

**СИНТЕЗ, ВНУТРИМОЛЕКУЛЯРНАЯ ЦИКЛИЗАЦИЯ И АНТИОЦИПТИВНАЯ
АКТИВНОСТЬ 4-(ГЕТ)АРИЛ-4-ОКСО-2-{{[4-(4-R-ФЕНИЛ)-3-(ЭТОКСИКАРБОНИЛ)ТИОФЕН-2-
ИЛ]АМИНО}БУТ-2-ЕНОВЫХ КИСЛОТ**

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*В данной работе были изучены новые замещенные 4-(гет)арил-4-оксо-2-{{[4-(4-R-фенил)-3-(этоксикарбонил)тиофен-2-ил]амино}бут-2-еновые кислоты. Было установлено, что внутримолекулярная циклизация данных кислот под действием дегидратирующего агента приводит к образованию соответствующих замещенных 3-(тиофен-2-ил)амино-3Н-фуран-2-онов, представляющих большой интерес для дальнейшего изучения. Наличие в структуре изучаемых кислот нескольких реакционных центров позволяет получать продукты гетероциклического и ациклического строения, которые, при этом, сохраняют такие важные фармакофоры как фрагмент 2-аминотиофена и фрагмент 2,4-диоксобутановой кислоты. Исследованные 4-(гет)арил-4-оксо-2-{{[4-(4-R-фенил)-3-(этоксикарбонил)тиофен-2-ил]амино}бут-2-еновые кислоты были получены одностадийным способом, обеспечивающим высокие выходы и включающим в себя взаимодействие замещенных 4-(гет)арил-2-гидрокси-4-оксобут-2-еновых кислот с замещенными этиловыми эфирами 2-амино-4-(4-R-фенил)тиофен-3-карбоновых кислот. Подтверждение структуры выделенных итоговых соединений проводилось методами ^1H и ^{13}C ЯМР спектроскопии, а также элементного анализа. Затем замещенные 4-(гет)арил-4-оксо-2-тиениламино-бут-2-еновые кислоты подвергались скринингу *in vivo* с целью обнаружения и оценки их биологической активности и острой токсичности. Антиоццептивная активность изучалась на белых беспородных мышах обоих полов посредством термического раздражения «горячая пластина» при внутрибрюшинном введении. Острая токсичность изучалась по методу Першина, основанному на наблюдении за состоянием мышей в течении 10 сут после внутрибрюшинного введения тестируемых соединений. Согласно полученным результатам, протестированные соединения обладают выраженной антиоццептивной активностью, а оценка острой токсичности указывает на их принадлежность к V классу практически нетоксичных препаратов. Высокие значения антиоццептивной активности в сочетании с низкой токсичностью делают рассмотренные 4-(гет)арил-4-оксо-2-{{[4-(4-R-фенил)-3-(этоксикарбонил)тиофен-2-ил]амино}бут-2-еновые кислоты высоко перспективным классом для дальнейшего изучения с целью поиска и разработки новых биологически активных соединений с обезболивающим действием и низкой токсичностью.*

Ключевые слова: 2-аминотиофены, 2,4-диоксобутановые кислоты, 3-(тиофен-2-илимино)фuran-2(3Н)-оны, антиоццептивная активность, токсичность, лекарства, *in vivo*

**SYNTHESIS, INTRAMOLECULAR CYCLIZATION AND ANTINOCICEPTIVE ACTIVITY
OF 4-(HET)ARYL-2-{[3-(ETHOXYSARBONYL)-4-(4-R-PHENYL)THIOPHEN-2-YL]AMINO}-
4-OXOBUT-2-ENOIC ACIDS**

