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A three-component reaction for rapid access to underexplored 1,3-thiazine-2-thiones†

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Driven by the shortage of known effective possibilities for the synthesis of 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones on the one hand and the promising potential of these structures as novel drug candidates on the other hand, synthetic access to 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones was developed. The desired products could be synthesized effectively and facily starting from β -chlorovinyl aldehydes with the aid of a new MCR (multicomponent reaction). Furthermore, the 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones are shown to be appropriate substrates in the preparation of diverse annulated polycyclic systems.

Introduction

Thiazines are six-membered heterocycles containing sulfur and nitrogen. Apart from being used as dyes,¹ several thiazine derivatives are known for their biological activity and are applied in various medical areas.²

Recently, we described the synthesis of theretofore not accessible 2,2-dialkyl- and 2-alkyl-2-aralkyl-5,6-diaryl-2*H*-1,3-thiazines starting from β -chlorovinyl aldehydes.³ Following the synthesis protocol of the newly established MCR (multicomponent reaction), the targeted products were prepared by the conversion of a β -chlorovinyl aldehyde with ammonia, sodium hydrosulfide and a second carbonyl compound. This reaction is an example for the general opportunity to synthesize various heterocyclic compounds by simultaneous formation of at least two or more bonds with the aid of MCRs.⁴

Herein, we report the use of β -chlorovinyl aldehydes as starting materials in a further new MCR for the preparation of 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones. Up to now this class of heterocycles has not been sufficiently investigated.

A few inefficient synthesis routes to different 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones have been reported.⁵ However, apart from some 3'-hydroxy-pyrazolo[1,5-*c*][1,3]thiazine-7-thiones⁶ only two examples of 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones have been prepared yet (Fig. 1).⁷

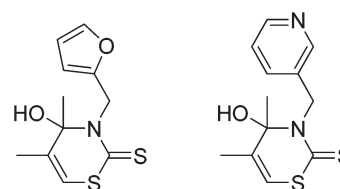


Fig. 1 Known 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones.⁷

They were synthesized by the reaction of acetone with dimethylamine hydrochloride and paraformaldehyde in isopropanol. A subsequent treatment of the intermediate with carbon disulfide and an amine led to the formation of the desired 1,3-thiazine-2-thiones. It was shown that both examples are characterized by an inhibitory effect on the proliferation of different tumor cells and therefore are potential antitumor agents.⁷

In view of the pharmacological potential as well as the lack of efficient synthetic routes and our ongoing interest in developing practical methods for synthetic chemistry, we designed a facile synthesis of 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2** under mild reaction conditions.

In consideration of our experience in the use of β -chlorovinyl aldehydes **1** and the known preparation of 4-hydroxythiazolidine-2-thiones, we envisioned that the formation of 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2** could be realized by a new MCR, reacting a β -chlorovinyl aldehyde **1** with carbon disulfide and a primary amine (Fig. 2).

Combining a MCR employed to synthesize a relatively complex heterocyclic scaffold with a subsequent post-transformation has been abundantly highlighted as an advantageous method for the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds.⁸ Thus, we also investigated the conversion of the synthesized

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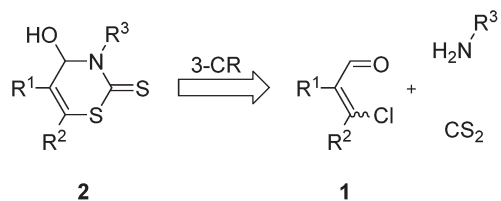


Fig. 2 Retrosynthetic consideration of the targeted structures.

1,3-thiazine-2-thiones to annulated bicycles by exploiting the variable substituent at the nitrogen atom and the hydroxy group, which is formed during the synthesis of 1,3-thiazine-2-thiones.

