# SYNTHESIS OF 2-SUBSTITUTED ISOTHIAZOLO[5,4-b]PYRIDIN-3(2H)-ONE 1,1-DIOXIDES 

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#### Abstract

The Isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1,1-dioxides (3a-g) were prepared from the corresponding isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-ones (1a-g) by means of an oxidation with oxone ${ }^{\circledR}\left(\mathrm{KHSO}_{5}\right)$ and sodium hypochlorite $(\mathrm{NaOCl})$ in two steps. The influence of the substituents ( R ), in position 2 of this system, on the oxidation process was studied. While the oxidation of $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{g}$ with 3chloroperoxybenzoic acid gave yields of 3a-g depending greatly on the nature of R , the combined $\mathrm{KHSO}_{5} / \mathrm{NaOCl}$ method gave good yields of $3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{g}$ in all of the cases studied.


## INTRODUCTION

Isothiazol-3( 2 H )-one 1,1-dioxides with fused pyridine rings are valuable precursors of important antiinflammatory drugs ${ }^{1}$ and of some recently discovered inhibitors of the HIV1 reverse transcriptase. ${ }^{2}$ Motivated by these applications, we have investigated the preparation of the new sultam derivatives (3a-g) starting from the easily accessible isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-ones (1a-g). The oxidation of 1a-g has scarcely been studied and the published methods ( $85 \%$ m-CPBA, ${ }^{3} \mathrm{KMnO}_{4}{ }^{4}$ ) gave low yields of the corresponding 1,1-dioxide derivatives. However, we have found that the compounds (3a-g) can be prepared in high yields from 1a-g through a simple and unexpensive modification of known oxidation methods ${ }^{5}$ that utilize potassium hydrogen persulfate $\left(\mathrm{KHSO}_{5}\right)$, commercially available as oxone ${ }^{\circledR}$, and sodium hypochlorite. In order to establish the generality of the proposed method, we introduced various substituents in the 2 position of the isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one system. The selected 2 -
substituents ( R ) modified the steric and electrostatic fields around the sulfur atom during the oxidation.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The starting isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-ones (1a-g) were synthesized in only one step by the reaction of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride with amines according to our recently published method. ${ }^{6}$ The first step in the oxidation of $\mathbf{1 a - g}$ occurred with 1.5 equivalents of $\mathrm{KHSO}_{5}$ in the form of oxone ${ }^{\circledR{ }^{\circledR}}$ dissolved in $50 \%$ aqueous methanol at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Scheme 1). The oxone completely oxidized compounds ( $\mathbf{1 a -}$ g) to their 1-oxides in 1 h , giving good yields (81-93\%) of isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1 -oxides ( $\mathbf{2 a}-\mathrm{f}$ ). Under these conditions, formation of the isothiazolo[ $5,4-b]$ pyridin- $\mathbf{3 ( 2 H}$ )-one 1,1-dioxides (3a-g) was negligible.

Scheme 1


| Entry | Precursor | R | Product | Yield <br> (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | $\mathbf{1 a}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | $\mathbf{2 a}$ | 87 |
| b | $\mathbf{1 b}$ | $\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}$ | $\mathbf{2 b}$ | 93 |
| c | $\mathbf{1 c}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Br}-p$ | $\mathbf{2 c}$ | 92 |
| d | $\mathbf{1 d}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | $\mathbf{2 d}$ | 85 |
| e | $\mathbf{1 e}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 e}$ | 81 |
| f | $\mathbf{1 f}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{COOC}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 f}$ | 85 |
| g | $\mathbf{1 g}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{COOC}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ | $\mathbf{2 g}$ | 85 |

