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## Synthesis and Physical-Chemical Properties of 5-Phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles and Their Chemical Transformations.

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### ABSTRACT

Great value for pharmacologists is the synthesis of new triazole derivatives as they have medicinal importance and are found to be used in a variety of pharmacological preparations. 1, 2, 4-triazole derivatives were reported to possess diverse biological activities, such as antimicrobial, antifungal, antitumor, anti-inflammatory, antituberculosis and herbicidal properties. The purpose of our research is the synthesis of new highly effective and low-toxic substances, namely of 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles and their derivatives, the establishment of physical and chemical properties of all synthesized compounds. For synthesis of 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thioles at first was esterified butyl ester of hydrocinnamic acid, then with hydrazine hydrate was given hydrazide 3-phenylpropanoate. Further was received carbodiimides and in the last step was gotten 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles. 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles were received by adding appropriate halogen nitriles to 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles in alkaline-alcohol environment. During the experiment 11 synthetic studies of novel compounds was obtained, which have not been described previously. The structure of received compounds, namely 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles and 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles has been confirmed by elemental analysis, infrared and chromatography-mass spectrometry was confirmed by elemental analysis, infrared and chromatographic mass spectrometry, which fully confirmed their composition. The results confirmed the structure of the synthesized compounds, which indicates the possibility of their further use in biological studies.

**Keywords:** 1, 2, 4-triazoles, synthesis, physical-chemical properties, transformation.

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## INTRODUCTION

It is considered able to synthesize new triazole derivatives as they have medicinal importance and are found to be used in a variety of pharmacological preparations [1]. 1,2,4-triazole derivatives were reported to possess diverse biological activities, such as antimicrobial [2,3], antifungal [4], antitumor [5], anti-inflammatory [3,6], antituberculosis [7] and herbicidal [8] properties.

During the past decade the number of publications that contain different aspects of triazoles and tetrazoles doubled and continues to grow. Over the last few years show that compounds containing 1,2,4-triazole nucleus. It is now quite well established highly biologically active with a broad spectrum of action. This fact indicates the interest for these compounds as potential objects of modern pharmaceutical market. [9]

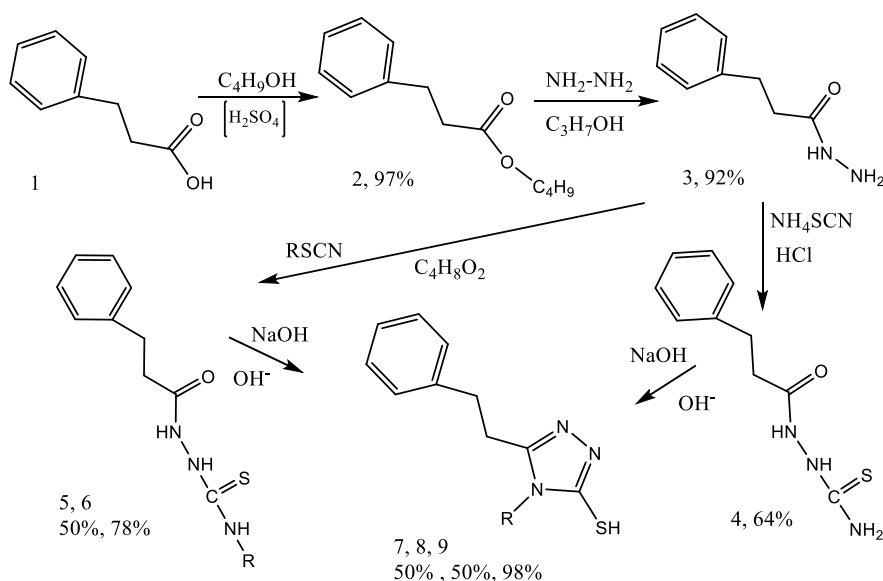
**The purpose** of our research is the synthesis of new highly effective and low-toxic substances, namely of 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles and their derivatives, the establishment of physical and chemical properties of all synthesized compounds.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Physical-chemical properties of the synthesized compounds have been investigated according to the methods described in the State Pharmacopeia of Ukraine [10, 11]. The melting point has been determined by capillary method (2.2.14). The elemental composition of compounds has been set with the help of elemental analyzer ElementarVario L cube (CHNS) (standard – Sulfonamide). Infrared spectra have been recorded in potassium bromide tablets (1% concentration of substance) in the spectrophotometer Specord M-80 in the region of 4000–500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (scanning conditions: program 3.0, time constant –  $\tau=3\text{s}$ , scan time – 33 min). Tablets have been prepared by joint grinding of 200 mg of potassium bromide and 2 mg of test compound, followed by pressing. Chromatography-mass spectrometry studies have been conducted on liquid chromatography Agilent 1260 Infinity HPLC equipped with a mass spectrometer Agilent 6120 (in electro spray ionization (ESI)) [12, 13].