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In this work, new substituted 4-(het)aryl-4-oxo-2-{[4-(4-R-phenyl)-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}but-2-enoic acids were studied. It was found that the intramolecular cyclisation of these acids under the action of a dehydrating agent leads to the formation of the corresponding substituted 3-(thiophen-2-yl)imino-3H-furan-2-ones, which are of great interest for further study. A content of several reaction centers in its structure allows to obtain products of heterocyclic and acyclic structure, which, at the same time, retain such important pharmacophore groups as the 2-aminothiophene fragment and 2,4-dioxobutanoic acid fragment. The studied 4-(het)aryl-4-oxo-2-{[4-(4-R-phenyl)-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}but-2-enoic acids were obtained by a one-step method, providing high yields and involving the interaction of substituted 4-(het)aryl-2-hydroxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acids with substituted ethyl 2-amino-4-(4-R-phenyl)thiophen-3-carboxylates. The structure of the isolated final compounds was confirmed by ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. Substituted 4-(het)aryl-4-oxo-2-thienylaminobut-2-enoic acids were then screened in vivo to detect and evaluate their biological activity and acute toxicity. The antinociceptive activity was studied in white mice of both sexes by hot plate thermal irritation intraperitoneally. Acute toxicity was studied according to Pershin's method, based on observation of mice condition during 10 days after intraperitoneal injection of tested compounds. According to the results obtained, the tested compounds have a pronounced antinociceptive activity, and the acute toxicity assessment indicates that they belong to the V class of practically non-toxic drugs. High values of antinociceptive activity in combination with low toxicity makes the considered 4-(het)aryl-4-oxo-2-{[4-(4-R-phenyl)-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}but-2-enoic acids a highly promising class for further study in order to search and develop new biologically active compounds with analgesic action and low toxicity.

Keywords: 2-aminothiophenes, 2,4-dioxobutanoic acids, 3-(thiophene-2-yl)imino)furan-2(3H)-ones, antinociceptive activity, toxicity, *in vivo*

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INTRODUCTION

Modern medicine is rapidly developing, and entire generations of drugs are becoming obsolete, so there is an urgent need to develop new, more advanced biologically active compounds with low toxicity [1-3].

In the search for new drugs, it is necessary to develop a universal basic structure that combines different pharmacophores and allows a wide range of potentially biologically active compounds to be obtained. Various biological activities are provided by substances that contain 2-aminothiophene or 2,4-dioxobutanoic acid fragments in their structure. They exhibit an anticancer [4-5], antimicrobial [6-9], analgesic [10-12] and other pharmacological effects [13-15].

The 3-imino(hydrazone)furan-2(3*H*)-one derivatives can combine in its structure both pharmacophoric fragments, possess high reactivity and scalability of methods for their synthesis [16-17] and have several reaction centers, that provide the obtaining acyclic [18-21] and heterocyclic products [22-23]. We have found that compounds based on these derivatives possess antinociceptive [24-26], anti-inflammatory [27-30], antimicrobial [31-32] and anticancer properties [33], can also photoluminesce [34-36] and can be used as optical materials [37-38].

EXPERIMENTAL PART

The progress of the reaction and purity of the synthesized compounds were monitored by TLC using Sorbfil precoated plates, eluent – diethyl ether-benzene-acetone (10 : 9 : 1). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III spectrometer (working frequencies of 400 and 100 MHz) in CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆. Melting points were measured on a Stuart SMP40 apparatus. Elemental analysis was performed on a Leco CHNS-932 analyser. All reagents used are commercially available and were used as purchased.

The starting 2-aminothiophenes **1a,b** and 4-(het)aryl-2-hydroxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acids **2a-h** were prepared according to previously published procedures, their melting points and ¹H NMR spectra were in agreement with those published [39-40].

Synthesis of 4-(het)aryl-2-{[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-(4-R-phenyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-oxobut-2-enoic acids 3a-h. To a solution of 1.0 mmol of ethyl 2-amino-4-(4-aryl)thiophen-3-carboxylates **1a,b** in 15 mL of methanol was added 1.0 mmol of 4-(het)aryl-2-hydroxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acids **2a-h**. The resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at 60 °C and then evaporated at a rotary evaporator until the solvent volume is halved. The resulting precipitate was filtered off and washed with cold methanol.

