidine-7-thiones <u>4</u>a-c as only separated product in high yields in a one step procedure. However, under identical conditions <u>1</u>d, e gave <u>4</u>d, e alongside with their isomers <u>6</u>d, e as minor products (Scheme 1).

On the other hand, 2-phenyl-5-aryl- $\underline{6}$ H-pyrazolo [1, 5-c]-pyrimidine-7-thiones $\underline{6}$ b, c were obtained by the reaction of $\underline{1}$ b, c with thiosemicarbazide in refluxing ethanol. However, 5-furyl-9-hydroxy-2-phenyl- $\underline{3}$ H, $\underline{6}$ H-pyrazolo[1, 5-c] pyrimidine-7-thione $\underline{5}$ was formed from

<u>1</u>f under the same conditions. The latter 5 could be converted into its thione <u>6</u>f on heating in xylene (Scheme 1).

Thiosemicarbazide can attack the keto group or the acetylenic linkage of <u>1</u>. There are indications that these paths are competitive, but in acid medium, the hydrazone <u>2</u> is favored, while in neutral medium, an amine-type intermediate <u>3</u> is formed as described in the Scheme 1. Both intermediates may cyclize under the reaction conditions giving pyrazolopyrimidines <u>4</u> and <u>6</u>, respectively.

The above reaction provide new routes of synthesis of pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidine thiones containing nuclear aryl groups of which only few examples are reported (4, 5); however, some of them are known as bactericides (5).

In agreement with the assigned structures, the infrared spectra of the pyrazolopyrimidines <u>4</u> and <u>6</u> gave characteristic pyrazolo and pyrimidine C=N ring bands at 1569-1665 cm⁻¹ and pyrimidine C=C band at 1520-1548 cm⁻¹, a thiocarbonyl and NH absorptions at 1074-1217 and 3122-3459 cm⁻¹, respectively. It is noted that the lack of υ SH absorption in their spectra may suggest that in the solid state the thione form predominants.

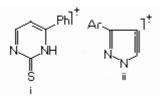
The ¹H nmr spectra of <u>4</u> and <u>6</u> (Table 1), showed two singlets at δ 6.65-7.10 and 6.93-7.28 for H-3 and H-4 ring protons. Moreover, besides the NH proton in the case of <u>4</u>d, e and <u>6</u>d, e a singlet at δ 3.37-4.43 was observed which may suggest some contribution of the thiol form (1:3).

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Further support of the structure of the pyrazolopyrimidinethiones was obtained from their mass spectra. These compounds gave their molecular ions as the base or very intense peaks which gave rise to the pyrimidine radical cation i and the pyrazolyne species ii characteristic for the pyrazolopyrimidine system (6).

While the chemistry of the increasingly important pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidines have been very little explo-



red, the other pyrazolopyrimidines have received considerable attention (7). In the present work, oxidation of 2-aryl-5-phenyl- $\underline{6}$ H-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidinethiones $\underline{4}a$ -e with sodium nitrite in glacial acetic acid gave the respective 7, 7 -bis-(2-aryl-5-phenylprazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidinyl) disulfides $\underline{7}a$ -e similar to that reported for 4, 6-diarylpyrimidine-2 (1H)-thiones (8). On the other hand, treatment of $\underline{4}a$ -e with benzenediazonium chloride in the presence of sodium hydroxide gave the 3-phenylazo disulfide derivatives $\underline{8}a$ -e. The reaction is assumed to proceed by introduction of phenylazo group as well as oxidation of the thiol under the action of nitrous acid already present in the reaction medium (Scheme 1).