Although oxone is a good oxidizing agent for converting sulfides into sulfones, ${ }^{7}$ the treatment of $\mathbf{1 a - g}$ with 4 equivalents of $\mathrm{KHSO}_{5}$ in aqueous methanol at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h gave the corresponding 1-oxides (2ag) with only small quantities of the 1,1 -dioxides ( $30 \%$ of $\mathbf{3 a}$ and less than $10 \%$ of $\mathbf{3 b}-\mathrm{g}$ respectively). 1,1-Dioxides (3a-g) were synthesized in high yields ( $81-94 \%$ ) by treating 1 -oxides ( $\mathbf{2 a - g}$ ) for 2 h at $\mathbf{2 0}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with 4 fold excess of $5 \%$ aqueous NaOCl in ethyl acetate and tetrabutylammonium bromide as a phasetransfer catalyst (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2
Entry $\quad$ Precursor
$m$-CPBA also is able to oxidize the isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one system. However, when 1a-g reacted with 2.2 equiv. of $95 \% \mathrm{~m}$ - CPBA in dichloromethane at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, compounds ( $\mathbf{1 a - g}$ ) were completely consumed within an hour giving the 1 -oxides ( $2 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{g}$ ), but after 24 h the yields of 1,1 -dioxides were $78 \%$ for $\mathbf{3 a}, \mathbf{7 4 \%}$ for $\mathbf{3 b}, \mathbf{2 0 \%}$ for $\mathbf{3 c}$, $38 \%$ for $\mathbf{3 d}, 42 \%$ for $\mathbf{3 e}, 41 \%$ for $\mathbf{3 f}$ and $18 \%$ for $\mathbf{3 g}$; the yields of $\mathbf{2}$, which accompany 3, account for the rest of the material. The results obtained show that the combined oxone ${ }^{\circledR} / \mathrm{NaOCl}$ method for the oxidation of $\mathbf{1}$ offers much better yields of 1,1 -dioxides (3) than $m$-CPBA for 2 -aryl derivatives, such as $\mathbf{3 c}$, or when substituents in the 2 position interact strongly with the sulfoxide group of the isothiazolo[5,4-b] pyridin-3(2H)-one 1-oxide system, such as occurs in $\mathbf{2 g}$. This supposition agrees with the spectroscopic data (Table 1), as well as the known electronic interactions of heteroaromatic sulfoxides. ${ }^{8}$ Also, the oxone ${ }^{\circledR} / \mathrm{NaOCl}$ method has advantages with respect to the oxidation of the isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin- $3(2 H)$-ones by potassium permanganate, ${ }^{4}$ since it does not produce potassium sulfonic acid salts from further reaction of the 1,1 -dioxides. Additionally, the oxidation of $\mathbf{1 a}$ was also studied with other oxidizing agents. Sodium hypochlorite ${ }^{9}$ did not react with $\mathbf{1 a}$, sodium periodate in aqueous methanol ${ }^{10}$ or chlorine in acetic acid ${ }^{11}$ oxidized $\mathbf{1 a}$ to $\mathbf{2 a}$ but not to 3 a , and hydrogen peroxide in methanol ${ }^{12}$ only gave $21 \%$ of 3 a from $1 \mathbf{1 a}$.

In summation, our procedure is simple, cheap, and useful for the preparation of isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin$3(2 H)$-one 1,1 -dioxides (3) since the commercially available sodium hypochlorite and oxone can be directly used.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were obtained in a CHNS Carlo Erba EA1108 analyzer from vacuum-dried samples (over phosphorus pentoxide at $3-4 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}, 6-12 \mathrm{~h}$ at $30-70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 510M FT-IR apparatus, using potassium bromide tablets. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ spectra were obtained on a Varian Gemini ( 200 MHz ) instrument at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard at a concentration of about $0.1 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ml}$ and deuterochloroform as solvent; the chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane and are in $\delta$ value. Thin-layer chromatography (tlc) was carried out on silica gel (Schleicher \& Schuell F1500/LS 254) with ethyl acetate:cyclohexane (2:1) as solvent and the plates were scanned under 254 and 366 nm ultraviolet light. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 Merck ( $70-230$ mesh ASTM) with indicated solvents. Solvents were usually removed under vacuum, when stated, in a rotavapory evaporator. Unless otherwise noted materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. The $m$-CPBA of $95 \%$ purity was prepared by washing the commercial $50-60 \% \mathrm{~m}$-CPBA with a phosphate buffer of pH 7.5 and drying the residue at reduced pressure. ${ }^{13}$ The following starting materials were synthesized by known procedures: 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride, ${ }^{6}$ isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-ones 1a, ${ }^{14} \mathbf{1 e},{ }^{15}$ and $\mathbf{1 g} .{ }^{6}$

