

## Heterocyclization of 2-(4-Oxo-4,5-Dihydro-Thiazol-2-yl) Acetamide with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ unsaturated Nitrile Compounds

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**Abstract:** 2-(4-Oxo-4,5-dihydro-thiazol-2-yl)acetamide (1) was condensed with aromatic aldehydes either (1:1 molar ratio) or (1:2 molar ratio) and furnished the newly 4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-thiazole derivatives (2a-d) and (3a-c), respectively. Thiazolo-pyridine (4a-d) were produced by reaction of 4-thiazolinone (1) with malononitrile and aromatic aldehydes (1:2 molar ratios) in refluxing ethanol. Cyclization of compound (2a) with  $\alpha$ -substituted cinnamonnitriles (6a-d) and (10a-c) yielded the newly thiazolo[3,2-a]pyridine derivatives (9a-d) and (13a-c), respectively.

**Key words:** 2-(4-Oxo-4,5-dihydro-thiazol-2-yl)acetamide • 4-Oxo-thiazoles • Thiazolo[3, 2-a]pyridines

### INTRODUCTION

Thiazole and their derivatives are important class in heterocyclic compounds, found in many potent biological active molecules such as sulfathiazole (antimicrobial drug), Ritonavir (antiretroviral), Abafungin (antifungal drug) and Bleomycine (antineoplastic drug) [1,2]. Recently the applications of thiazoles were found in drug development for the treatment of allergies[3], hypertension[4], inflammation [5], schizophrenia [6], bacterial [7], HIV infections [8], hypnotics [9] and more recently for the treatment of pain[10], as fibrinogen receptor antagonists with antithrombotic activity [11] and as new inhibitors of bacterial DNA gyrase B[12] In view of these benefits and in continuation of our program, the authors were interested to synthesize thiazoles and thiazolo[3,2-a]pyridines [13-21]. Therefore some newly 4,5-dihydro- 4-oxo-thiazoles and thiazolo [3,2-a] pyridines were reported

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

Melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu 440 infrared spectrophotometer ( $\nu$ ;  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) using the KBr technique (Shimadzu, Japan). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini spectrometer ( $\delta$ ; ppm) 200 MHz using TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a Jeol-JMS-600 mass spectrometer. Micro

analytical data were obtained from the Micro analytical Research Centre, Faculty of Science, Cairo University. Compound (1), was prepared according to the reported method [22].

**(5-Arylmethylidene-4-oxothiazolidin-2-ylidene) acetamides (2a-d):** To a solution of 1 (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) containing catalytic amount of piperidine (0.5 ml), aromatic aldehydes (0.01 mol) were added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux (time of reflux). The solid products formed were collected by filtration to give 2a-d.

**2a:** Yellow crystals, yield 67 %, m.p 244-246 °C (Solvent of crystallization). IR ( $\nu, \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3417, 3309 ( $\text{NH}_2$ ), 2923 (CH-aliph.) and 1721, 1674 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$  thiazolidinone and amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 2.41 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 5.12 (s, 2H,  $\text{NH}_2$ , exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ), 5.63 (s, 1H, methylidene-H), 6.70-7.30 (m, 5H, Ar-H + methylidene-H), 11.22 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  (260): C, 60.00; H, 4.61; N, 10.76. Found: C, 60.10; H, 4.70; N, 10.60.

**2b:** Yellow crystals, yield 72 %, m.p 234-236 °C (Solvent of crystallization). IR ( $\nu, \text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3380, 3148 ( $\text{NH}_2$ ), 2938 (CH-aliph.) and 1720, 1664 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$  thiazolidinone and amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  / ppm: 4.01 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.10 (s, 2H,  $\text{NH}_2$ , exchangeable with  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ), 5.51 (s, 1H, methylidene-H), 6.50-7.41 (m, 5H, Ar-H + methylidene-H), 11.10 (s, 1H, NH,

exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (276): C, 56.52, H; 4.34; N; 10.14. Found: C, 56.70, H; 4.20, N; 10.10.