Results and discussion

Synthesis of the substrates

Combining our previous published concept of synthesis of 2,2-dialkyl- and 2-alkyl-2-aryl-5,6-diaryl-2H-1,3-thiazines³ and thiazolidinethiones⁹ the targeted 3,4-dihydro-2H-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones should be obtained in a MCR using β -chlorovinyl aldehydes, primary amines and carbon disulfide. The β -chlorovinyl aldehydes are received by the conversion of α -methylene ketones with DMF and POCl_3 .¹⁰ We were able to synthesize (*EZ*)-3-chloro-2,3-diphenylacrylaldehyde¹¹ (**1a**), (*EZ*)-3-chloro-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-phenylacrylaldehyde³ (**1b**), (*EZ*)-3-chloro-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenylacrylaldehyde¹² (**1c**), (*EZ*)-3-chloro-2,3-bis(4-nitrophenyl)acrylaldehyde³ (**1e**), 2-chloro-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde¹³ (**1f**), and (*EZ*)-3-chloro-3-methyl-2-phenylacrylaldehyde¹⁴ (**1g**).

Screening of reaction conditions

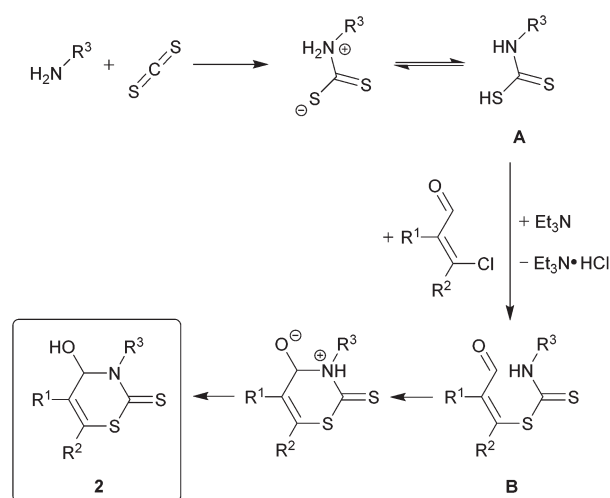
We started our investigation with (*EZ*)-3-chloro-2,3-diphenylacrylaldehyde (**1a**), allylamine, and carbon disulfide to investigate the optimal conditions for the preparation of 2H-1,3-thiazine-2-thione **2a** (Table 1). Our previous research revealed the feasibility of using both isomers of the β -chlorovinyl aldehydes in a (*EZ*)-mixture as the substrate.³ Thus, we used the (*EZ*)-mixture of substrate **1** in all synthesis, with the exception of (*E*)-**1d**. The stoichiometry of the substrates was chosen as reported recently.⁹ As related to our previous studies, H_2O (in the case of thiazolidinethiones) and MeOH (in the case of 2,2-dialkyl- and 2-alkyl-2-aryl-5,6-diaryl-2H-1,3-thiazines) are the solvents of choice. Thus, we tested H_2O as well as MeOH in combination with different bases—*i.e.* K_2CO_3 and Et_3N —which are necessary to trap the liberated hydrogen chloride.

H_2O turned out to be an inappropriate solvent, whereas the use of MeOH led to the formation of the targeted 2H-1,3-thiazine-2-thione **2a** in low yields (Table 1, entries 2 and 3). This may be reasoned by a (extremely) low solubility of **1a** in H_2O and MeOH. For this reason, we screened further different solvents and bases. The highest yield so far was obtained using Et_3N in MeCN at r.t. (Table 1, entry 14).

Table 1 Optimization of the multicomponent reaction to prepare 2H-1,3-thiazine-2-thione^a **2a**

Entry	Solvent	Base	Temperature	Reaction time [h]	Yield ^b of 2a [%]
1	H_2O	K_2CO_3	r.t.	24	0
2	MeOH	K_2CO_3	r.t.	24	25
3	MeOH	Et_3N	r.t.	24	22
4	MeOH/THF	K_2CO_3	r.t.	24	62
5	MeOH/THF	Et_3N	r.t.	24	46
6	THF	K_2CO_3	r.t.	24	37
7	THF	Et_3N	r.t.	24	45
8	DCM	K_2CO_3	r.t.	24	10
9	DCM	Pyridine	r.t.	24	0
10	DCM	Et_3N	r.t.	24	64
11	DMF	Et_3N	r.t.	24	58
12	MeCN	K_2CO_3	r.t.	24	22
13	MeCN	Pyridine	r.t.	24	6
14	MeCN	Et_3N	r.t.	24	67 ^c
15	MeCN	Et_3N	r.t.	5	46
16	MeCN	Et_3N	r.t.	15	55
17	MeCN	Et_3N	r.t.	48	47
18	MeCN	Et_3N	0 °C	15	90 ^d
19	MeCN	Et_3N	0 °C	24	90

^a All reactions were performed using 1.00 mmol β -chlorovinyl aldehyde **1a**, 1.50 mmol allylamine, 3.00 mmol carbon disulfide, and 0.50 mmol base in 5 mL solvent followed by column chromatography. ^b All yields are isolated yields. ^c The reaction was carried out two times using both 0.50 mmol and 1.00 mmol Et_3N , which led to identical yields in both cases. ^d After completion of the reaction the solvent was removed by high-vacuum low-temperature distillation.