## 2-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one (1b)

To a suspension of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride ${ }^{6}$ ( $3.12 \mathrm{~g}, 15.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{ml})$, a solution of tert-butylamine ( $3.28 \mathrm{~g}, 45.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{ml})$ was dropwise added with stirring at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for further 3 h . Water ( 60 ml ) was added and the organic layer was separated, washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(2 \times 30 \mathrm{ml})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (EtOAc/cyclohexane 2:1, $\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ). The product was recrystallized from $\mathrm{EtOH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ to give $1 \mathrm{~b}(1.90 \mathrm{~g}, 61 \%$ ) as white needles (Table 1). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{OS}: \mathrm{C}, 57.66 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.82 ; \mathrm{N}, 13.45 ; \mathrm{S}, 15.39$. Found: C, $57.45 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.92 ; \mathrm{N}$, 13.51; S, 15.15.

## 2-(4-Bromophenyl)isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one

To a suspension of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride ${ }^{6}$ ( $3.12 \mathrm{~g}, 15.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(20 \mathrm{ml}$ ), a solution of $p$-bromoaniline $(2.58 \mathrm{~g}, 15.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ and triethylamine ( $3.03 \mathrm{~g}, 30.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(20 \mathrm{ml}$ ) was dropwise added with stirring at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for an hour. The resulting solid material was collected and recrystallized from EtOAc to give 1c ( 3.31 g , $72 \%$ ) as white needles (Table 1). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{OBrS}: \mathrm{C}, 46.92 ; \mathrm{H}, 2.30 ; \mathrm{N}, 9.12 ; \mathrm{S}, 10.44$.

Found: C, 46.94; H, 2.20; N, 9.13; S, 10.67.
Table 1. Characterization Data of the New Isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3( 2 H$)$-ones and their $S$-Oxides

