

Synthesis and antioxidant activity of 3-(2-*R*-ylidenehydrazinyl)-6-*tert*-butyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones

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Abstract

Synthesis and structure elucidation of several series of new hydrazones containing 1,2,4-triazine-5-one core and their antioxidant activity are presented. The target compounds have been synthesized *via* interaction of either 4-amino-6-(*tert*-butyl)-3-hydrazinyl-1,2,4-triazin-5(4*H*)-one or 6-(*tert*-butyl)-3-hydrazinyl-1,2,4-triazin-5(2*H*)-one with a wide range of compounds with a carbonyl group in moderate to high yields. Molecular structures of the synthesized compounds were confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and elemental analyses. The antioxidant activity of these compounds against ascorbic acid was screened to determine their potential as promising oxidative stress suppressors. Our data showed that hydrazones derived from 4-amino-6-(*tert*-butyl)-3-hydrazinyl-1,2,4-triazin-5(4*H*)-one are the most active antioxidants among all tested compounds. Furthermore, 3 compounds of this series have been proved to be twice as active as ascorbic acid does. The conclusions are substantiated for in-depth investigations of these derivatives as promising agents for the treatment of disorders accompanied by oxidative stress.

Keywords

1,2,4-triazine, synthesis, Schiff base, hydrazone, oxidative stress, antioxidant activity

Introduction

Antioxidants (both natural and synthetic) and antioxidant activity have recently become extremely popular in the scientific community and come under the spotlight of many researches, reports, and reviews (Bjelakovic et al. 2007, 2012; Stanner et al. 2007; Jiang et al. 2010). This is a very fast-growing section of chemistry, biochemistry and bioanalysis in particular. According to Scopus, the number of papers containing the word “antioxidants” in journals

published during 2000–2018 years is 301,795 (Brainina et al. 2019). Such a state of things is dictated by some reasons. One of them is that antioxidants are widely used in the food industry to protect products from the harmful effects of oxidation (Shahidi 2015). Apart from this is their application in medicine. It is known that some endo- and exogenous factors are exhausting the antioxidant system of a human organism. For instance, the major air pollutants causing public health concerns, such as ozone, nitrogen oxides and particulates are potent oxidants or able

to generate reactive oxygen species (ROS) (Kelly 2003). Moreover, as the body ages, antioxidant levels decline, resulting in a disruption in the balance between antioxidants and prooxidant molecules (Mulgund et al. 2015). All these give rise to oxidative stress and in turn, override the scavenging capacity by antioxidants either due to the diminished availability of antioxidants or excessive generation of ROS and finally trigger redox-sensitive pathways that result in different biological processes such as inflammation and cell death (Lodovici and Bigagli 2011). Moreover, oxidative stress is thought to be associated with various human disorders, such as atherosclerosis (Kaneto et al. 2010; Uno and Nicholls 2010), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (Joseph et al. 2013), cancer (Halliwell 2006), Parkinson's disease (Hwang 2013), Alzheimer's disease (Valko et al. 2007), etc. Therefore, supplementation with oral oxidants may help to alleviate oxidative stress and its contribution to the pathogenesis of numerous diseases.

Summarizing the above, a search for new molecules possessing antioxidant activity is one of the promising, topical and urgent tasks of synthetic chemistry. Nowadays, heterocyclic chemistry is a deep well of ideas providing solutions to limitless problems accompanying our life (Lipkus et al. 2008; Kolodyazhna et al. 2021). Each of the heterocyclic backbones as well as their countless combinations have been found to be responsible for valuable biological properties allowing their derivatives to be used for the treatment of specific disorders (Garcia-Castro et al. 2016; Grygoriv et al. 2018).

One of these heterocyclic bricks is 1,2,4-triazine moiety which has been known since the middle of the 20th century (Paudler and Barton 1966). During the last half-century 1,2,4-triazine chemistry received considerable attention in the literature. This is reflected in a number of articles and reviews published in the specialized scientific journals, as well as monographs and patents dealing with various aspects of the functionalized 1,2,4-triazine system (Ivanov 2022). It is worth noting that 1,2,4-triazines and their heteroannulated analogues occupy a key position in modern medicinal chemistry because of their high potential for pharmacological activities (Kumar et al. 2014). They possess a wide array of biological actions, including antiviral, antihypertensive, cardioprotective, antimicrobial, antifungal, anxiolytic, anti-HIV, selective carboxylesterase inhibition, analgesic and anti-inflammatory activities (El-Barbary et al. 2005; Khoshneviszadeh et al. 2013; Shchegol'kov et al. 2017). Some derivatives have been proved to be acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (Liu et al. 2014). Many investigations revealed the anticancer potential of triazine derivatives (El Massry et al. 2012; El-Wakil et al. 2019). Moreover, derivatives of the 1,2,4-triazine ring have attracted extensive attention from numerous research groups because of their antioxidant activity (AOA) which can be a supportive mechanism in displaying other bioactivities mentioned above. To the best of our knowledge, most investigations of AOA have employed heteroannulated 1,2,4-triazines (Iwashita et al. 2003; Hamama et al. 2017; Ulomskiy et al. 2020). Our

research group has also contributed to this field as we have recently reported results concerning AOA of derivatives of 8*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*b*][1,2,4]triazin-7-ones (Novodvorskiy et al. 2019) where several potent derivatives have been found. However, it should be noted, that by now AOA properties of non-condensed 1,2,4-triazine derivatives have not been studied well and, hence are required in-depth investigations (Yazdani et al. 2019).

