



Thieno[2,3-*d*]Pyrimidine-4-Ones. Part 5.# Hydrogen Chloride Promoted Synthesis of 2-Substituted Thieno[2,3-*d*]Pyrimidine-4-Ones and their Structural Investigations

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ABSTRACT

Synthesis of some novel 2-substituted thieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones have been studied. It was found that in this case the 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene carboxamide (**1**) can serve effective synthone for the synthesis 2-aryl-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones (**3-13**). Interaction of amide **1** with substituted aromatic aldehydes in the presence of concentrated hydrochloric acid leads to the formation of compounds **3-13**. It was impossible to isolate intermediates (**2**), substances with asymmetric carbon atom in position 2. It was revealed that intermediates **2** by oxidation on air easily turn into 2-arylthieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones. The structure of synthesized compounds was confirmed by IR- and ¹H NMR-spectroscopy.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Bi- and tricyclic thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones are widely distributed among the N- and S-containing heterocyclic compounds. At the same time, they are very interesting objects from theoretical and practical points of view. These heterocycles have plural reactionary ability [1] and there are among of them many perspective pharmacological active substances [2,3], including cancer [4].

Given the chemical and pharmacological characteristics of thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones, during the last years been systematically studied synthesis, modification and searching for biologically active compounds in a series of polycyclic thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones [5-8]. The obtained results show that the thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones, in which the molecule has different functional (alkyl, carbonyl, and activated methylene) groups, C=N bond, and fragments react with electrophilic and nucleophilic substitution or joining an ipso-substitution of the alkyl and alkoxy groups by nitro group. Such synthetic investigations yielded a number of new compounds, among which are found substances with high cytotoxic activity [9].

Continuing our previous studies [5-10], in this work we have studied the interaction of 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophenecarboxamide with substituted aromatic aldehydes and got the 2-arylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones. The synthesized 2-aryl derivatives may serve as starting compounds for the preparation of new derivatives, substituted at the C=O groups and the C=N bonds of thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 General Conditions

¹H-NMR spectra was recorded in TFA-*d* and TFA-*d*+AcOH-*d*₄ on Varian 400-MR spectrometer operating accordingly at 400 MHz. Hexamethyldisiloxane (HMDSO) was used as internal standard, chemical shift δ of ¹H was recorded in ppm.

Mps were measured on a Boetius and MEL-TEMP apparatus manufactured by Barnstead International (USA) and were uncorrected. IR

spectra were recorded on IR Fury System 2000 (Perkin-Elmer) as KBr pellets.

The reactionary process was monitored by TLC on Whatman UV-254 precoated aluminum plates using C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1) solvent system and developed plates were visualized under UV lamp and/or iodine tank where necessary. Solvents were purified by standard procedures. Organic solutions were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated with a RVO-64 ROT VAC Evaporator at reduced pressure.

2.2 Synthesis

2.2.1 Synthesis of 2-aryl-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones (3-13). (General procedure)

To a mixture of 1.45 mmol 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene carboxamide (**1**) and 1.45 mmol aromatic aldehyde in ethanol (20 ml) was added 0.1 ml concentrated HCl. Reaction mixture was boiled for 4 h and formed precipitate was filtered, washed with ethanol and recrystallized from hexane. The desired compounds (**3-13**) were obtained in good yields.

2.2.1.1 2-Phenyl-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one (**3**)

Reaction carried out according to the general procedure. From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene carboxamide (**1**) and 0.154 g (0.145 ml, 1.45 mmol) benzaldehyde compound **3** was obtained in moderate yield.

Yield: 0.185 g (52%), mp 292-294°C (mp 294°C, [11]), R_f=0.45 (C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1), at RT). ¹H-NMR (TFA-*d*) δ : 2.11 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.14 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 7.34 (2H, t, J=7.8, H_{Ar}-3',5'), 7.49 (1H, t, J=7.5, H_{Ar}-4'), 7.61 (2H, d, J=8.0, H_{Ar}-2',6'). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3436 (NH), 2920 (CH₃), 1658 (C=O), 1539 (C=N), 1487 (C-N).

2.2.1.2 2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (**4**)

From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) amide (**1**) and 0.18 g (0.15 ml, 1.45 mmol) o-hydroxybenzaldehyde compound **4** was obtained in good yield.