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

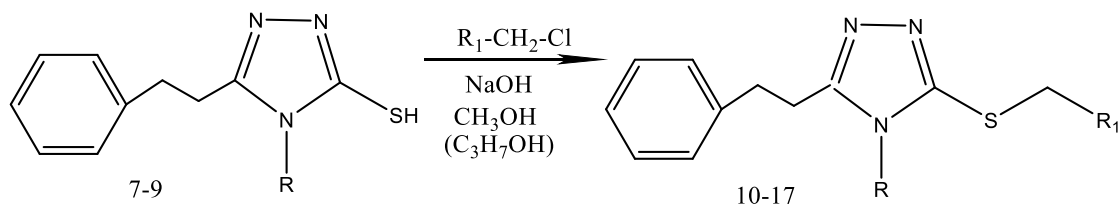
Steps of synthesis of 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles (Compounds 7-9) were presented in fig. 1. The carboxyl group of hydrocinnamic acid (Compound 1, Fig. 1) was esterified in butyl alcohol medium with presence of catalytic amount of sulphuric acid. Then butyl ester of hydrocinnamic acid (Compound 2, Fig. 1) was reacted with hydrazine hydrate to give hydrazide (Compound 3, Fig. 1) in the alcohol medium. Further 2-(3-phenylpropanoyl)hydrazine-1-carbotioamide (Compound 4, Fig. 1) was received during heating of hydrazide (Compound 3, Fig. 1) with ammonium thiocyanate in acidic medium. During hydrazide interaction (Compound 3, Fig. 1) with ethyl or phenyl isothiocyanide in the 1,4-dioxane environment N-ethyl-2-(3-phenylpropanoyl)hydrazine-1-carbotioamide (Compound 5, Fig. 1) or N-phenyl-2-(3-phenylpropanoyl)hydrazine-1-carbotioamide (Compound 6, Fig. 1) were received respectively. The cyclization of carbotioamids (Compounds 4,5,6, Fig. 1) was performed in 2-mol water solution of sodium hydroxide, boiling them during two hours. Thus with high yields 5-phenethyl-4-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol (Compounds 8, Fig. 1) was gotten. Compounds 7–9 (Table 1–2) are crystalline white (7) and gray (8, 9) substances, slightly insoluble in water, soluble in organic solvents and aqueous alkali. For the analysis 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles (7-9) were recrystallized from acetic acid.



**Fig 1: Scheme of synthesis of 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thioles**

Synthesized 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles (Compounds 7-9, Fig. 1) are white (7) and gray (8, 9) crystalline substances, soluble in organic solvents and water. For the analysis compounds 7-9 have been recrystallized from acetic acid.

On the next step compounds 10-17 (Fig. 2) were received by adding appropriate halogen nitriles (chloroacetonitrile, 3-chloropropanenitrile, 2-chlorobenzonitrile) to 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles (Compounds 10-17, Fig. 1) in alkaline-alcohol environment.