Scheme 1 Proposed mechanism for the synthesis of 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2**.



Next, we investigated the influence of the reaction time. A reaction time of 15 hours led to the highest yield of **2a** (55%; Table 1, entry 16). Since an extended reaction time resulted in a lower yield, we had reason to suppose that a part of the already formed product decomposes under the tested conditions. Some NMR spectra suggested the assumption that enaminothiones are the products of decomposition.¹⁵ Thus, we performed the reaction in MeCN with Et₃N again, but this time for 15 hours at 0 °C. In this way, 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione **2a** was isolated in 90% yield. For this reason the optimal reaction was performed at 0 °C for 15 hours using Et₃N in MeCN (Table 1, entry 18). It is worth mentioning that MeCN is distilled off *via* high-vacuum low-temperature distillation after the reaction is complete. Removal of the solvent at a rotary evaporator at 40 °C also causes partial decomposition.

The proposed mechanism for the formation of 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione **2** is shown in Scheme 1. First, the addition of the primary amine to the carbon disulfide leads to the *N*-mono-substituted carbamic acid **A**. The dithiocarbamate **B** is formed

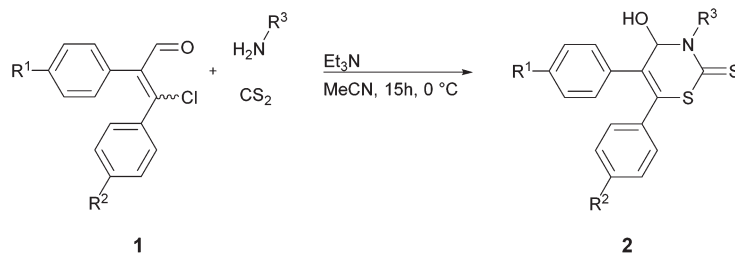
by the substitution of the chloride in the β-chlorovinyl aldehyde **1** with carbamic acid. The hydrogen chloride, which is formed as a co-product, is trapped by triethylamine. A subsequent ring-closure, occurring *via* a nucleophilic attack of the nitrogen atom of the dithiocarbamate group on the carbonyl group and a migration of a proton results in the formation of the product **2**.

Reaction scope

In order to explore the scope of the reaction under the optimized conditions, a number of β-chlorovinyl aldehydes **1a–g** and primary amines were investigated. The results are summarized in Table 2. In almost all cases the performed reactions lead to the desired 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2** in moderate to good yields. Referring to our model reaction with allylamine (Table 2, entry 1), we first investigated the influence of different unsaturated amines in the reaction with aldehyde **1a** and carbon disulfide.

The products **2d** and **2e** designed from alkyne derivatives (Table 2, entries 4 and 5) are isolated in lower yields than

Table 2 Preparation of 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones^a **2**



Entry	Aldehyde	Product	R ¹	R ²	R ³	Yield ^b [%]
1	1a	2a	H	H	CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	90
2	1a	2b	H	H	CH ₂ C(CH ₃)=CH ₂	79
3	1a	2c	H	H	(CH ₂) ₂ CH=CH ₂	64
4	1a	2d	H	H	(CH ₂) ₂ C≡CH	33
5	1a	2e	H	H	(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CH	53
6	1a	2f	H	H	(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	48
7	1a	2g	H	H	Cy	70
8	1a	2h	H	H	CH ₂ Ph	90
9	1a	2i	H	H	CH ₂ (4-OMe-C ₆ H ₄)	53
10	1a	2j	H	H	(CH ₂) ₂ (2-Br-C ₆ H ₄)	89
11	1b	2k	H	OH	CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	43
12	1c	2l	H	Cl	CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	38
13	1d	2m	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	78
14	1e	2n	NO ₂	NO ₂	CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	40
15	1d	2o	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	CH ₂ C(CH ₃)=CH ₂	67
16	1d	2p	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	(CH ₂) ₂ CH=CH ₂	56
17	1d	2q	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	CH(CH ₃) ₂	60
18	1d	2r	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	C(CH ₃) ₃	—
19	1d	2s	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₃	81
20	1d	2t	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	CH ₂ CH ₂ OPh	65
21	1d	2u	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	CH ₂ Ph	65
22	1d	2v	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	— ^c
23	1d	2w	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	—