2-{[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-phenylthiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid **3a**.

Yield 0.43 g (96%), orange crystals, mp 174.5-177.0 °C. ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 1.03 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 4.14 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂), 6.62 s (1H, N-C=CH), 7.08 s (1H, S-CH=C), 7.32 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.37 m (5H, H_{Ar}), 8.12 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 12.69 s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 14.0, 60.8, 98.9, 115.9, 116.2, 116.4, 117.1, 127.7, 128.2, 128.9, 131.0, 131.1, 135.0, 138.0, 141.1, 148.9, 150.4, 163.5, 164.1, 165.0, 166.6, 189.3. Found, %: C, 62.83; H, 4.15; N, 3.17; S, 7.34. C₂₃H₁₈FNO₅S. Calculated, %: C, 62.86; H, 4.13; N, 3.19; S, 7.30.

4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-{[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-phenylthiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid **3b**.

Yield 0.46 g (93%), orange crystals, mp 192.7-193.4 °C. ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 1.03 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 4.14 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂), 6.63 s (1H, N-C=CH), 7.11 s (1H, S-CH=C), 7.32 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.37 m (3H, H_{Ar}), 7.80 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 8.01 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 8.23 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 12.76 s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 14.0, 60.9, 98.1, 100.0, 116.4, 117.5, 127.7, 128.2, 128.9, 129.9, 131.6, 132.4, 136.0, 136.9, 138.6, 141.1, 145.6, 149.9, 163.4, 164.9, 188.1. Found, %: C, 56.31; H, 3.47; N, 2.89; S, 6.56. C₂₃H₁₇Cl₂NO₅S. Calculated, %: C, 56.34; H, 3.49; N, 2.86; S, 6.54.

2-{[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-phenylthiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid **3c**.

Yield 0.41 g (94%), red crystals, mp 154.4-155.6 °C. ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 1.03 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 4.13 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂), 6.59 s (1H, N-C=CH), 6.89 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.01 s (1H, S-CH=C), 7.32 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.36 m (3H, H_{Ar}), 7.93 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 10.32 s (1H, OH), 12.61 s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 14.0, 60.7, 99.9, 115.1, 116.0, 116.4, 127.6, 128.2, 129.0, 129.7, 130.7, 137.1, 141.03, 147.4, 151.3, 162.5, 163.5, 165.2, 189.4. Found, %: C, 63.13; H, 4.39; N, 3.22; S, 7.31. C₂₃H₁₉NO₆S. Calculated, %: C, 63.15; H, 4.38; N, 3.20; S, 7.33.

2-{[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-phenylthiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid **3d**.

Yield 0.35 g (74%), red crystals, mp 169.3-172.5 °C. ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 1.03 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 4.15 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂), 6.63 s (1H, N-C=CH), 7.13 s (1H, S-CH=C), 7.33 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.37 m (3H, H_{Ar}), 8.26 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 8.34 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 12.84 s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 14.1, 60.9, 98.2, 105.6, 116.7, 124.3, 127.6, 128.2, 129.0, 129.4, 131.2, 136.9, 138.8, 141.1, 143.4, 150.1, 164.8, 165.5, 188.7. Found, %: C,

59.25; H, 3.87; N, 6.03; S, 6.84. $C_{23}H_{18}N_2O_7S$. Calculated, %: C, 59.22; H, 3.89; N, 6.01; S, 6.87.

{[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-phenylthiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid 3e. Yield 0.40 g (94%), orange crystals, mp 191.5–192.0 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.03 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 2.50 s (3H, CH_3), 4.20 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 6.33 d (1H, J = 3.5 Hz, H_{Ar}), 6.87 s (1H, N—C=CH), 7.23 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.31 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.37 m (3H, H_{Ar}), 7.41 d (1H, J = 3.5 Hz, H_{Ar}), 11.98 s (1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 13.7, 14.5, 61.4, 97.6, 111.1, 114.9, 117.8, 122.4, 127.8, 127.8, 129.1, 136.9, 142.9, 145.6, 148.0, 151.5, 160.4, 162.2, 164.2, 176.8. Found, %: C, 62.13; H, 4.52; N, 3.25; S, 7.53. $C_{22}H_{19}NO_6S$. Calculated, %: C, 62.11; H, 4.50; N, 3.29; S, 7.54.