**2c:** Yellow crystals, yield 69 %, m.p 236-238°C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3379, 3147 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2940(CH.aliph.) and 1720, 1666 (C=O thiazolidinone and amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 4.01 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.11(s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.51 (s, 1H, methylidene-H), 6.41 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.81-7.30(m, 4H, Ar-H + methylidene-H), 11.42 (s, 1H, OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (292): C, 53.42, H; 4.10; N; 9.58. Found: C, 53.50, H; 4.20, N; 9.70.

**2d:** Yellow crystals, yield 69 %, m.p 238-240°C (Solvent of crystallization). IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3379, 3147 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2931 (CH.aliph.) and 1720, 1658 (C=O thiazolidinone and amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 5.02(s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.30 (s, 1H, methylidene-H), 6.70-7.80 (m, 8H, Ar-H + methylidene-H), 11.21 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (296): C, 64.86, H; 4.05; N; 9.45. Found: C, 65.10, H; 4.20, N; 9.20.

**5-Arylmethylidene-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-thiazol-2-yl)-3-arylacrylamides (3a-c):** To a solution of 1 (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) containing catalytic amount of piperidine (0.5 ml), aromatic aldehydes (0.02 mol) were added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux (time of reflux). The solid products formed were collected by filtration to give 3a-c.

**3a:** Yellow crystals, yield 74 %, m.p 225-227 °C (Solvent of crystallization).IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3410, 3200(NH<sub>2</sub>), 3040(CH-arom.) and 1712, 1648 (C=O thiazolidinone and amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 5.98 (s, 1H, methylidene-H), 6.90 -7.68 (m, 9H, Ar-H+, methylidene-H), 8.91 (hump, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (403): C, 56.57, H; 2.97; N; 6.94. Found: C, 56.50, H; 2.90, N; 7.10.

**3b:** Yellow crystals, yield 64 %, m.p 235-237 °C (from ethanol). IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3432, 3300 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3050 (CH-arom.), 1692, 1664 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 5.78 (s, 1H, methylidene-H), 6.87 -7.50 (2d, 8H, Ar-H), 7.36 (s, 1H, methylidene-H), 10.14 (hump, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 11.76 (hump, 2H, 2 OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (366): C, 62.29, H; 3.82; N; 7.65. Found: C, 62.00, H; 3.70, N; 7.40.

**3c:** Yellow crystals, yield 65 %, m.p. 180-182 °C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3380, 3216 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3052 (CH-arom.), 1704, 1648 (C=O thiazolinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 5.80 (s, 1H, methylidene-H), 7.58- 8.05 (m, 15H, Ar-H + methylidene-H), 9.00 (hump, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (434): C, 74.65, H; 4.14; N; 6.45. Found: C, 74.80, H; 4.10, N; 6.60.

### 2,3,7-Trihydro-2-arylmethylidene-3-oxo-5-amino-6-cyano-7-aryl-8-carboxamido-1,3-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyridines (4a-d):

To a solution of 1 (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) containing catalytic amount of piperidine (0.5 ml), aromatic aldehydes (0.02 mol) and malononitrile (0.02 mol) were added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux (time of reflux). The solid products formed were collected by filtration to give 4a-d.

**4a:** Yellow crystals, yield 56 %, m.p 250-252 °C (Solvent of crystallization). IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3480, 3296 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2190 (C=N), 1702 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 4.72 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 7.06-7.56 (m, 13H, Ar-H + methylidene-H + 2 NH<sub>2</sub>; exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (469): C, 56.28, H; 3.01; N; 11.94. Found: C, 56.60, H; 2.90, N; 12.10.

**4b:** Yellow crystals, yield 61 %, m.p 262-264 °C (Solvent of crystallization). IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3471, 3379 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2191 (C=N), 1674 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 2.27, 2.35 (2s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.71 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 5.59 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.87 (hump, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>; exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.91-7.61 (m, 9H, Ar-H + methylidene-H), 12.11 (s, 1H, OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (428): C, 67.28, H; 4.67; N; 13.08. Found: C, 67.30, H; 4.50, N; 13.20.