^a All reactions were performed using 1.00 eq. β-chlorovinyl aldehyde **1**, 1.50 eq. primary amine, 3.00 eq. carbon disulfide, and 0.50 eq. Et₃N in MeCN (5 ml per mmol β-chlorovinyl aldehyde) followed by high-vacuum low-temperature distillation to remove the solvent and column chromatography. ^b All yields are isolated yields. ^c The 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione **2v** was observed in the NMR of the crude product, but could not be isolated.



those products synthesized from alkene derivatives (Table 2, entries 1–3).

Moreover, alkyl amines bearing a methylene group next to the nitrogen atom such as *n*-butylamine (Table 2, entry 6) and aliphatic amines with a methine group at this position—*i.e.* cyclohexyl amine and isopropyl amine (Table 2, entries 7 and 17)—were feasible substrates in the reaction, whereby *n*-butylamine seemed to react reluctantly. Only amines with a quaternary carbon atom next to the nitrogen atom—*e.g.* *tert*-butylamine (Table 2, entry 18)—seem to be not feasible substrates in this new multicomponent reaction. However, using *p*-toluidine as the substrate in the MCR the corresponding 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione **2v** was generated. This could be confirmed by the NMR spectra of the crude product (see Fig. S3 in the ESI†). The isolation of **2v** was attempted in different ways without success. This could probably be the result of a decomposition based on the instability of the resulting product **2v**. In contrast to the conversion of *p*-toluidine, electron-poor aromatics did not even form the 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones (Table 2, entry 23), with the result that only the educts of the reaction could be isolated.

But if aralkyl amines with a methylene group next to the nitrogen atom are used instead of aromatic amines the developed MCR successfully leads to 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2** (Table 2, entries 8–10 and 21).

Noteworthy, amines with aromatics bearing functional groups such as bromine substituents (Table 2, entry 10) or with different kinds of aliphatic and aromatic ethers (Table 2, entries 9, 19 and 20) are also tolerated. The conversions of benzylamine with **1a** and carbon disulfide to **2h** (Table 2, entry 8) and the product **2a** (Table 2, entry 1) of our model reaction, using allylamine, revealed the highest yield (90%).

The structure of **2a** was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis (see Fig. S1 in the ESI†).¹⁶ Besides model substrate **1a**, other β -chlorovinyl aldehydes were investigated likewise (Table 2, entries 11–23). Both substrates with electron-donating (Table 2, entries 11–13) and electron-withdrawing (Table 2, entry 14) groups at the *para*-position provided the desired thiones **2**. Thus, the MCR tolerates the usage of aldehydes with different kinds of functional groups such as chlorine substituents, hydroxy, methoxy and nitro groups (Table 2, entries 11–14).

Analogous to our research results on synthesizing 2,2-dialkyl- and 2-alkyl-2-aralkyl-5,6-diaryl-2*H*-1,3-thiazines³ the formation of 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2** is also limited to 2,3-diaryl- β -chlorovinyl aldehydes **1a–e** as substrates. The conversions of 2-chloro-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde (**1f**) and 3-chloro-3-methyl-2-phenylacrylaldehyde (**1g**) each with allylamine and carbon disulfide did not lead to the corresponding products **2**.

However, the presented results (Table 2) documented that the novel MCR allows the preparation of manifold 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2** in moderate to excellent yields starting from readily accessible substrates.