Thus, because of these remarks and to fill some gaps in the chemistry and bioactivity of 1,2,4-triazines, in this work we are prompted to synthesize a series of new low-molecular derivatives of 6-*tert*-butyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones holding different types of functional groups and substituents in order to study their antioxidant properties and in a hope to find molecules with a high level of AOA.

Materials and methods

Chemistry part

The synthetic experiments were accomplished at Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University. All solvents used in the experiment were purified according to the standard procedures. Carbonyl compounds **5** used in the synthesis of the target ylidenes were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. 4-Amino-6-*tert*-butyl-3-methylthio-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (**1**) was obtained by the method previously described (Schmidt et al. 1982). Hydrazinolysis of 4-amino-6-*tert*-butyl-3-methylthio-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (**1**) giving compound **2** was carried out by refluxing 3-methylthio derivative **1** with an excess of hydrazine hydrate in propanol-2 (El Massry et al. 2012).

NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity Plus 400 spectrometer (400.4 MHz for ¹H and 100.7 MHz for ¹³C) and Bruker DRX500 (500.13 MHz) in DMSO-*d*₆ using TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm units with the use of the δ scale. The melting points were measured on a small-sized heating table with the observation device Electrothermal IA 9200 (Electrothermal Engineering Ltd, Great Britain). Elemental analysis was performed on a EuroEA 3000 elemental analyzer.

Synthesis of 6-*tert*-butyl-3-methylthio-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (**3**)

To a solution of 4-amino-6-*tert*-butyl-3-methylthio-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (**1**) (19.7 g, 0.09 mol) and concentrated HCl (45 mL) in anhydrous EtOH (200 mL) a solution of sodium nitrite (12.7 g, 0.184 mol) in H₂O (50 mL) was dropwise added at 0° C. The resulting mixture was next stirred for 30 min and warmed to the room temperature for an additional 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the crude material was crystallized from ethanol to obtain the title compound as an off-white solid. Yield 16.0 g (89%), mp 239–240 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₃N₃OS: N 21.09. Found: N 21.31. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.30 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 2.49 (s, 3H,

SCH₃), 13.6 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.4, 26.8(C(CH₃)₃), 36.3(C(CH₃)₃), 151.7 (6-C), 159.1(3-C), 162.3(C = O).

Synthesis of 6-*tert*-butyl-3-hydrazinyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (4)

To a solution of 6-*tert*-butyl-3-methylthio-4H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (3) (16.0 g, 0.08 mol) in isopropyl alcohol (250 mL) hydrazine hydrate (20 g, 0.5 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. After cooling, the crystalline solid formed was filtered, washed with isopropyl alcohol, and dried in vacuo to afford the desired product.

Yield 11.6 g (79%), mp 261–262 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₁₃N₅O: N 38.23. Found: N 38.52. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 4.3 (br. s, 2H, NH₂), 8.3 (s, 1H, NH), 12.0 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 27.6(C(CH₃)₃), 36.5(C(CH₃)₃), 150.8(3-C), 153.7(6-C), 162.0(C = O).

The general procedure for the synthesis of 4-amino-3-(*R*-ylidenehydrazono)-6-*tert*-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 6–8

To a solution of 4-amino-6-*tert*-butyl-3-hydrazinyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (2) (1.98 g, 0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) an aldehyde 5 (0.01 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 hours and evaporated to the volume of 15 ml. After cooling the residue to the room temperature precipitate of ylidenes 6–8 was formed. The solid was filtered off, washed with ethanol, dried on air, and recrystallized from ethanol or propanol-2.

4-Amino-6-*tert*-butyl-3-(*fur*an-2-ylmethylenehydrazono)-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (6a). Yield 1.52 g (55%), mp 196–197 °C (*i*PrOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₆O₂: N 30.42. Found: N 30.63. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.72 (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.58–7.72 (m, 3H, furyl), 8.13 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.1 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 28.4(C(CH₃)₃), 37.8(C(CH₃)₃), 112.4, 118.6, 134.4, 144.1(3-C), 148.8, 150.7, 153.1(3-C), 159.6(C = O).

4-Amino-6-*tert*-butyl-3-(*thi*ophen-2-ylmethylenehydrazono)-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (6b). Yield 1.66 g (57%), mp 177–178 °C (propanole-2). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₆OS: N 28.75. Found: N 28.68. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.97 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.16 (t, *J* 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-4 thienyl), 7.56 (d, *J* 3.9 Hz, 1H, thienyl), 7.77 (d, *J* 5.1 Hz, 1H, thienyl), 8.06 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.6 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 28.7(C(CH₃)₃), 36.7(C(CH₃)₃), 124.0, 126.7, 128.3, 130.2 (C = N), 144.6, 151.2(6-C), 153.0(3-C), 159.4(C = O).