| Compd | recrystn. solvent ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{mp} \\ & \left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { ir } v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)^{b} \\ -\mathrm{SO}_{\mathrm{x}}-\mathrm{COO}-\mathrm{CON} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16 | A | 61-62 |  |  | 1645 | $1.69(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 7.28(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.6, J=8.0), 8.17$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.8, J=8.0$ ) $8.69(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $J=4.6)$. ${ }^{\text {d }}$, |
| 1 c | B | 204-206 |  |  | 1675 | $7.39(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=8.0), 7.58(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 8.32$ <br> ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.8, J=8.0$ ), $8.80(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 d |  |  |  |  |  | $1.37(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2), 3.95$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J=7.2$ ), 7.32 <br> ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=7.9$ ), $8.24(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.8$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $J=7.9), 8.71(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.8, J=4.8)$. |
| 1 f | D | 103-105 |  | 1725 | 1665 | $1.25(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2), 2.79(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.4)$, 4.1-4.2 $(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 7.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=8.0), 8.25(1 \mathrm{H}$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | dd, $J=1.6, J=8.0), 8.73$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=4.8$ ). |
| 2 a | C | 113-114 | 1106 |  | 1714 | $3.41(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 7.67(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=7.8), 8.27$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=7.8$ ), $8.92(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $J=4.8$ ). |
| 2b | E | 89-91 | 1105 |  | 1701 | 1.73 ( $9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$ ), $7.62(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=8.0$ ), 8.19 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=8.0$ ), 8.88 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $J=4.8$ ). |
| 2 c | B | 203-204 | 1094 |  | 1718 | $7.41(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=8.8), 7.64(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=8.8), 7.74$ ( 1 H , dd, $J=4.8, J=7.8$ ), 8.38 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $J=7.8), 9.00(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=4.8)$. |
| 2d | B | 112-114 | 1104 |  | 1713 | $1.42(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2), \mathrm{AB}$ part of $\mathrm{ABX}_{3}$ system ( $\delta_{\mathrm{A}}=$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\left.3.86, \delta_{\mathrm{B}}=4.04, J_{\mathrm{AX}}=J_{\mathrm{BX}}=7.2, J_{\mathrm{AB}}=14.4\right), 7.66$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=7.8$ ), $8.27(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6$, $J=7.8$ ), 8.91 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=4.8$ ). |
| 2 e | C | 138-140 | 1111 |  | 1715 | 4.74 (1H, d, $J=16.0), 5.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=16.0)$, $7.3-$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $7.5(5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~m}), 7.67(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=5.0, J=8.0), 8.29$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & (1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=8.0), 8.92(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6 \text {, } \\ & J=5.0) \text {. } \end{aligned}$ |
| 2 f | C | 52-54 | 1107 | 1724 | 1711 | 1.23 ( $\left.3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.80(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{td}, J=$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\left.4.0,7.0, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CO}\right), 4.08-4.20(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~m}), 7.66$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & (1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=7.8), 8.25(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6 \text {, } \\ & J=7.8), 8.90(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=4.8) . \end{aligned}$ |
| 2 g | D | 70-72 | 1125 | 1744 | 1715 | 1.28 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.0$ ), 4.23 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J=7.0)$, 4.37 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=18.2), 4.81(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=18.2), 7.70$ ( 1 H , |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | dd, $J=5.0, J=8.0), 8.31$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=8.0$ ), |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 8.96 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=5.0$ ). |
| 3a | C | 140-142 | 1338 |  | 1730 | 3.29 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$ ), 7.76 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=7.8$ ), 8.37 |
|  |  |  | 1163 |  |  | $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=7.8), 8.99(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $J=4.8)$. |
| 3b | E | 147-149 | $\begin{aligned} & 1335 \\ & 1148 \end{aligned}$ |  | 1731 | 1.77 ( $9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$ ), 7.71 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=7.8$ ), 8.19 <br> ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=7.8$ ), 8.88 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $J=4.8$ ). |
| 3 c | B | 194-196 | 1343 |  | 1742 | 7.41 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=8.6$ ), 7.68 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J=8.8$ ), 7.82 |
|  |  |  | 1170 |  |  | ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.9, J=7.9$ ), 8.45 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $J=7.9), 9.05(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=4.9)$. |
| 3d | C | 90-91 | 1342 |  | 1731 | 1.45 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2$ ), $3.88(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J=7.2$ ), 7.75 ( 1 H , |
|  |  |  | 1158 |  |  | dd, $J=4.8, J=7.9$ ), $8.35(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=7.9)$, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 8.97 (1H, dd, J=1.6, $J=4.8$ ). |
| 3 e | F | 122-124 | 1352 |  | 1727 | $4.92(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 7.3-7.5(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.74(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J$ |
|  |  |  | 1169 |  |  | $=4.8, J=7.8), 8.32$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=7.8$ ), 9.01 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=4.8$ ). |


| 3 f | C | 87-89 | 1325 | 1744 | 1732 | 1.26 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.2$ ), $2.87(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.4), 4.1-4.2$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1170 |  |  | $(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~m}), 7.76(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=7.8), 8.36(1 \mathrm{H},$ $\mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=7.8), 8.98(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=1.6, J=4.8)$ |
| 3g | D | 94-96 | $\begin{aligned} & 1339 \\ & 1177 \end{aligned}$ | 1752 | 1736 | $1.27(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J=7.0), 4.24(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J=7.0), 4.45(2 \mathrm{H}$, s), $7.78(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J=4.8, J=7.8), 8.38(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}$, $J=1.6, J=7.8$ ), 8.99 ( 1 H , dd, $J=1.6, J=4.8$ ). |