**4c:** Yellow crystals, yield 70 %, m.p 258-60 °C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3480, 3380 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2190 (C=N), 1708 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 3.74, 3.80 (2s, 6H, 2 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.91 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 5.84 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.98 (hump, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>; exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.34-7.81 (m, 9H, Ar-H + methylidene-H), 12.00 (s, 1H, OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (460): C, 62.60, H; 4.34; N; 12.17. Found: C, 62.10, H; 4.10, N; 12.10.

**4d:** Yellow crystals, yield 52 %, m.p 260-262 °C (Solvent of crystallization). IR (v,cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3476, 3358 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2191 (C=N), 1686 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ / ppm: 3.83, 3.85 (2s, 6H, 2 OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.60 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 5.76 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.83-7.43 (m, 9H,

Ar-H + methylenidene-H + NH<sub>2</sub>; exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 11.80 (2s, 2H, OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (492): C, 58.53, H, 4.06; N, 11.38. Found: C, 58.30, H, 4.10, N, 11.70.

**2,3,6-Trihydro-2-arylmethylidene-3,5-dioxo-7-aryl-8-carbox-amido-1,3-thiazolo- [3,2-a]pyridines (9a-d):** To a solution of 2a (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) containing catalytic amount of piperidine (0.5 ml),  $\alpha$ -carboxamidocinnamionitrile (0.01 mol), was added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux (time of reflux). The solid products formed were collected by filtration to give 9a-d.

**9a:** Yellow crystals, yield 63 %, m.p 275-277 °C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3338, 3190 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3050 (CH-arom.), 2910 (CH-aliph.), 1686, 1654 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  / ppm: 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.82 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 7.51-8.14 (m, 9H, Ar-H + methylenidene-H), 8.38 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (422.5): C, 62.48, H, 3.55; N, 62.60. Found: C, 58.30, H, 3.70, N, 6.80.

**9b:** Yellow crystals, yield 57 %, m.p 292-294 °C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3386, 3170 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3026 (CH-arom.), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  / ppm: 2.92 (CH-aliph.), 1.696, 1.640 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.29, 2.38 (2s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.78 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 7.20-7.60 (m, 9H, Ar-H + methylenidene-H), 8.01 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 10.31 (s, 1H, OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (402): C, 68.65, H, 4.47; N, 6.96. Found: C, 68.50, H, 4.70, N, 6.80.

**9c:** Yellow crystals, yield 63 %, m.p. 290-292 °C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3312, 3184 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3030 (CH-arom.), 2928 (CH-aliph.), 1684, 1654 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  / ppm: 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.78 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 6.94-7.51 (m, 8H, Ar-H + methylenidene-H), 8.59 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 10.31 (s, 1H, OH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (434): C, 63.59, H, 4.14; N, 6.45. Found: C, 63.60, H, 3.99, N, 6.80.

**9d:** Yellow crystals, yield 61 %, m.p. >300 °C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3450, 3174 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3048 (CH-arom.), 2930 (CH-aliph.) 1686, 1654 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  / ppm: 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.94 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 7.35-8.31 (m, 12H, Ar-H + methylenidene-H), 10.40 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (438): C, 71.23, H, 4.10; N, 6.39. Found: C, 71.00, H, 4.20, N, 6.50.

**2,3,7-Trihydro-2-arylmethylidene-3-oxo-5-amino-6-ethoxycarbonyl-7-aryl-8-carboximido-1,3-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyridines(13a-c):** To a solution of 2a (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) containing catalytic amount of piperidine (0.5 ml),  $\alpha$ -ethoxycarbonylcinnamionitrile (0.01 mol), was added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux (time of reflux). The solid products formed were collected by filtration to give 13a-c.