No reports on the electrophilic substitution reactions of pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidines have been made earlier. However, the reaction of pyrazolo [1, 5-a] pyrimidines with the same regents generally leads to the formation of their 3-or 3, 6-disubstituted derivatives (7, 9). In the present work, bromination and iodination of <u>4</u>a-e with bromine and iodine monochloride in chloroform afforded the corresponding 3-bromo <u>9</u>a-e and 3-iodo <u>10</u>a-e derivatives, respectively. Moreover, nitration of <u>4</u>a-e with nitric and sulfuric acids in glacial acetic acid led to the formation of the corresponding 3-nitro <u>11</u>a-e derivatives (Scheme 2). The structure of the above products was confirmed from their spectral data which included infrared, ¹H nmr spectra.

It is worthy to note that the detection of the nitropyrazole species at m/e 265 in the mass spectrum of $\underline{11}$ b, while no nitropyrimidine fragment appeared supports the introduction of the nitro group at position 3 in the parent pyrazolopyrimidinethiones. 3-Cyano-5, 7-dimethylpyrazolo [1, 5-a] pyrimidine is susceptible to pyrimidine ring opening and subsequent recyclization with rearrangement by alkaline hydrogen peroxide leading to 4-hydroxy-6-methyl-1<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [3, 4-d] pyrimidine (10), while the pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidinethiones <u>4</u>a-e under the same reagent gave the respective pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidin-7-ones <u>12</u>a-e in high yields (Scheme 2). The presence of a broad OH absorption in the infrared spectra of <u>12</u> may suggest that in the solid state a significant contribution of the enol form takes place.

EXPERIMENTAL

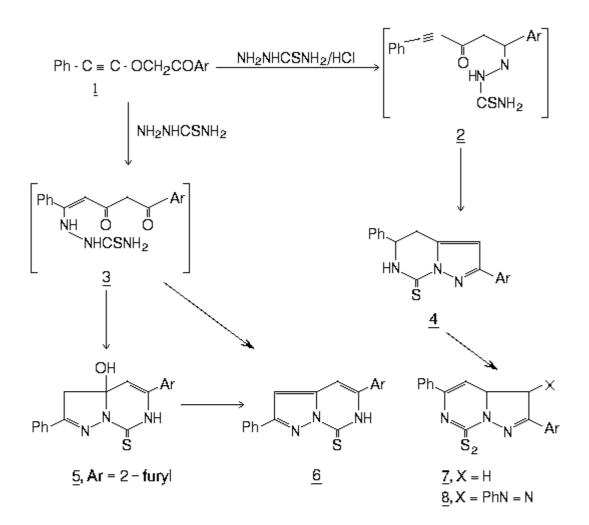
Microanalyses were performed by Microanalysis Unit, Cairo University, Cairo. Infrared spectra were measured with a Unicam SP 1025 spectrophotometer for potassium bromide pellets. The ¹H nmr spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-390 nmr spectrometer at 90 MHz with TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded at 70 eV with an AEL MS-9 spectrometer coupled to a DS-50 Data system using a direct insertion probe for introduction of samples.

2-Aryl-5-phenyl-6<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidine-7-thiones <u>4</u> (Table 1)

A solution of 1, 5-diarylpent-1-yne-3, 5-diones <u>1</u>a-e (0.0018 mole) in ethanol (20 ml) was stirred with thiosemicarbazide (0.0018 mole) in the presence of hydrochloric acid (1 ml) or thiosemicarbazide hydrochloride (0.0022 mole) for 6 hours at room temperature. The pyrazolopyrimidinethione <u>4</u>a-c which separated was crystallized from methanol as pale yellow needles, whereas <u>4</u>d, e was separated from its isomer <u>6</u>d, e by fractional crystallization from chloroform; ms: m/e (relative abundance) <u>4</u>a: M⁺ 303 (100), 302 (99), 187 (10), 141 (14); <u>4</u>b: M⁺ 381 (80), 380 (100), 219 (26), 187 (18), 77 (50); <u>4</u>c: M⁺ 337 (100), 336 (85), 187 (22), 175 (35), 77 (35); <u>6</u>d: M⁺ 317 (89), 316 (70), 210 (30), 141 (16), 77 (100).