**Fig 2: Scheme of synthesis of 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles**

Synthesized 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles (Compounds 10–17, Tab. 3–4) are black (10), pink (11), yellow (12, 13, 15, 17), white(14) or gray (16) crystalline substances, slightly soluble in water, soluble in organic solvents and solutions of mineral acids. For the analysis compounds 10–17 were recrystallized from ethanol.

### Butyl ester of hydrocoric acid (Compound 2)

The mixture of 1.0 mol of hydrocoric acid (Compound 1, Fig. 1), 500 ml of butyl alcohol and 15 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid was boiled for 14 hours, solvent was evaporated. Residue was neutralized with sodium bicarbonate. Received compound is yellow amorphous substance not soluble in water and alkali, soluble in organic solvents.

### Hydrazide 3-phenylpropanoate (Compound 3)

The mixture of 0.7 mol Butyl ester of hydrocoric acid (Compound 2), 2 mol of hydrazine hydrate solution in 200 ml of propanol was boiled for 6 hours. The solvent was evaporated. Received compound is white crystalline substance soluble in solutions of organic solvents, insoluble in water.

### 2-(3-phenylpropanoyl) hydrazine-1-carbotioamide (Compound 4)

To the mixture of 0.6 mol of hydrazide 3-phenylpropanoate (Compound 3), 2 mol of hydrogen chloride and 2 mol of ammonium thiocyanate in 130 ml of water. The mixture was boiled about 6 hours. White precipitate was filtered and dried. Received 64% of 2-(3-phenylpropanoyl) hydrazine-1-carbotioamide.

### N-ethyl(phenyl)-2-(3-phenylpropanoyl)hydrazine-1-carbotioamide (Compounds 5, 6)

To the solution of 1 mol of hydrazide 3-phenylpropanoate (Compound 3) in 150 ml of 1,4-dioxane 1 mol of ethyl isothiocyanate or phenyl isothiocyanate was added and accordingly, the resulting mixture was left for 24 hours, the precipitate was filtered. Received 98% of N-phenyl-2-(3-phenylpropanoyl)hydrazine-1-carbotioamide (Compound 8).

### 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles (Compounds 7-9)

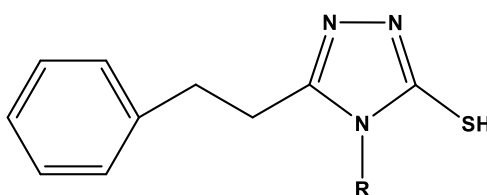
In the flask with reflux 1 mol of corresponding carbotioamides (Compounds 4–6) and 2 mol solution of sodium hydroxide in distilled water were downloaded. The mixture was boiled for 2 hours to complete dissolution of the precipitate, then the mixture was neutralized with concentrated acetic acid, cooled, precipitates of thioles (Compounds 7–9) were filtered.

### 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles (Compounds 10-17)

A mixture of 0.03 mol of 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles (Compounds 7–9) and 0.03 mol of sodium hydroxide in 50 ml of methanol (propanol), was heated to dissolve thiol. 0.03 mol of appropriate halogen nitriles (chloroacetonitrile, 3-chloropropanenitrile, 2-chlorobenzonitrile), were added to the reaction mixture, and heated to the neutral environment. The primary precipitate of sodium chloride was filtered. After complete cooling the precipitate of 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles (Compounds 10–17) was filtered, washed and dried with diethyl ether.

The physical data of the 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles (Compound 7–9) were given in Table 1. The structures of the synthesized compounds were confirmed by elemental analysis (Table 1), IR spectro photometry (Table 2) and mass spectra. Thus, the infrared spectra of synthesized thioles (Compounds 7–9) shows clear oscillation bands of C=N-group between 1584-1550  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , C=S-group between 695–650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1590–1568  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , indicating the presence of aromatic cycle. IR spectra of thioles show oscillation bands of CH- and SH- groups in 3582-3060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 675-675  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively (Table2).