${ }^{a_{A}}$ : EtOH/H2O, B: EtOAc, C: Isopropanol, D: EtOAc/cyclohexane, E: Cyclohexane, $\mathrm{F}: \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$,
$\mathrm{b}_{\text {Using }} \mathrm{KBr}$ tablets.
${ }^{\text {c Spectra }}$ were recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

## 2-Ethylisothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one

To a suspension of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride ${ }^{6}$ ( $3.12 \mathrm{~g}, 15.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dioxane ( 30 ml ), a solution of ethylamine ( $2.03 \mathrm{~g}, 45.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in water ( 60 ml ) was dropwise added with stirring at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at room temperature for further 3 h . After the addition of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(150 \mathrm{ml})$, the organic layer was separated, washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(2 \times 30 \mathrm{ml})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from 2-propanol to give 1d ( $1.73 \mathrm{~g}, 64 \%$ ) as pale yellow needles (Table 1). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{OS}: \mathrm{C}, 53.31 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.47 ; \mathrm{N}$, 15.50; S, 17.73. Found: C, 53.42; H, 4.59; N, 15.45; S, 17.66.

2-(1-(Ethoxycarbonyl)et hyl)isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one
To a suspension of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride ${ }^{6}(3.12 \mathrm{~g}, 15.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dioxane ( 30 ml ), a freshly prepared solution of ethyl 3-aminopropionate hydrochloride ( $9.21 \mathrm{~g}, 60.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and sodium hydroxide $(2.40 \mathrm{~g}, 60 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(60 \mathrm{ml})$ was dropwise added with stirring at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at room temperature for further 3 h . Subsequently, $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(200 \mathrm{ml})$ was added and then the pH was brought to 6 with hydrochloric acid ( 1 M ). The resulting solid material was collected and recrystallized from cyclohexane/EtOAc (3:1) to give $\mathbf{1 f}(2.33 \mathrm{~g})$ as white needles. A second crop ( 0.58 g ) was obtained by extraction of the aqueous filtrate with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 100 \mathrm{ml})$; total yield 2.91 g (77\%) (Table 1). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{OS}: \mathrm{C}, 52.36 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.80$; $\mathrm{N}, 11: 11 ; \mathrm{S}, 12.71$. Found: C , 52.19; H, 4.87; N, 11.03; S, 12.70.

## Preparation of 2-substituted isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1-oxides (2a-g).

## General procedure.

To a stirred mixture of the corresponding isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one (1a-g) (9.0 mmol) in $50 \%$ aqueous $\mathrm{MeOH}(30 \mathrm{ml})$ at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, oxone ${ }^{(\beta)}\left(0.83 \mathrm{~g}, 13.5 \mathrm{mmol}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{KHSO}_{5}\right)$ was added in small portions. When the reaction had been completed, the reaction mixture was poured into $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(100 \mathrm{ml})$ and extracted with $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}\right)(3 \times 25 \mathrm{ml})$. Organic lavers were dried $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$ and evaporated, and the residue was
recrystallized to give 2a-g (Table 1). 2a Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 46.14, \mathrm{H}, 3.33 ; \mathrm{N}, 15.38$; S , 17.60. Found: C, 46.31 ; H, 3.37; N, 15.42; S, 17.89. 2b Anal. Caled for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 53.54 ; \mathrm{H}$, $5.40 ; \mathrm{N}, 12.49 ; \mathrm{S}, 14.29$. Found: C, $53.36 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.51 ; \mathrm{N}, 12.57$; S, 13.99. 2c Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{BrS}: \mathrm{C}, 44.60 ; \mathrm{H}, 2.19 ; \mathrm{N}, 8.67$; S, 9.92. Found: C, 44.59; H, 2.07; N, 8.61; S, 9.62. 2d Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 48.96 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.12 ; \mathrm{N}, 14.28$; S, 16.34. Found: C, 49.03; H, 4.25; N, 14.13; $\mathrm{S}, 16.15$. 2e Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 60.44 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.91$; $\mathrm{N}, 10.85 ; \mathrm{S}, 12.41$. Found: C , 60.57; H, 4.06; N, 10.90; S, 12.70. $2 f$ Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 49.24 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.52 ; \mathrm{N}, 10.44 ; \mathrm{S}$, 11.95. Found: C, 49.20; H, 4.68; N, 10.15; S, 11.60. 2g Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 47.23 ; \mathrm{H}$, 3.97; N, 11.02; S, 12.61. Found: C, 47.35; H, 4.03; N, 11.13; S, 12.87 .