Yield: 0.12 g (62%), mp 329-331°C, R_f=0.56 (C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1), at RT). ¹H-NMR (TFA-*d*) δ : 2.09 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.13 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 6.83

(1H, d, J=8.3, H_{Ar}-5'), 6.87 (1H, t, J=7.9, H_{Ar}-6'), 7.31 (1H, td, J=1.2, J=8.5, H_{Ar}-4'), 7.63 (1H, dd, J=1.3, J=8.3, H_{Ar}-3'). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3346 (OH), 2966 (CH₃), 1649 (C=O), 1513 (C=N), 1474 (C-N).

2.2.1.3 2-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (5)

From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene carboxamide (1) and 0.18 g (1.45 mmol) 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde analoguesly above mentioned method the compound 5 was obtained.

Yield: 0.17 g (53%), mp 338-340°C, R_f=0.69 (C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1), at RT). ¹H-NMR (TFA-d) δ: 2.09 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.12 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 6.83 (2H, d, J=8.7, H_{Ar}-3',5'), 7.6 (2H, d, J=8.9, H_{Ar}-2',6'). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3081 (OH), 2960 (CH₃), 1655 (C=O), 1523 (C=N), 1491 (C-N).

2.2.1.4 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (6)

Reaction carried out according to the general procedure. From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) amide (1) and 0.197 g (0.176 ml, 1.45 mmol) 4-methoxybenzaldehyde product 6 was obtained in good yield.

Yield: 0.24 g (58%), mp 321-322°C, (mp 320-322°C, [11]), R_f=0.72 (C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1), at RT). ¹H-NMR (TFA-d) δ: 2.09 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.12 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 3.58 (3H, s, OCH₃), 6.84 (2H, d, J=8.9, H_{Ar}-3',5'), 7.63 (2H, d, J=9.4, H_{Ar}-2',6'). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3170 (NH), 2963 (CH₃), 1669 (C=O), 1527 (C=N), 1463 (C-N).

2.2.1.5 2-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (7)

From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene carboxamide (1) and 0.216 g (1.45 mmol) 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde analoguesly above mentioned method the compound 7 was obtained in good yield.

Yield: 0.252 g (58%), mp 232-234°C, R_f=0.63 (C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1), at RT). ¹H-NMR (TFA-d) δ: 2.13 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.15 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 3.11 (3H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 7.64 (2H, d, J=9.0, H_{Ar}-3',5'), 7.94 (2H, d, J=9.0, H_{Ar}-2',6'). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3299 (NH), 2910 (CH₃), 1649 (C=O), 1521 (C=N), 1490 (C-N).

2.2.1.6 2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (8)

From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) amide (1) and 0.22 g (1.45 mmol) 4-nitrobenzaldehyde analoguesly above mentioned method the compound 8 was obtained in good yield.

Yield: 0.27 g (61%), mp 372-374°C, (mp 370-372°C, [11]), R_f=0.58 (C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1), at RT). ¹H-NMR (TFA-d) δ: 2.13 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.16 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 7.89 (2H, d, J=8.8, H_{Ar}-2',6'), 8.17 (2H, d, J=8.8, H_{Ar}-3',5'). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 2917 (CH₃), 1660 (C=O), 1556 (C=N), 1520 (NO₂), 1454 (C-N).

2.2.1.7 2-(3-Bromophenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (9)

Reaction carried out according to the general procedure. From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene carboxamide (1) and 0.17 ml (1.45 mmol) 3-bromobenzaldehyde the compound 9 was obtained in good yield.

Yield: 0.25 g (66%), mp 298-300°C, R_f=0.8 (C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1), at RT). ¹H-NMR (TFA-d) δ: 2.11 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.14 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 7.18 (1H, t, J=8.0, H_{Ar}-5'), 7.55 (1H, dd, J=1.2, J=8.0, H_{Ar}-4'), 7.6 (1H, dd, J=1.8, J=8.0, H_{Ar}-6'), 7.7 (1H, s, H_{Ar}-2'). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 2912 (CH₃), 1662 (C=O), 1543 (C=N), 1505 (C-N).

2.2.1.8 2-(2-Hydroxy-5-bromophenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (10)

From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) amide (1) and 0.3 g (1.45 mmol) 2-hydroxy-5-bromobenzaldehyde analoguesly above mentioned method the compound 10 was obtained in good yield.