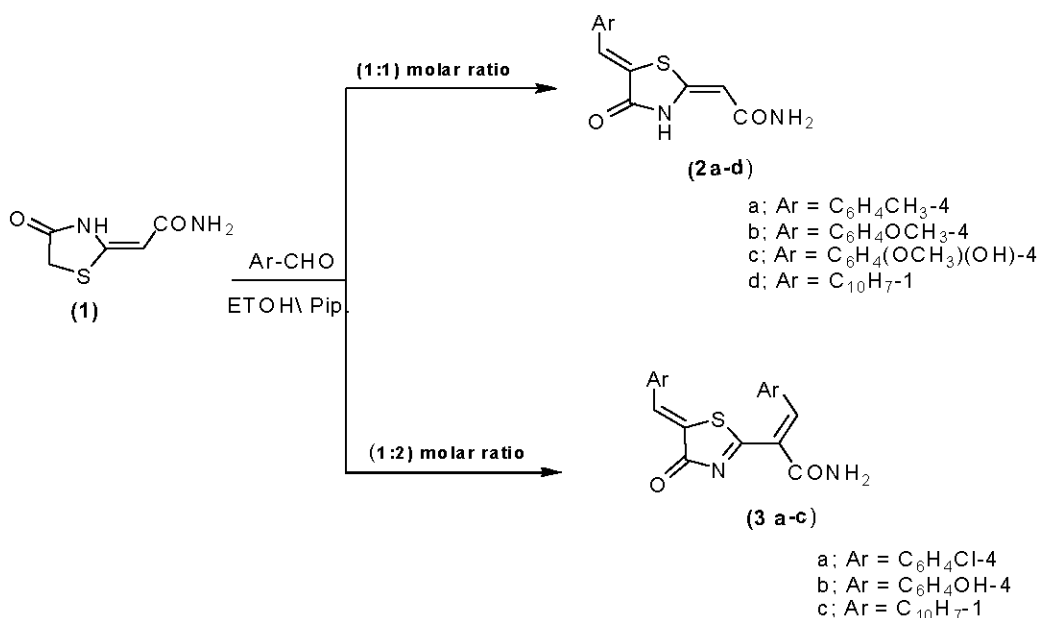
**13a:** Yellow crystals, yield 54 %, m.p 258-260 °C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3330, 3196 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2980 (CH-aliph.), 1710, 1654 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide, ester). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  / ppm: 1.31 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.90 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 4.31 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.94 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 7.20-8.09 (m, 9H, Ar-H + methylenidene-H), 8.41 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (495.5): C, 60.54, H, 4.43; N, 8.47. Found: C, 60.70, H, 4.60, N, 8.30.

**13b:** Yellow crystals, yield 72 %, m.p 180-182 °C (Solvent of crystallization) IR (v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3330, 3196 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2980 (CH-aliph.), 1710, 1654 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide, ester). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  / ppm: 1.33 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.29, 2.38 (2s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.89 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 4.31 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.94 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 7.16-7.98 (m, 9H, Ar-H + methylenidene-H), 8.34 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (475): C, 65.68, H, 5.26; N, 8.84. Found: C, 65.90, H, 5.10, N, 8.80.

**13c:** Yellow crystals, yield 79 %, m.p 195-97 °C (from ethanol) IR (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3370, 3184 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2930 (CH-aliph.), 1702, 1656 (C=O thiazolidinone, amide, ester). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  / ppm: 1.34 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.89 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.26 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.87 (s, 1H, pyridine-H), 7.12-8.10 (m, 9H, Ar-H + methylenidene-H), 8.34 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (491): C, 63.54, H, 5.09; N, 8.55. Found: C, 63.40, H, 5.20, N, 8.40.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4,5-Dihydro-4-oxo-thiazole nucleus has been well known in the preparation of some novel thiazolo[3,2-a]pyridine [20] and pyrano[2,3-d]thiazole derivatives [21]. Thus, the work described here started by formation of thiazolidinone anion through removal a proton from active methylene moiety of 2-(4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-thiazol-2-yl) acetamide (1), which added to the deficient centers of  $\alpha$ -substituted cinnam-onitriles. Thus, on