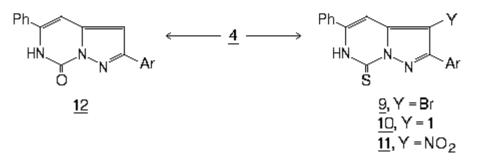
5-Furyl-9-hydroxy-2-phenyl-3<u>H</u>, 6<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidine-7-thione <u>5</u> and 5-Aryl-2-phenyl-6<u>H</u>pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidine-7-thiones <u>6</u> (Table 1)

A solution of <u>1</u>a-c, f (0.0021 mole) in ethanol (20 ml) was refluxed with thiosemicarbazide (0.0023 mole) for three hours. The thione <u>5</u> and <u>6</u>a-c which separated were crystallized from methanol in yellow needles; ir (ν max, cm⁻¹) <u>5</u>: 1074 (C=S), 1518 (pyrimidine C=C), 1595-1629 (two C=N), 3423 (OH).





Scheme 1



Scheme 2

Comp.	M.P.	Yield	Molecular		Analy	sis Calcd./	¹ H-NMR, DMSO-d ₆ , (δ/ppm)*		
	(°C)	(%)	Formula	С	Н	N	S	Х	U · · · · ·
<u>4</u> a	236-238	65	C ₁₈ H ₁₃ N ₃ S	71.3 71.1	4.3 4.2	13.9 14.1	10.6 10.4		7.10-7.23 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 13.20 (s,1H,NH)
<u>4</u> b+	146-148	81	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ BrN ₃ S	56.7 56.9	3.1 3.4	11.0 10.7	8.4 8.1	20.7 20.8	6.65-7.20 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 3.39 (s,1H,SH)
<u>4</u> c+	179-180	78	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ CIN ₃ S	64.0 64.1	3.6 3.9	12.5 12.3	9.5 9.7	10.4 10.1	6.70-7.28 (s,2H,H _{3,4})
<u>4</u> d+	191-192	71	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ N ₃ S	71.9 71.6	4.7 4.4	13.2 13.3	10.1 10.3		6.73-7.07 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 3.37 (s,1H,SH), 2.33 (s,3H,CH ₃)
<u>4</u> e+	202-204	68	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ N ₃ OS	68.5 68.4	4.5 4.2	12.6 12.7	9.6 9.8		6.73-6.93 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 4.20 (s,1H,SH), 3.73 (s,3H,CH ₃)
<u>5</u>	160-163	75	C ₁₆ H ₁₃ N ₃ O ₂ S	61.7 61.2	4.2 3.9	13.5 13.1	10.3 9.9		7.08 (s,1H,H ₄), 4.36 (s,2H,CH ₂), 8.46 (s,1H,OH)
<u>6</u> b	216-218	80	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ BrN ₃ S	56.7 56.4	3.1 2.9	11.0 10.8	8.4 8.1	20.7 20.3	6.88-7.20 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 8.40 (s,1H,NH)
<u>6</u> c	228-231	82	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ CIN ₃ S	64.0 64.2	3.6 3.6	12.5 12.3	9.5 9.3	10.4 10.1	7.05-7.18 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 12.65 (s,1H,NH)
<u>6</u> d	269-270	26	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ N ₃ S	71.9 71.6	4.7 4.6	13.2 12.9	10.1 10.3		7.07-7.13 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 12.97 (s,1H,NH), 2.33 (s,3H,CH ₃)
<u>6</u> e	287-290	23	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ N ₃ OS	68.5 68.1	4.5 4.3	12.6 12.6	9.6 9.8		7.03-7.28 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 13.13 (s,1H,NH), 3.90 (s,3H,OCH ₃)
<u>6</u> f	208-210	66	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ N ₃ OS	65.5 65.1	3.8 3.3	14.3 13.6	10.9 10.7		6.72-7.18 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 4.43 (s,1H,SH)
<u>7</u> a	284-286	76	C ₃₆ H ₂₄ N ₆ S ₂	71.5 71.3	3.9 3.8	13.9 13.6	10.9 10.8		7.32-7.80 (m,24H,ArH+H _{3,4})
<u>7</u> b	265-267	73	C ₃₆ H ₂₂ Br ₂ N ₆ S ₂	56.8 56.6	2.9 2.7	11.0 11.2	8.4 8.2	20.8 20.6	7.28-7.76 (m,22H,ArH+H)
<u>7</u> c	283-285	71	C ₃₆ H ₂₂ C ₁₂ N ₆ S ₂	64.2 64.1	3.3 3.2	12.5 12.2	9.5 9.8	10.4 10.2	7.24-7.86 (m,22H,ArH+H _{3,4})
<u>7</u> d	222-224	70	C ₃₆ H ₂₈ N ₆ S ₂	72.2 72.3	4.4 4.3	13.3 13.1	10.1 10.3		7.32-7.90 (m,22H,ArH+H _{3,4}), 2.23 (s,6H,2CH ₃)