2-{(4-chlorophenyl)-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid 3f. Yield 0.37 g (75%), orange crystals, mp 182.0–183.0 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($DMSO-d_6$), δ , ppm: 1.06 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 4.16 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 6.35 s (1H, N—C=CH), 7.02 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.34 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.42 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.56 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.98 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 13.02 s (1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($DMSO-d_6$), δ , ppm: 14.2, 60.8, 98.9, 106.1, 116.2, 127.6, 128.1, 129.3, 130.8, 131.7, 132.4, 136.1, 137.6, 139.3, 139.6, 151.4, 165.0, 165.7, 188.8. Found, %: C, 56.32; H, 3.50; N, 2.87; S, 6.54. $C_{23}H_{17}Cl_2NO_5S$. Calculated, %: C, 56.34; H, 3.49; N, 2.86; S, 6.54.

2-{[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-(furan-2-yl)-4-oxobut-2-enoic acid 3g. Yield 0.32 g (72%), orange crystals, mp 198.6–200.9 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($DMSO-d_6$), δ , ppm: 1.06 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 4.15 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 6.16 s (1H, N—C=CH), 6.69 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 6.98 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.32 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.35 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 7.42 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.93 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 12.76 s (1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($DMSO-d_6$), δ , ppm: 14.1, 60.7, 98.4, 106.1, 113.2, 115.8, 116.2, 128.1, 130.8, 132.3, 136.3, 137.6, 139.2, 147.2, 151.8, 153.6, 163.4, 165.1, 179.0. Found, %: C, 56.59; H, 3.62; N, 3.12; S, 7.21. $C_{21}H_{16}ClNO_5S$. Calculated, %: C, 56.57; H, 3.62; N, 3.14; S, 7.19.

2-{[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-oxo-6-phenylhexa-2,5-dienoic acid 3f. Yield 0.38 g (79%), orange crystals, mp 191.4–192.9 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($DMSO-d_6$), δ , ppm: 1.06 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 4.15 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 6.26 s (1H, N—C=CH), 7.07 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.13 d (1H, J = 16.0 Hz, $CH=CH-Ph$), 7.34 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.45 m (5H, H_{Ar}), 7.67 d (1H, J = 16.0 Hz, $CH=CH-Ph$),

7.75 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 12.63 s (1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($DMSO-d_6$), δ , ppm: 14.1, 60.8, 103.9, 115.9, 116.1, 128.0, 128.2, 129.0, 129.4, 130.8, 130.9, 132.5, 135.2, 136.0, 139.7, 141.9, 147.3, 151.4, 163.3, 165.0, 189.7. Found, %: C, 62.33; H, 4.20; N, 2.92; S, 6.66. $C_{25}H_{20}ClNO_5S$. Calculated, %: C, 62.30; H, 4.18; N, 2.91; S, 6.65.

Synthesis of ethyl 2-{{[5-(het)aryl-2-oxofuran-3(2H)-ylidene]amino}-4-(4-R₁-phenyl)thiophene-3-carboxylates 4a-h. To 1 mmol of 4-(het)aryl-4-oxo-2-{{[4-(4-R-phenyl)-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}but-2-enoic acids 3a-h was added 4 mL of propionic anhydride and slowly heated under vigorous stirring to 100–110 °C for 2 h, monitoring the reaction by TLC. Then the solution was cooled, the precipitate formed was filtered and dried in a vacuum desiccator for 1 h.