Yield: 0.25 g (50%), mp 305-307°C, R_f=0.52 (C₆H₆/CH₃COCH₃ (2:1), at RT). ¹H-NMR (TFA-d) δ: 2.1 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.13 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 6.72 (1H, d, J=8.9, H_{Ar}-3'), 7.37 (1H, dd, J=2.3, J=8.9, H_{Ar}-4'), 7.74 (1H, d, J=2.3, H_{Ar}-6'). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3119 (OH), 2913 (CH₃), 1674 (C=O), 1538 (C=N), 1472 (C-N).

2.2.1.9 2-(3-Hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (11)

Reaction carried out according to the general procedure. From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene carboxamide (1) and 0.22 g

(1.45 mmol) 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde the compound **11** was obtained in good yield.

Yield: 0.26 g (59%), mp 294-295°C, $R_f=0.83$ (C_6H_6/CH_3COCH_3 (2:1), at RT). ^1H-NMR (TFA- d_4 +AcOH- d_4) δ : 2.09 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.12 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 3.65 (3H, s, OCH₃), 6.82 (1H, d, J=8.7, H_{Ar}-5'), 7.23 (1H, d, J=2.4, H_{Ar}-2'), 7.31 (1H, dd, J=2.5, J=8.7, H_{Ar}-6'). IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3165 (OH), 2918 (CH₃), 1657 (C=O), 1552 (C=N), 1493 (C-N).

2.2.1.10 2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (12)

From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) amide (**1**) and 0.24 g (1.45 mmol) 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde analoguesly above mentioned method the compound **12** was obtained in good yield.

Yield: 0.3 g (63%), mp 276-278°C, $R_f=0.87$ (C_6H_6/CH_3COCH_3 (2:1), at RT). ^1H-NMR (TFA- d_4 +AcOH- d_4) δ : 2.1 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.13 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 3.65 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.68 (3H, s, OCH₃), 6.85 (1H, d, J=8.6, H_{Ar}-5'), 7.27 (1H, d, J=2.4, H_{Ar}-2'), 7.41 (1H, dd, J=2.4, J=8.6, H_{Ar}-6'). IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3446 (NH), 2923 (CH₃), 1678 (C=O), 1521 (C=N), 1496 (C-N).

2.2.1.11 2-Styryl-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-one (13)

Reaction carried out according to the general procedure. From 0.2 g (1.45 mmol) 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene carboxamide (**1**) and 0.191 g

(0.182 ml, 1.45 mmol) cinnamaldehyde the compound **13** was obtained in good yield.

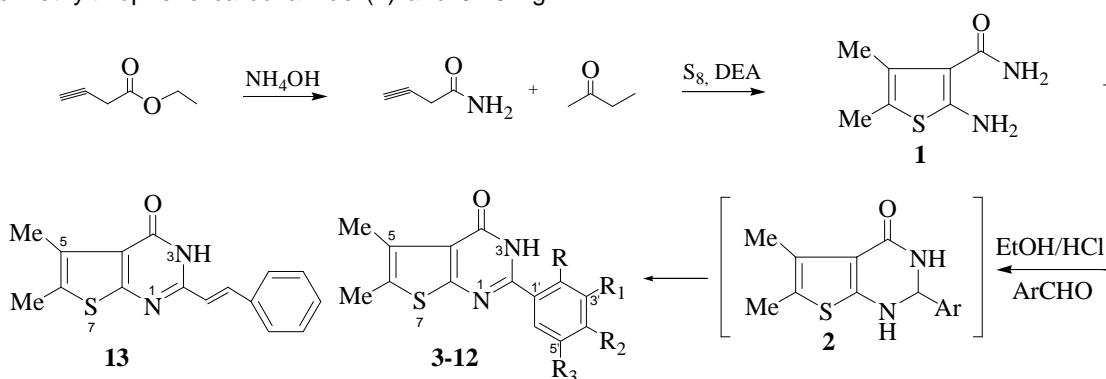
Yield: 0.25 g (62%), mp 269-271°C, $R_f=0.72$ (C_6H_6/CH_3COCH_3 (2:1), at RT). ^1H-NMR (TFA- d_4) δ : 2.08 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 2.11 (3H, s, 5-CH₃), 6.63 (1H, d, J=16.2, =CH-2), 7.07 (2H, t, J=7.6, H_{Ar}-3',5'), 7.15 (1H, t, J=7.5, H_{Ar}-4'), 7.28 (2H, d, J=7.3, H_{Ar}-2',6'), 7.84 (1H, d, J=16.2, =CH-Ph). IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3160 (NH), 2919 (CH₃), 1661 (C=O), 1545 (C=N), 1446 (C-N).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Chemistry

Interaction of 2-amino-4,5-dimethyl thiophene carboxamide (**1**) with aromatic aldehydes proceeds with the formation of the new pyrimidine ring; i.e are formed bicyclic thienopyrimidinones, containing various substituted aromatic radicals in the position 2 of the pyrimidine ring.