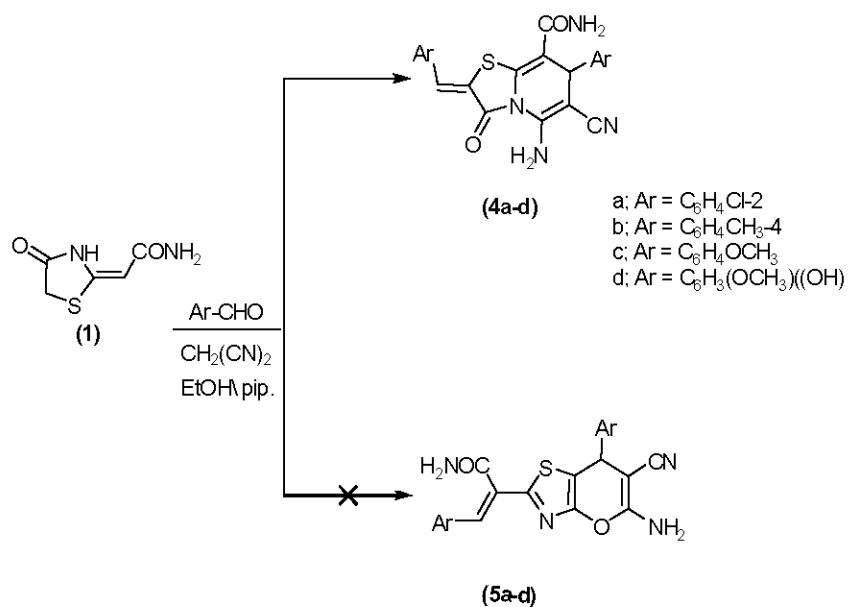
Scheme 1

refluxing, compound (1), with aromatic aldehydes (1:1 molar ratio), give 4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-thiazoles(2a-d) on the basis of elemental analysis and spectral data. IR spectra of compounds (2a-d), exhibited absorption bands at, 3417, 3309,3380, 3184, 3379, 3147,3379, 3147 due to amino groups and at 1721, 1647, 1720, 1664, 1720, 1666, 1720 and 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to presence carbonyl functional groups of the precursor. Their <sup>1</sup>H NMR in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> spectra revealed a lack of significant signal at δ 3.80 ppm, for methylene protons. The author was interested to synthesize thiazoles containing two arylmethylidene moieties (3a-c) in 2,5- positions, as intermediates between thiazoles having one arylmethylidene moiety and thiazolo[3,2-a] pyridines. Thus, 2-(4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-thiazol-2-yl) acetamide (1), react with aromatic aldehydes (1: 2 molar ratio) in ethanol solution having few drops of piperidine to give 2,5-diarylmethylidene-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-thiazoles(3a-c). The structure of compounds (3a-c), was confirmed by the correct elemental analysis and spectral data. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of thiazolidinone derivatives (3a-c) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> showed a lack of signal at δ 3.80 ppm, which attributed to methylene protons, (Scheme 1).