**Table 1: Physical-chemical properties of 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles (Compounds 7-9)**

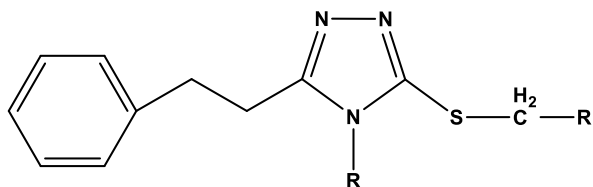


Compound	R	M <sub>p</sub> , °C	Empirical formula	Yield, %	Found results of elemental composition, %			
					C	H	N	S
7	H	219-220	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub> S	50	59,08	4,44	20,69	15,79
8	ethyl	143-144	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> S	50	68,35	5,32	17,96	11,37
9	phenyl	> 250	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> S	98	61,75	6,45	18,05	13,75

**Table 2: IR-spectra of 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thioles (Compounds 7-9)**

Compound	Adsorption rate, $\text{cm}^{-1}$				
	VC=N cycle	VSH	VC-S	VAr	VCHvalen
7	1570	–	695	1568	3060
8	1584	698	678	1590	3582
9	1550	675	650	1572	3106

The structure of the synthesized 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles (Compounds 10-17) were confirmed with the integrated use of elemental analysis (Table3), IR spectrophotometric (Table4) and mass spectra. The IR spectra of final compounds showed an absorption band at  $2270\text{--}2210\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicative of  $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ – groups. The absorption bands in the region of  $1596\text{--}1550\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicative of  $\text{C}=\text{N}$  stretching in cycle and  $1525\text{--}1505\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of aromatic cycle. The scissor bands at  $2870\text{--}2840\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and at  $2950\text{--}2915\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicating the presence of methylene groups. The absorption band representing  $\text{C-S}$  stretching was appeared in the region of  $705\text{--}640\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . [13]

**Table3: Physical-chemical properties of 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles (Compounds 10-17)**


Comp ound	R	R <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>p</sub> , °C	Empirical formula	Yield, %	Found results of elemental composition, %			
						C	H	N	S
10	H	-CN	> 250	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	30,2	59,03	4,90	22,97	13,10
11	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CN-2	140–141	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	99,0	66,67	4,58	18,32	10,43
12	ethyl	-CN	92–94	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	97,0	61,76	5,87	20,59	11,78
13	ethyl	-CH <sub>2</sub> CN	138–139	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	84,0	62,93	6,36	19,58	11,13
14	ethyl	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CN-2	61	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	98,0	68,26	5,45	16,77	9,52
15	phenyl	-CN	77–79	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	54,0	67,49	4,97	17,50	10,04
16	phenyl	-CH <sub>2</sub> CN	162-163	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	20,0	68,28	5,39	16,73	9,60
17	phenyl	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CN-2	180–182	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S	31,4	72,25	4,72	14,67	8,36

**Table4: IR-spectra of 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles (Compounds 10-17)**

Compound	Adsorption rate, cm <sup>-1</sup>				
	VC=N cycle	VAr	VC=N	$\frac{5/25}{V-CH_2-}$	Vc-s
10	1595	1520	2210	2870/2930	670
11	1588	1510	2260	2840/2915	650
12	1596	1505	2250	2850/2930	640
13	1575	1515	2270	2860/2950	700
14	1590	1510	2250	2840/2940	705
15	1585	1525	2220	2850/2925	680
16	1570	1515	2260	2855/2950	690
17	1550	1530	2240	2860/2935	685

### CONCLUSION

The method of synthesis 5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-tioles and 2-((5-phenethyl-4-R-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-yl)thio)nitriles, which can be used for modeling chemical molecules of new biologically active compounds has been developed.

The structure of the synthesized compounds has been confirmed by comprehensive use of modern physical-chemical methods of analysis.

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