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	(°C)	(%)	Formula	С	Н	N	S	Х	
<u>7</u> e	236-237	77	C ₃₈ H ₂₈ N ₆ O ₂ S ₂	68.7 68.5	4.2 4.0	12.7 12.3	9.6 9.6		7.29-7.84 (m,22H,ArH+H _{3,4}), 4.05 (s,6H,20CH ₃)
<u>8</u> a	110-112	73	C ₄₈ H ₃₂ N ₁₀ S ₂	70.9 71.1	3.9 3.7	17.2 17.4	7.9 7.8		7.24-7.92 (m,32H,ArH+H _{3,4})
<u>8</u> b	118-120	74	C ₄₈ H ₃₀ Br ₂ N ₁₀ S ₂	59.5 59.1	3.1 3.3	14.5 14.4	6.6 6.3	16.3 16.2	7.21-7.88 (m,30H,ArH+H _{3,4})
<u>8</u> c	128-131	76	C ₄₈ H ₃₀ C ₁₂ N ₁₀ S ₂	65.4 65.2	3.4 3.4	15.9 15.6	7.3 7.1	7.9 7.8	7.28-7.94 (m,30H,ArH+H _{3,4})
<u>8</u> d	162-163	82	C ₅₀ H ₃₆ N ₁₀ S ₂	71.4 71.1	4.3 4.1	16.7 16.3	7.6 7.4		7.22-7.96 (m,30H,ArH+H _{3,4}), 2.43 (s,6H,2CH ₃)
<u>8</u> e	142-144	80	C ₆₀ H ₃₆ N ₁₀ O ₂ S ₂	68.8 68.6	4.1 4.3	16.1 16.3	7.3 7.1		7.24-7.96 (m,30H,ArH+H _{3,4}), 3.74 (s,6H,20CH ₃)
<u>9</u> a	236-238	78	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ BrN ₃ S	56.5 56.1	3.1 3.2	10.9 10.7	8.4 8.1	20.9 20.6	7.07 (s,1H,+H ₄), 7.18-7.80 (m,10H,ArH)
<u>9</u> b	143-145	77	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ Br ₂ N ₃ S	47.0 46.8	2.4 2.1	9.1 9.3	7.0 7.3	34.4 34.1	6.82 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.16-7.82 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>9</u> c	162-165	81	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ BrCIN ₃ S	52.0 51.9	2.6 2.5	10.1 10.3	7.7 7.5	19.0-8.4 18.8-8.1	7.02 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.19-7.86 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>9</u> d	215-217	73	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ S	57.7 57.3	3.5 3.4	10.6 10.3	8.1 8.2	20.0 19.8	7.06 (s,1H,H ₄), 2.98 (s,3H,CH ₃), 7.14-7.86 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>9</u> e	196-198	75	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ OS	55.5 55.3	3.4 3.2	10.2 10.1	7.8 7.6	19.2 19.3	6.96 (s,1H,H ₄), 3.96 (s,3H,OCH ₃), 7.18-7.88 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>10</u> a	262-264	78	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ IN ₃ S	50.3 50.6	2.8 2.6	9.8 9.7	7.5 7.1	29.6 29.3	7.00 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.16-7.89 (m,10H,ArH)
<u>10</u> b	166-168	73	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ BrIN ₃ S	42.6 42.3	2.2 2.1	8.3 8.3	6.3 6.6	15.6-25.0 15.2-24.7	6.86 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.12-7.82 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>10</u> c	181-182	78	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ CIIN ₃ S	46.6 46.3	2.4 2.3	9.1 8.9	6.9 6.8	7.6-27.4 7.3-27.7	6.82 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.21-7.89 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>10</u> d	168-170	80	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ IN ₃ S	51.5 51.3	3.2 3.3	9.5 9.3	7.2 7.4	28.7 28.3	7.06 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.18-7.89 (m,9H,ArH), 2.42 (s,3H,CH ₃)