Cyclization of an equimolar ratio of 2-amino-4,5-dimethyl thiophene carboxamide and aldehyde conducted by refluxing in the presence of concentrated HCl in ethanol. It should be emphasized that in this case are formed exclusively 2-aryl-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones (**3-13**) in good yields (52-66%), i.e formation of intermediates - 2-aryl-5,6-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-ones (**2**), compounds with an asymmetric carbon atom at C-2 is not detected:



Compounds **3**, **6**, **8** early have been synthesized from amide (**1**) and aldehydes by iodine catalyzed cyclization method and studied their antibacterial activity [11]. Amide **1** was obtained from 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonitrile, which was prepared according to Gewald procedure [12]. We synthesized compound **1** by interaction of ethylmethylketone and an amide of the cyanoacetic acid in the presence sulphur and diethyl amine.

Table 1. Yields and R, R₁, R₂, R₃ in compounds 3-13

3	Starting compounds		R	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	Product	Empiric formula	Yield, %
	Amide	Aldehyde							
1	1	Benzaldehyde	H	H	H	H	3	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ N ₂ OS	52
2	1	2-Hydroxy-benzaldehyde	OH	H	H	H	4	C ₁₄ H ₁₃ N ₂ O ₂ S	62
3	1	4-Hydroxy-benzaldehyde	H	H	OH	H	5	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₂ S	53
4	1	4-Methoxy-benzaldehyde	H	H	OMe	H	6	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂ S	58
5	1	4-Dimethylamino-benzaldehyde	H	H	NMe ₂	H	7	C ₁₆ H ₁₈ N ₃ OS	58
6	1	4-Nitrobenzaldehyde	H	H	NO ₂	H	8	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ N ₃ O ₃ S	61
7	1	3-Bromo benzaldehyde	H	Br	H	H	9	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ N ₂ O ₂ BrS	66
8	1	2-Hydroxy-5-bromobenzaldehyde	OH	H	H	Br	10	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ N ₂ O ₂ Br	50
9	1	3-Hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde	H	OH	OMe	H	11	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃ S	59
10	1	3,4-Dimethoxy-benzaldehyde	H	OMe	OMe	H	12	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃ S	63
11	1	3-Phenylprop-2-enal	-	-	-	-	13	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂ S	62

In ¹H NMR spectrum of the compounds **3-13** which have been taken off in TFA-*d* or in a mixture of solvents TFA-*d*+AcOH-*d*₄, signals of methyl groups protons at C-6 are shown as three-proton singlet at 2.08-2.13 ppm and methyl groups at C-5 has chemical shift (CS) at 2.11-2.16 ppm (3H, s), the aromatic protons H_{Ar} are observed at 6.63-8.17 ppm in rather weaker fields. In IR-spectrum of compounds **3-13** the absorption bands of OH group are observed in the range of 3081-3436 cm⁻¹, NH group - 3160-3446 cm⁻¹, C=O group -1649-1691 cm⁻¹, C=N bond - 1513-1556 cm⁻¹, C-N bond - 1446-1505 cm⁻¹, NO₂ group - 1520 cm⁻¹.

These data show, that at interaction of **1** with aromatic aldehydes leads only to the formation of 2-aryl-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones (**3-13**).

Reactions of compound **1** and aldehydes with formation of 2-aryl-5,6-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrothieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones opens wide opportunities for synthesis of new synthon 2-aryl derivatives for creation of novel heterocyclic compounds. Further work in this direction will take place in the future.

4. CONCLUSION

It was revealed that interaction of 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophenecarboxamide (**1**) with substituted aromatic aldehydes in catalyst free conditions leads to the formation of novel bicyclic 2-substituted thieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones. It was impossible to synthesis

compounds with asymmetric carbon atom in position 2 of pyrimidine ring and it was found that intermediates **2** easily turn into **3-13**. These compounds may be used as perspective synthons for creation of polysubstituted thieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones. Some analogues of the thieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones were individually evaluated for their antiproliferative activities on mammalian cancer cell models [9]. The synthesized compounds in this paper are analogues of biologically active thieno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-4-ones. Research in this area continues.

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