In order to screen the reaction scope the applicability of various tryptamine derivatives, containing the pharmaceutically interesting indole, in the developed MCR was also exam-

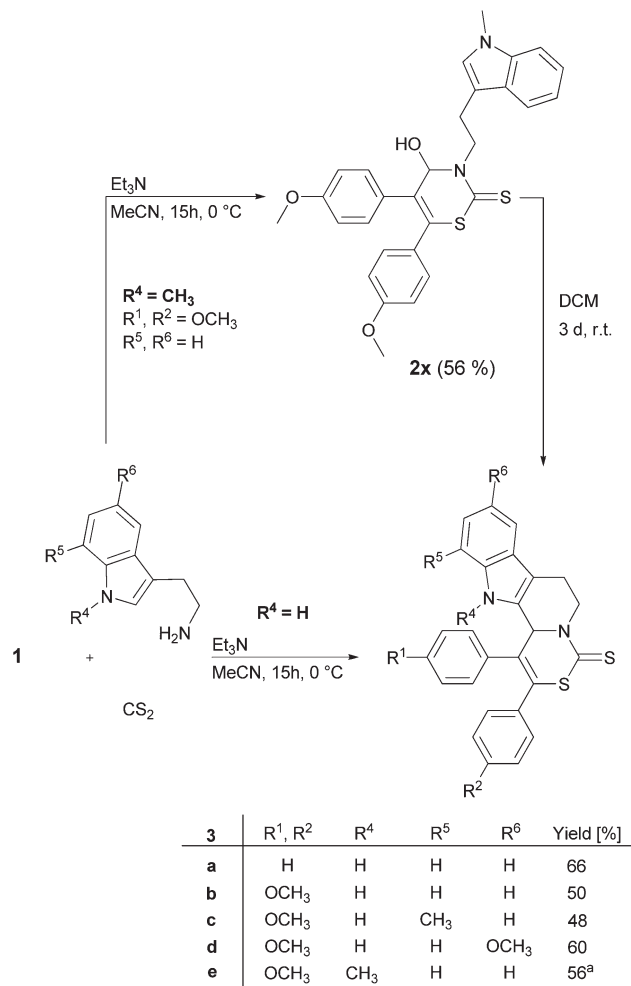


Fig. 3 Cascade reaction to indole derivatives **3**. ^aOverall yield after both reactions (via **2x**).

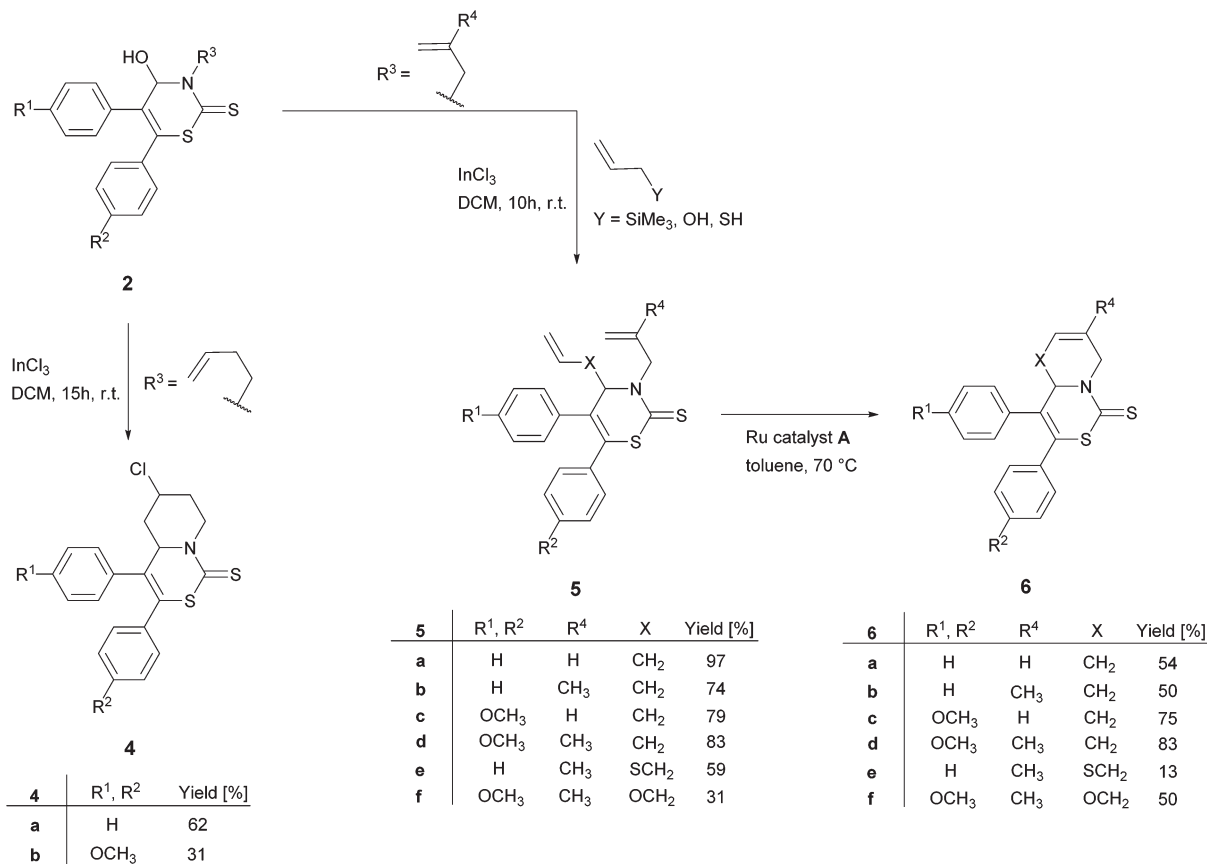
ined (Fig. 3). Surprisingly, a product resulting from a twofold cyclization could be isolated after column chromatography.