Ethyl 2-{{[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxofuran-3(2H)-ylidene]amino}-4-phenylthiophene-3-carboxylate 4a. Yield 0.27 g (65%), orange crystals, mp 149.7–154.4 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.24 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 4.33 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 6.91 s (1H, O—C=CH), 7.25 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.36 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.43 m (5H, H_{Ar}), 7.92 m (2H, H_{Ar}). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 14.0, 61.8, 97.4, 116.7, 116.9, 123.2, 127.9, 128.1, 128.5, 129.2, 129.2, 134.1, 135.0, 142.3, 147.1, 151.0, 162.1, 164.5, 166.4, 166.9. Found, %: C, 65.57; H, 3.85; N, 3.30; S, 7.59. $C_{23}H_{16}FNO_4S$. Calculated, %: C, 65.55; H, 3.83; N, 3.32; S, 7.61.

Ethyl 2-{{[5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-oxofuran-3(2H)-ylidene]amino}-4-phenylthiophene-3-carboxylate 4b. Yield 0.32 g (70%), orange crystals, mp 171.2–173.0 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.25 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 4.34 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 6.95 s (1H, O—C=CH), 7.40 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.42 m (5H, H_{Ar}), 7.63 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 7.72 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 7.97 m (1H, H_{Ar}). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 14.0, 61.9, 98.6, 124.0, 125.5, 126.9, 127.9, 128.2, 128.2, 128.5, 131.4, 134.1, 134.8, 135.0, 137.5, 142.4, 146.3, 150.6, 161.6, 164.5, 164.8. Found, %: C, 58.47; H, 3.23; N, 2.96; S, 6.77. $C_{23}H_{15}Cl_2NO_4S$. Calculated, %: C, 58.49; H, 3.20; N, 2.97; S, 6.79.

Ethyl 2-{{[5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-oxofuran-3(2H)-ylidene]amino}-4-phenylthiophene-3-carboxylate 4c. Yield 0.27 g (62%), red crystals, mp 139.3–141.1 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.24 t (3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH_3), 4.33 q (2H, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH_2), 6.93 s (1H, O—C=CH), 7.32 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.36 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.43 m (5H, H_{Ar}), 7.92 m (2H, H_{Ar}). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 14.0, 61.7, 97.6, 122.6, 123.3, 124.3, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.5, 134.0, 135.1, 142.2, 147.2, 154.6, 162.2, 164.5, 166.7, 172.1.

Found, %: C, 65.83; H, 4.11; N, 3.31; S, 7.66. $C_{23}H_{17}NO_5S$. Calculated, %: C, 65.86; H, 4.09; N, 3.34; S, 7.64.

Ethyl 2-[{5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxofuran-3(2H)-ylidene]amino}-4-phenylthiophene-3-carboxylate 4d. Yield 0.28 g (63%), red crystals, mp 170.0–172.3 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.24 t (3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, CH_3), 4.34 q (2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, OCH_2), 7.11 s (1H, O—C=CH), 7.43 m (5H, H_{Ar}), 7.46 s (1H, S—CH=C), 8.07 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 8.40 m (2H, H_{Ar}). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 13.9, 62.0, 100.2, 123.5, 124.4, 124.8, 127.8, 128.3, 128.6, 129.1, 132.6, 137.2, 142.7, 145.9, 148.7, 162.5, 164.4, 169.0, 170.0. Found, %: C, 61.62; H, 3.59; N, 6.23; S, 7.18. $C_{23}H_{16}N_2O_6S$. Calculated, %: C, 61.60; H, 3.60; N, 6.25; S, 7.15.

Ethyl 2-[{5'-methyl-5-oxo-[2,2'-bifuran]-4(5H)-ylidene]amino}-4-phenylthiophene-3-carboxylate 4e. Yield 0.27 g (66%), red crystals, mp 188.8–190.0 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.24 t (3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, CH_3), 2.50 s (3H, CH_3), 4.33 q (2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, OCH_2), 6.32 d (1H, $J = 3.4$ Hz, H_{Ar}), 6.76 s (1H, O—C=CH), 7.13 d (1H, $J = 3.4$ Hz, H_{Ar}), 7.32 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.35 m (5H, H_{Ar}). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 14.0, 14.2, 61.6, 95.8, 110.4, 114.5, 117.7, 118.9, 122.6, 127.9, 128.4, 137.0, 141.3, 143.1, 145.6, 147.7, 151.4, 160.0, 164.7, 167.0. Found, %: C, 64.83; H, 4.23; N, 3.41; S, 7.89. $C_{22}H_{17}NO_5S$. Calculated, %: C, 64.85; H, 4.21; N, 3.44; S, 7.87.

Ethyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-[{5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxofuran-3(2H)-ylidene]amino}thiophene-3-carboxylate 4f. Yield 0.37 g (76%), red crystals, mp 190.3–191.6 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.27 t (3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, CH_3), 4.34 q (2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, OCH_2), 6.92 s (1H, O—C=CH), 7.35 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.39 m (4H, H_{Ar}), 7.54 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.84 m (2H, H_{Ar}). ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 14.0, 61.9, 97.8, 115.5, 123.5, 125.4, 128.0, 128.7, 129.3, 129.7, 133.5, 134.2, 139.7, 141.1, 147.4, 151.3, 161.6, 164.3, 166.6. Found, %: C, 58.21; H, 3.60; N, 2.97; S, 6.75. $C_{23}H_{17}Cl_2NO_4S$. Calculated, %: C, 58.24; H, 3.61; N, 2.95; S, 6.76.

Ethyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-[{5-oxo-[2,2'-bifuran]-4(5H)-ylidene]amino}thiophene-3-carboxylate 4g. Yield 0.31 g (72%), red crystals, mp 136.5–140.8 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.27 m (3H, CH_3), 4.34 m (2H, CH_2), 6.82 s (1H, O—C=CH), 6.89 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 7.22 m (1H, H_{Ar}), 7.33 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.35 m (4H, H_{Ar}), 7.47 m (1H, H_{Ar}). Found, %: C, 58.96; H, 3.31; N, 3.26; S, 7.51. $C_{21}H_{14}ClNO_5S$. Calculated, %: C, 58.95; H, 3.30; N, 3.27; S, 7.49.

Ethyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-[{2-oxo-5-(styryl)furan-3(2H)-ylidene]amino}thiophene-3-carboxylate 4h. Yield 0.33 g (70%), red crystals, mp 196.2–201.0 °C. 1H NMR spectrum ($CDCl_3$), δ , ppm: 1.17 m (3H, CH_3), 4.26 m (2H, CH_3), 6.73 s (1H, O—C=CH), 6.94 d (1H, $J = 15.6$ Hz, $CH=CH-Ph$), 7.25 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.29 s (1H, S—CH=C), 7.33 m (5H, H_{Ar}), 7.38 m (2H, H_{Ar}), 7.96 d (1H, $J = 15.6$ Hz, $CH=CH-Ph$). Found, %: C, 64.73; H, 3.92; N, 3.01; S, 6.94. $C_{25}H_{18}ClNO_4S$. Calculated, %: C, 64.72; H, 3.91; N, 3.02; S, 6.91.

Antinociceptive activity and acute toxicity of compounds **3a-h** was studied at the Laboratory of Biologically Active Compounds of the Perm State University. The experiments were carried out on outbred albino mice of both sexes weighted 18–22 g. Animal care, maintenance, and testing has been carried out in accordance with good laboratory practice and ethical requirements.

Antinociceptive activity was evaluated using the hot plate test [41]. The pain sensitivity was estimated using an OrchidScientific EH-01 analgesia meter. The test compounds were administered intraperitoneally at the doses of 50 mg/kg as the suspensions in 2% starch solution 30-min before the mice were placed on a metal surface maintained at 53.5 °C [42]. The pain response was recorded 30-, 60-, 90- and 120- min after the test compounds were administered.