Table 1: Characterization of Pyrazolopyrimidines Derivates 4-	12 (Cont.).

Comp.	M.P.	Yield	Molecular		Analy	sis Calcd./	¹ H-NMR, DMSO-d ₆ , (δ/ppm)*		
	(°C)	(%)	Formula	С	Н	N	S	Х	
<u>10</u> e	201-203	83	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ IN ₃ OS	49.7 49.4	3.1 2.8	9.1 9.3	7.0 7.3	27.6 27.4	7.10 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.21-7.88 (m,9H,ArH), 3.52 (s,3H,OCH ₃)
<u>11</u> a	273-275	81	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ S	62.1 62.4	3.4 3.2	16.1 16.3	9.2 9.4		6.96 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.14-7.88 (m,10H,ArH)
<u>11</u> b	178-180	71	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ BrN ₄ O ₂ S	50.7 50.4	2.6 2.3	13.1 12.9	7.5 7.6	18.5 18.3	6.64 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.21-7.86 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>11</u> c	203-205	73	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ CIIN ₄ O ₂ S	56.5 56.3	2.9 2.7	14.6 14.3	8.4 8.2	9.2 9.1	6.82 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.28-7.88 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>11</u> d	286-288	76	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₂ S	62.9 62.7	3.9 3.6	15.5 15.2	8.8 8.6		7.00 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.23-7.89 (m,9H,ArH), 2.34 (s,3H,CH ₃)
<u>11</u> e	231-233	74	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₃ S	60.3 60.6	3.7 3.6	14.8 14.4	8.5 8.3		6.88 (s,1H,H ₄), 7.22-7.89 (m,9H,ArH), 3.46 (s,3H,OCH ₃)
<u>12</u> a	203-206	71	C ₁₈ H ₁₃ N ₃ O	75.3 75.3	4.5 4.1	14.6 14.3			7.20-7.34 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 7.26-7.88 (m,10H,ArH)
<u>12</u> b	215-217	73	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ BrN ₃ O	59.2 59.1	3.3 3.6	11.5 11.2	21.6 21.3		6.88-7.14 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 7.22-7.86 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>12</u> c	226-228	70	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ CIN ₃ O	67.3 67.1	3.7 3.4	13.1 12.8	10.9 10.7		6.82-7.08 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 7.22-7.88 (m,9H,ArH)
<u>12</u> d	328-329	78	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ N ₃ O	75.7 75.3	4.9 4.6	13.9 13.7			6.73-6.80 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 7.21-7.82 (m,9H,ArH) 2.30 (s,3H,CH ₃)
<u>12</u> e	290-291	81	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ N ₃ O ₂	71.9 71.8	4.7 4.8	13.2 13.3			6.70-6.88 (s,2H,H _{3,4}), 7.24-7.89 (m,9H,ArH) 3.78 (s,3H,CH ₃)

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* s: singlet; m: multiplet..

All NH, SH and OH signals were exchangeable with deuterium oxide.

+: Spectra were carried out in CDCI₃.