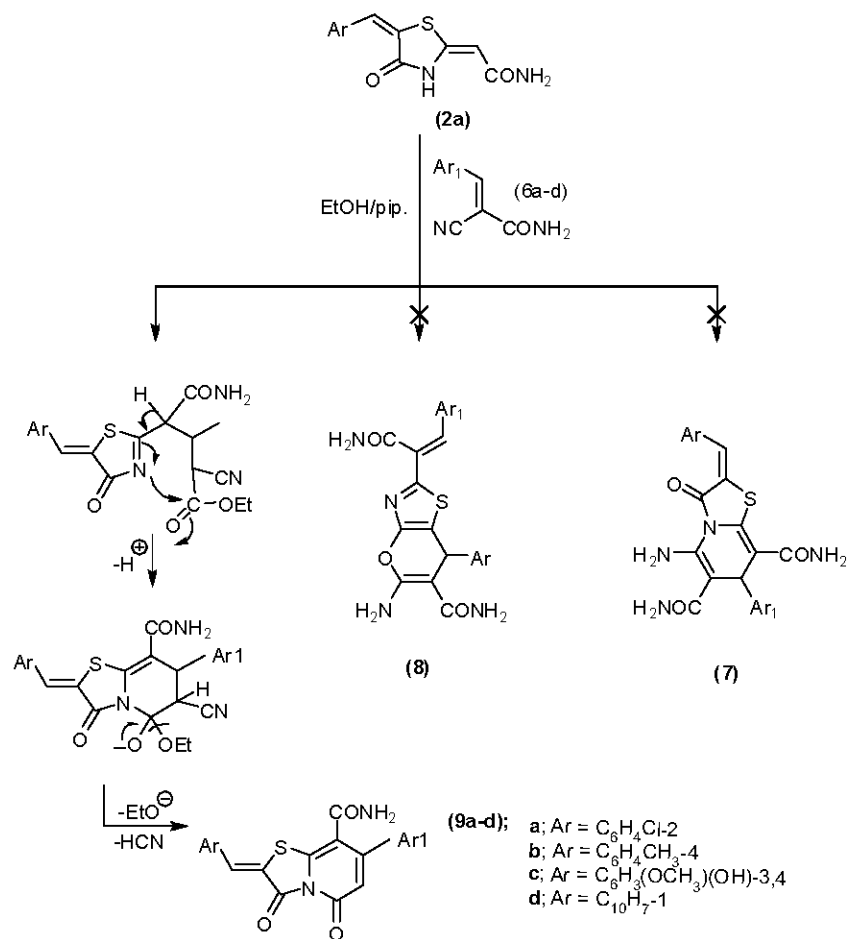
(4-Oxo- 4,5-dihydro-thiazol-2-yl) acetamide (1), was added to a mixture of malononitrile and aromatic aldehydes (1:1:2 molar ratio) in refluxing ethanolic piperidine lead to the formation of an adduct which has two possible structures (4a-d) and (5a-d), However, elemental analyses and spectral data were in complete accordance with the thiazolopyridines structure (4a-d) and ruled out the other possible structure (5a-d), (Scheme 2).

The IR spectrum of compound (4a) was devoid of the absorption bands at, 3480, 3226, 2190 and 1702 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to an amino, cyano and carbonyl functional groups, respectively. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (4a), in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> showed presence of the characteristic signals for aromatic, methine and NH<sub>2</sub> protons at δ 7.06-7.56, 4-H pyridine proton at δ 4.72, two methyl protons at δ 2.28, 2.39 ppm, (Scheme2).