Nociceptive threshold was assessed as the latency for nocifensive response, which was the time taken to observe nocifensive behavior, namely, hind paw-licking or jumping. The latency was recorded in seconds as the time between placement of the animal on the hot plate and nocifensive response. The cut off time for the hot plate test was 40 s in order to avoid unnecessary nociceptive stimulation and burns of the paws. The animals with the reaction to pain less than 15 s were used. Each compound was tested in the group of six mice. The results were evaluated by the increase in the latency compared with the animals in the control group. Animals in the control group received a 2% starch solution. Sodium metamizole (FarmKhimKomplekt) at a dose of 93 mg·kg⁻¹ (ED₅₀) was used as a reference drug.

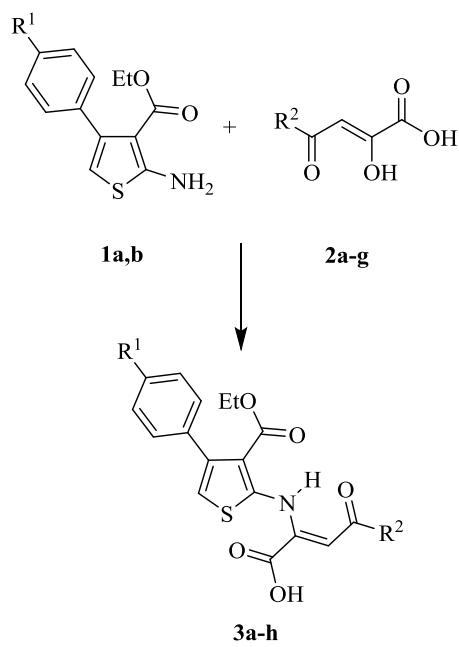
Acute toxicity of compounds **3a-h** was evaluated by the method described by Pershin [43]. The median lethal doses (LD₅₀) were determined. Compounds **3a-h** were administered intraperitoneally to the mice as a suspension in 2% starch solution and the behavior and mortality of the animals were observed for 10 days. The LD₅₀ values for compounds **3a-h** were > 1500 mg/kg. According to the toxicity classification system, compounds **3a-h** belong to the toxicity class V (practically nontoxic substances) [44].

Statistical analysis of the results was carried out by the student's test. The effect was considered significant at $p < 0.05$ [45].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It has been previously demonstrated that 4-(het)aryl-2-hydroxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acids can react with substituted 2-amino-4-arylthiophenes to form the corresponding substituted 4-(het)aryl-4-oxo-2-thienylaminobut-2-enoic acids [46]. In this study, we considered to use the same approach for synthesize new series of 4-(het)aryl-4-oxo-2-thienylaminobut-2-enoic acids containing the pharmacophore moiety [4-(4-R-phenyl)thiophen-2-yl]amine in order to study their biological activity.

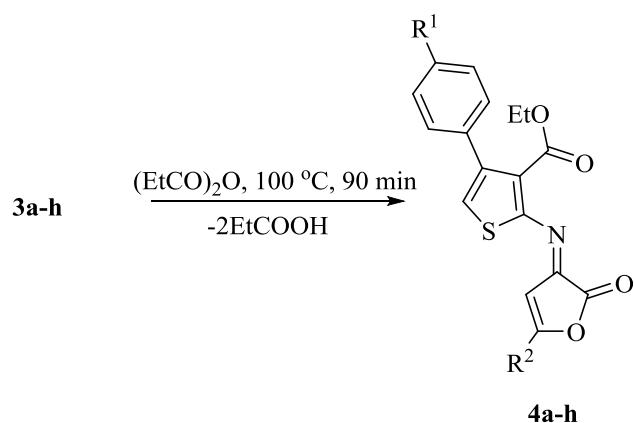
In this way, the interaction of substituted ethyl 2-amino-4-(4-aryl)thiophen-3-carboxylates **1a,b** with substituted 4-(het)aryl-2-hydroxy-4-oxobut-2-enoic acids **2a-h** in methanol at 60 °C leads to the formation of the corresponding 4-(het)aryl-4-oxo-2-[{[4-(4-R-phenyl)thiophen-2-yl]amine}but-2-enoic acids **3a-h** in yields of 74-96% (Scheme 1).