At first, the formation of 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione occurred followed by an intramolecular electrophilic aromatic substitution (Pictet–Spengler-type reaction) at the heteroaromatic indole cycle and simultaneous substitution of the hydroxy group. The indole annulated 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **3** were obtained in moderate yields of up to 66% (Fig. 3). When 1-methyltryptamine was used as the substrate the second cyclization *via* the Pictet–Spengler-type reaction did not take place directly and 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione **2x** with an *N*-methylated indole could be isolated (Fig. 3). However, the cyclization of 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione **2x** to 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **3e** can be realized by placing the substrate in DCM for 3 days at r.t. The transformation occurs quantitatively.

Derivatization

Based on the described results concerning 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2** and our ongoing interest in using them as pre-





Scheme 2 Subsequent reactions to various *2H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones derivatives: pyridothiazinethiones **4**, dialkenes **5**, unsaturated pyridothiazinethiones and azepinethiazinethiones **6**.

cursors in subsequent reactions (Scheme 2), we designed derivatives **2c** and **2p** to examine the conversion in a Lewis-acid mediated ring-closing reaction¹⁷ to pyridothiazinethiones **4**. To the best of our knowledge this kind of ring-closing reaction was performed using InCl₃ for the first time. *2H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2c** and **2p** were therefore stirred for 15 hours at r.t. in a DCM solution containing equimolar amounts of InCl₃.

The mixtures of the racemic diastereomers of the targeted pyridothiazinethiones **4** were isolated in moderate yields (Scheme 2, products **4a** and **4b**).

Treatment of alcohols with catalytic amounts of InCl₃ and allyltrimethylsilane, allyl alcohol or allyl mercaptan, respectively, led to C-C, C-O or C-S bond formation by direct substitution of the hydroxy group.¹⁸ Using allylamine, which is the analogous nitrogen nucleophile, no C-N bond formation was observed. However, the products starting from allyltrimethylsilane could be obtained in good to excellent yields (Scheme 2, products **5a-d**). Also the corresponding sulfur and oxygen containing dialkenes were synthesized in this way (Scheme 2, products **5e** and **5f**). Noteworthy, all generated products without a hydroxyl group (this extends to compound **3-6**) were more stable than the *2H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2**. This may be reasoned with the low steadiness of *N,O*-hemiacetal in **2**. Thus,

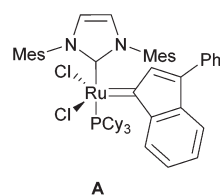


Fig. 4 Ru catalyst **A** used for RCM.

a reaction temperature beyond 0 °C in subsequent reactions is allowed.

Due to their terminal alkene functional groups, compounds **5a-f** are ideal substrates for ring-closing metathesis (RCM). Because of the positive outcome of previously reported similar procedures by our group we chose to employ the Ru catalyst **A** (Fig. 4).⁹

The RCMs were performed in toluene using 5 mol% of Ru catalyst **A** to generate the six- and seven-membered annulated bicycles **6** in yields up to 83% (Scheme 2, products **6a-f**).