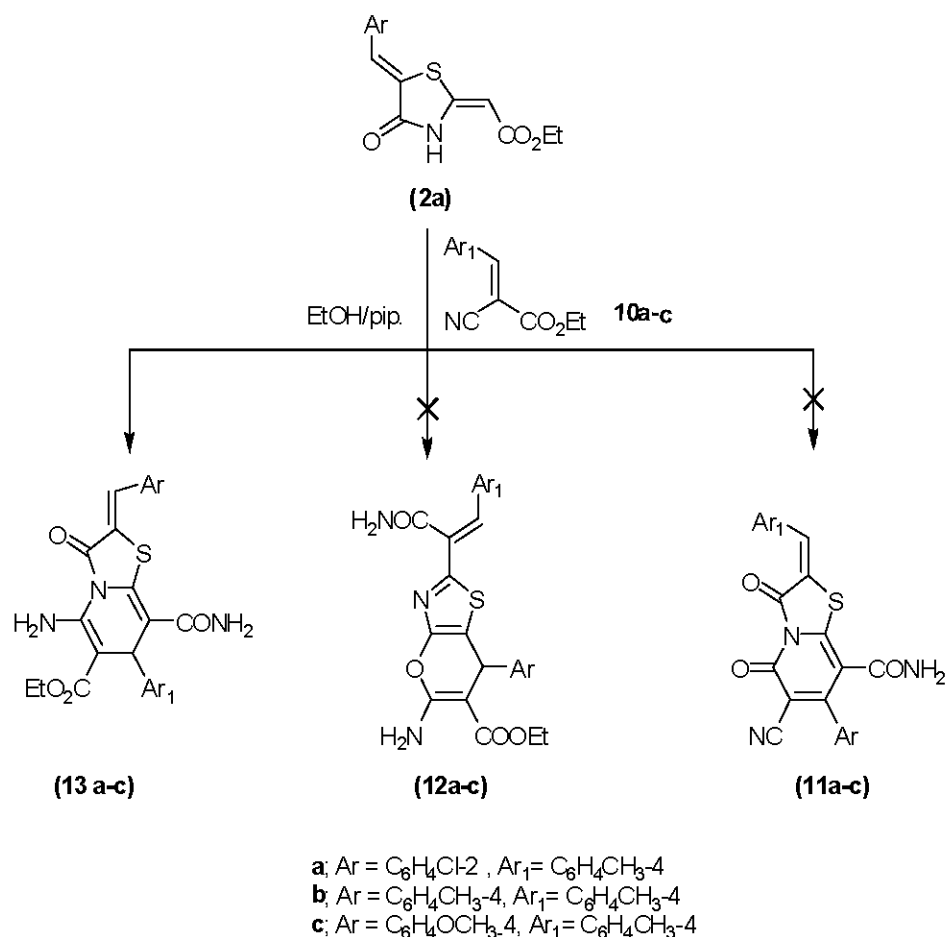
Thiazolidinone derivative (2a), on heating with α-carboxamidocinnamionitriles (6a-d), in ethanolic solution catalyzed with piperidine yield the novel 2,3,6-trihydro-2-arylmethylidene -3-oxo-7-aryl-8-carboxamidothiazolo[3,2-a]pyridine-3,5-diones (9a -d), (Scheme 3). Analytical and spectral data were in agreement with thiazolo[3,2-a] pyridine-3,5-dione structure (9a-d) and the other expected structures thiazolo[3,2-a] pyridines (7a-d) and pyrano[2,3-d]thiazoles (8a-d), were excluded. IR spectrum of the reaction product (9a), showed absorption bands at 3338, 3190, 1686 and, 1654 cm<sub>1</sub> due to amino and two carbonyl functional groups, respectively. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound (9b), revealed signals at δ 2.37, 5.82 and 8.38 due to methyl, 4 H-pyridine and amido-NH<sub>2</sub> protons, in addition to a multiplet signal for aromatic and methine protons in the region δ 7.51-8.14 ppm. The reaction mechanism for the formation of the novel thiazolo[3,2-a]pyridine-3,5-dione (9a-d), is assumed to proceed via the initial Micheal addition of the 4-thiazolidinone anion to the deficient β-carbon of α-carboxamidocinnamionitriles (6a-d), to form an intermediate which underwent an intermolecular cyclization followed by elimination of hydrocyanic acid, as in the following, (Scheme 3).



Scheme 2



Scheme 3



Scheme 4

Moreover, a convenient one-step cyclization reaction lead to the synthesis of compounds (13a-c), from 4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-thiazole (2a) and  $\alpha$ -thoxycarbonyl-cinnamionitrile (10a-c). The structure of compounds (13a-c), were formulated as thiazolo[3,2-a]pyridines on the basis of elemental and spectral data and other possible structures (11a-c) and (12a-c) were excluded, respectively. IR spectra of compounds (13a-c), showed the presence of absorption bands corresponding to NH<sub>2</sub>, (C=O amide, ester and thiazolidinone) functional groups. Also, their <sup>1</sup>H NMR data displayed significant signals corresponding to 4H-pyridine. <sup>1</sup>HNMR data for (13c), in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> exhibited a strong significant signals, three proton singlet and triplet for two methyl groups at  $\delta$  1.34, 2.36, methoxy protons at  $\delta$  3.87, one proton singlet for 4-pyridine-H at  $\delta$  4.87, two protons singlet at  $\delta$  2.89, 8.21, s for two amino protons, two protons quartet at  $\delta$  4.26, for methylene group, in addition to aromatic and methine protons at 7.21-8.10 ppm, (Scheme 4).

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