5-Furyl-2-phenyl-6<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [1,5-c]pyrimidine-7-thione <u>6</u>f (Table 1)

A suspension of 5 (0.0009 mole) in xylene (15 ml) was refluxed for six hours. The thione <u>6</u>f which formed after concentration was crystallized from methanol in orange needles.

7,7[°]-Bis (2-aryl-5-phenyl-6<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidinyl) Disulfides <u>7</u> (Table 1)

A solution of 4a-e (0.0021 mole) in glacial acetic acid (20 ml) was treated portion wise with 25% aqueous solution of sodium nitrite (10 ml). The mixture was heated on a boiling water bath with stirring for 20-30

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minutes, whereby a yellow solid started to separate. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water and the precipitated <u>7</u>a-e was filtered and crystallized from benzene in yellow needles; ir (υ max, cm⁻¹): 1480-1525 (pyrimidine C=C), 1585-1636 (two C=N).

7, 7`-Bis (2-aryl-3-phenylazo-5-phenylpyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidinyl) Disulfides <u>8</u> (Table 1)

An aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (10 ml, 10%) was added to a suspension of <u>4</u>a-e (0.0018 mole) in ethanol (15 ml). The reaction mixture was gradually treated with a solution of benzenediazonium chloride (prepared from 1 ml of aniline) at 5° with stirring for one hour. The disulfides <u>8</u>a-e so formed, were collected by filtration and crystallized from ethanol in reddish brown needles; ir (υ max, cm⁻¹): 1485-1525 (pyrimidine C=C), 1580-1655 (two C=N).

2-Aryl-3-halo-5-phenyl-6<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidine-7-thiones <u>9</u> and <u>10</u> (Table 1)

A solution of bromine (0.0019 mole) or iodine monochloride (0.0022 mole) in chloroform (15 ml) was gradually added to a suspension of $\underline{4}a$ -e (0.0018 mole) in chloroform (15 ml) with stirring for 20-40 minutes at room temperature. The precipitated 3-halo thione $\underline{9}a$ -e or $\underline{10}a$ -e was filtered, washed with methanol, dried and crystallized from benzene or chloroform-methanol in yellow needles; ir ($\underline{\nu}max$, \underline{cm}^{-1}): 1082-1228 (C=S), 1485-1525 (pyrimidine C=C), 1585-1620 (two C=N), 3180-3345 (NH).

2-Aryl-3-nitro-5-phenyl-6<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidine-7-thiones <u>11</u> (Table 1)

A mixture of nitric (d 1.41; 1 ml) and sulfuric (d 1.84; 1 ml) acids in glacial acetic acid (10 ml) was gradually added to a solution of <u>4</u>a-e (0.002 mole) in glacial acetic acid (10 ml) with stirring for three hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then poured into cold water with stirring and the precipitated 3-nitro derivative <u>11</u>a-e was filtered, washed with water, dried and crystallized from ethanol in yellow needles; ir (bmax, cm⁻¹): 1025-1218 (C=S), 1330-1352 and 1515-1540 (NO₂), 1495-1525 (pyrimidine C=C), 1575-1649 (two C=N), 3174-3440 (NH). MS: m/e (relative abundance) 11b: M⁺ 426 (15), 425 (22), 265 (21), 219 (20), 187 (60), 155 (30), 77 (100).

2-Aryl-5-phenyl-6<u>H</u>-pyrazolo [1, 5-c] pyrimidin-7ones <u>12</u> (Table 1)

A mixture of <u>4</u>a-e (0.0015 mole), 30% hydrogen peroxide (4 ml) and 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide (18 ml) was heated on a boiling water bath for 2-3 hours. The pH of the resulting solution was adjusted to 6 by addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The precipitated ketone <u>12</u>a-e was washed several times with water, dried and crystallized from ethanol in pale yellow needles; ir (ν max, cm⁻¹): 1502-1525 (pyrimidine C=C), 1582-1636 (two C=N), 1690-1720 (CO), 3385-3450 (OH).

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