Preparation of 2-substituted isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1,1-dioxides (3a-g).

## General procedures.

From 2a-g: A mixture of the corresponding isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1-oxide (2a-g) (7.5 mmol ) and tetrabutylammonium bromide ( $0.10 \mathrm{~g}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in EtOAc ( 50 ml ) at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was treated with $5 \%$ aqueous $\mathrm{NaOCl}(44.70 \mathrm{~g}, 30.0 \mathrm{mmol})$. The mixture was stirred vigorously and the reaction monitored by tlc. After the sulfoxide was completely consumed, water ( 100 ml ) was added and the organic layer was separated and washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(2 \times 50 \mathrm{ml})$. The resulting solution was dried $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$ and concentrated in vacuo, and the crude material was recrystallized to give 3a-g (Table 1).

From la-g: To a suspension of the corresponding isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one (1a-g) (4.0 mmol ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{ml})$, a solution of $95 \% \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{CPBA}(1.44 \mathrm{~g}, 8.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{ml})$ was added dropwise with stirring at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for further 24 h . The mixture was washed with phosphate buffer of $\mathrm{pH} 7.5(2 \times 20 \mathrm{ml})$ and the organic layer was separated, dried $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (EtOAc/cyclohexane 2:1, v/v). After recrystallization, overall yields were $78 \%$ for $\mathbf{3 a}, \mathbf{7 4 \%}$ for $\mathbf{3 b}, \mathbf{2 0 \%}$ for $\mathbf{3 c}$, $\mathbf{3 8 \%}$ for 3d, $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ for $\mathbf{3 e}, 41 \%$ for $\mathbf{3 f}$ and $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ for $\mathbf{3 g}$. 3a Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 42.41 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.06 ; \mathrm{N}, 14.14 ; \mathrm{S}, 16.17$. Found: C, $42.65 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.13 ; \mathrm{N}, 14.10 ; \mathrm{S}, 16.46 .3 \mathrm{~b}$ Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 49.98 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.04 ; \mathrm{N}, 11.66$; S, 13.34. Found: C, $50.15 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.16 ; \mathrm{N}$, 11.62; S, 13.08. 3c Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{BrS}: \mathrm{C}, 42.49 ; \mathrm{H}, 2.08 ; \mathrm{N}, 8.26 ; \mathrm{S}, 9.45$. Found: C, 42.58; H, 2.02; N, 8.18; S, 9.64. 3d Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 45.27 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.81 ; \mathrm{N}, 13.20 ; \mathrm{S}$, 15.11. Found: C, 45.43; H, 3.93; N, 13.19; S, 15.02. 3e Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 56.92 ; \mathrm{H}$,
3.68; N, 10.21; S, 11.69. Found: C, $56.90 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.70 ; \mathrm{N}, 10.16 ; \mathrm{S}, 11.31 .3 \mathrm{~A}$ Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 46.47$; H, 4.26; N, 9.86; S, 11.28. Found: C, 46.20; H, 4.18; N, 9.75; S, 11.01. 3g Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}: \mathrm{C}, 44.44 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.74 ; \mathrm{N}, 10.37 ; \mathrm{S}, 11.86$. Found: C, 44.45; H, 3.68; N , 10.15; S, 11.60.

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