Remarkably, the average yields of unsaturated pyridothiazinethiones **6a-d** were higher than those of unsaturated azepi-



nethiazinethiones **6e** and **6f**. For example, a comparison of the yield of the annulated bicycle **6d** (83% yield) with the comparable oxygen containing seven membered bicycle **6f** (50% yield) supports this observation. The structure of **6b** was established by X-ray diffraction analysis (see Fig. S2 in the ESI†).¹⁹ Thus, several compounds containing the 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione substructures in addition to another biologically active structure could be formed based on the synthesized 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2**.

The subsequent conversions to annulated bicycles shown in Scheme 2 exemplify the feasibility to create a plethora of 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione-containing compounds starting from 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones **2**.

Conclusions

In conclusion, we developed a novel multicomponent reaction, which allows efficient and facile access to 4-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones. Starting from readily accessible β -chlorovinyl aldehydes, the targeted products can be prepared with the aid of primary amines and carbon disulfide under mild conditions. Moreover, the use of tryptamine derivatives as amine components leads to a cascade consisting of the 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione formation and a Pictet-Spengler-type cyclization. The shown potential of the 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones in subsequent reactions provides the preparation of various annulated polycycles.

Having developed the novel MCR, it is now possible to synthesize a broad compound library of 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones, which can be used for screening to identify new biologically active structures.

Experimental

Synthesis of (RS)-3-allyl-4-hydroxy-5,6-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thione (**2a**) as a representative example for the synthesis of all 2*H*-1,3-thiazine-2-thiones

The aldehyde (*EZ*)-**1a** (243 mg, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL anhydrous MeCN. Allylamine (86 mg, 1.50 mmol), dissolved in 3 mL anhydrous MeCN, CS₂ (228 mg, 3.00 mmol) and anhydrous Et₃N (51 mg, 0.50 mmol) were added at 0 °C. After stirring overnight at 0 °C the solvent was removed *via* high-vacuum low-temperature distillation. Column chromatography (DCM; *R_f* = 0.23) afforded the desired thiazinethione **2a** (304 mg, 90%) as a yellow solid, mp 110–112 °C (from DCM/*n*-hexane); IR (ATR): $\tilde{\nu}$ 3272, 2054, 3019, 2923, 1643, 1156, 1127, 760, 731 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.89–3.91 (1 H, m, OH), 4.68–4.72 (1 H, m, NCH₂), 5.18–5.22 (1 H, m, NCH₂), 5.26–5.28 (1 H, m, CH=CH₂), 5.30–5.33 (1 H, m, CH=CH₂), 5.75 (1 H, d, ³*J* = 9.2 Hz, NCH), 5.94–6.02 (1 H, m, CH=CH₂), 7.20–7.28 (10 H, m, 10 CH_{Ar}) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.41 (NCH₂), 84.72 (NCH), 119.51 (CH=CH₂), 127.41 (CHC=C), 127.91 (*p*-CH_{Ar}), 128.54, 128.65, 128.89 (6 CH_{Ar}), 129.22 (*p*-CH_{Ar}), 130.05 (2 CH_{Ar}), 131.49

(NCH₂CH), 134.08 (C_{Ar}CS), 135.79 (C_{Ar}CCH), 137.09 (CHC=C), 189.48 (C=S) ppm; MS (ESI): *m/z* 362.1 (M + Na⁺, 10%), 322.0 (M – OH⁺, 100%), 279.0 (M – COS⁺, 10%); HRMS (ESI): found 362.0660; calc. for C₁₉H₁₇NNaOS₂ [M + Na]⁺ 362.0649.

Single crystals of **2a** obtained by crystallization from DCM and *n*-hexane were mounted in inert oil and transferred to the cold gas stream of the diffractometer.

Crystal structure determination of **2a**

Crystal data. C₁₉H₁₇NOS₂, *M* = 339.45, monoclinic, *a* = 10.3443(5), *b* = 9.3521(4), *c* = 17.9838(8) Å, *U* = 1727.25(14) Å³, *T* = 150 K, space group *P*2₁/*n*, *Z* = 4, 90 499 reflections measured, 7596 unique (*R*_{int} = 0.0308), which were used in all calculations. The final *wR*(*F*²) was 0.1039 (all data).

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