- 1:** R¹ = H (**a**), Cl (**b**);
2: R² = 4-ClC₆H₄ (**a**), 4-FC₆H₄ (**b**), 3,4-ClC₆H₃ (**c**), 4-HOC₆H₄ (**d**), 4-O₂NC₆H₄ (**e**), furan-2-yl (**f**), 5-methylfuran-2-yl (**g**), styryl (**h**);
3: R¹ = H, R² = 4-FC₆H₄ (**a**), 3,4-ClC₆H₃ (**b**), 4-HOC₆H₄ (**c**), 4-O₂NC₆H₄ (**d**), 5-methylfuran-2-yl (**e**);
R¹ = Cl, R² = 4-ClC₆H₄ (**f**), furan-2-yl (**g**), styryl (**h**).

Scheme 1
Cxema 1

Further we investigated the intramolecular condensation of the obtained compounds **3a-h** under the action of propionic anhydride. It was found that the reaction carried out by vigorous stirring of a solution of compounds **3a-h** in propionic anhydride at 90-100 °C for 90 min leads to the formation of substituted ethyl 2-[{2-oxofuran-3(2H)-ylidene]amino}-4-(4-R-phenyl)-thiophene-3-carboxylates **4a-h** with yields of 62-76% (Scheme 2).



- 3,4:** R¹ = H, R² = 4-FC₆H₄ (**a**), 3,4-ClC₆H₄ (**b**), 4-HOC₆H₄ (**c**), 4-O₂NC₆H₄ (**d**), 5-methylfuran-2-yl (**e**);
R¹ = Cl, R² = 4-ClC₆H₄ (**f**), furan-2-yl (**g**), styryl (**h**).

Scheme 2
Cxema 2

Compounds **3a-h** and **4a-h** are crystalline substances of orange or red color, well soluble in DMSO at room temperature, in chloroform and methanol at heating, insoluble in alkanes and water. The ¹H NMR spectra of compounds **3a-h** in CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆ solutions are characterized by the presence of the singlet signal of the proton of the NH-group in the region of 11.98-13.02 ppm. In the ¹H NMR spectra of compounds **4a-h** recorded for their solutions in CDCl₃, contains singlet signals of the protons of the CH group of the furan-2-one cycle in the 6.73-7.11 ppm. region.

According to the data from Table, it can be seen that the obtained acids **3a-h** has a highly analgesic effect. The antinociceptive activity of all compounds **3a-e** exceeds the activity of the comparison drug – sodium metamizole. The most active compound (**3a**) combines phenyl at the 4th position of thiophene ring and 4-fluorophenyl at the 4th position of acid.

Acute toxicity (LD₅₀, mg/kg) of compounds **3a-h** was found to be >1500 mg/kg, which demonstrates that they belong to the V class of toxicity (practically non-toxic drugs).

Table

Antinociceptive activity of the studied compounds 3a-h, studied by the "hot plate" method
Таблица. Антиноцицептивная активность исследованных соединений 3a-h, изученная по методу «горячая пластина»

Compound no.	c, mg/kg	Defensive response time at the maximum effect, s
3a	50	22.92±1.01
3b	50	21.00±1.25
3c	50	20.90±0.64
3d	50	19.80±0.78
3e	50	21.08±0.68
3f	50	19.58±0.51
3g	50	20.25±0.54
3h	50	20.83±0.38
Sodium metamizole	93 (ED ₅₀)	16.33±3.02
Control	—	10.30±0.60

Note. a) p < 0.05 compared to control

Примечание. a) p < 0.05 по сравнению с контролем

CONCLUSIONS

Thus, methods of synthesis and intramolecular cyclization of substituted 4-(het)aryl-2-{[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)4-(4-R-phenyl)thiophen-2-yl]amino}-4-oxobut-2-enoic acids were described. It was found that this series of compounds has pronounced antinociceptive activity and low toxicity.

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