4-Amino-3-(2-*benzylidenehydrazono*)-6-*tert*-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7a). Yield 1.86 g (65%), mp 136–137 °C (*i*PrOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₆O: N 29.35. Found: N 29.11. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.36 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.77 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.34–7.93 (m, 5H, ArH), 8.27 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.3 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 27.6(C(CH₃)₃), 37.1(C(CH₃)₃), 127.3, 128.6, 131.7, 133.1, 151.9(6-C), 158.0(C = N), 160.1(3-C), 162.3(C = O).

4-Amino-3-(4-*bromobenzylidenehydrazono*)-6-*tert*-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7b). Yield 2.59 g (71%), mp 203–204 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇BrN₆O: N 23.01. Found: N 23.30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.44 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 6.14 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.01 (d, *J* 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.43 (d, *J* 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.95 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.3 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 27.5(C(CH₃)₃), 36.7(C(CH₃)₃), 123.8, 128.1, 130.6, 131.9, 150.7(6-C), 154.8(3-C), 157.7(C = N), 163.4(C = O).

4-Amino-3-(4-*hydroxybenzylidenehydrazono*)-6-*tert*-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7c). Yield 2.08 g (69%), mp 203–204 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₆O₂: N 27.80. Found, %: N 27.58. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.34 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.60 (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.75 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.65 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 4H, ArH), 8.15 (s, 1H, = CH), 9.28 (s, 1H, OH), 11.6 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.8(C(CH₃)₃), 37.6(C(CH₃)₃), 116.1, 125.7, 130.9, 149.8(6-C), 153.7(3-C), 159.1(C = N), 160.3(C = O), 164.5(C-OH).

4-Amino-3-(2-*hydroxybenzylidenehydrazono*)-6-*tert*-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7d). Yield 1.81 g (60%), mp 163–164 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₆O₂: N 27.80. Found: N 27.93. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.35 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.79 (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.83–7.57 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.49 (s, 1H, = CH), 9.91 (s, 1H, OH), 12.5 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 27.6(C(CH₃)₃), 36.8(C(CH₃)₃), 116.9, 117.8, 121.9, 125.7, 132.8, 145.7(C-OH), 150.7(6-C), 153.8(3-C), 156.2(C = N), 159.7(C = O).

4-Amino-3-(4-*methoxybenzylidenehydrazono*)-6-*tert*-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7e). Yield 2.16 g (65%), mp 215–216 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₆O₃: N 25.29. Found, %: N 25.61. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.77 (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.77 (d, *J* 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.10 (d, *J* 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76 (s, 1H, H-2 benzylidene), 8.15 (s, 1H, = CH), 8.86 (s, 1H, OH), 12.3 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 27.6(C(CH₃)₃), 38.4(C(CH₃)₃), 58.1(OCH₃), 111.4, 116.5, 121.7, 129.4, 143.5(C-OCH₃), 147.8(C-OH), 149.4(C = N), 150.7(6-C), 153.1(3-C), 158.7(C = O).

4-Amino-3-(3-*hydroxy-4-methoxybenzylidenehydrazono*)-6-*tert*-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7f). Yield 2.09 g (63%), mp 166–167 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₆O₃: N 25.29. Found: N 25.45. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.76 (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.94 (d, *J* 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.23 (d, *J* 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.47 (s, 1H, H-2 benzylidene), 8.17 (s, 1H, = CH), 9.36 (s, 1H, OH), 12.3 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 28.4(C(CH₃)₃), 37.7(C(CH₃)₃), 56.0(OCH₃), 111.7, 115.7, 122.1, 131.6, 146.1(C-OCH₃), 147.1(C-OH), 150.6(C = N), 151.7(6-C), 153.1(3-C), 158.6(C = O).

Methyl 4-(((4-amino-6-*tert*-butyl)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-3(2H)-ylidene)hydrazono)methyl]benzoate (7g). Yield 2.09 g (68%), mp 204–205 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀N₆O₃: N 24.40. Found: N 24.63. ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.33 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 5.84 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.97 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.13 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.37 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.5 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 27.5(C(CH₃)₃), 37.4(C(CH₃)₃), 51.3(COOCH₃), 128.3, 130.7, 132.4, 138.5, 151.8(6-C), 153.7(3-C), 159.4(5-C = O), 162.4(C = N), 165.8(COOCH₃).

4-Amino-3-(2-nitrobenzylidenehydrazono)-6-tert-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7h). Yield 2.32 g (70%), mp 227–228 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₇O₃: N 29.59. Found: N 29.86. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.85 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.61–8.74 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.59 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.5 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 26.3(C(CH₃)₃), 35.7(C(CH₃)₃), 122.8, 128.8, 130.1, 131.7, 134.4, 143.1(C = N), 147.5(C-NO₂), 150.7(6-C), 152.5(3-C), 158.5(C = O).

4-Amino-3-(3-nitrobenzylidenehydrazono)-6-tert-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7i). Yield 2.42 g (73%), mp 146–147 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₇O₃: N 29.59. Found: N 29.52. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.83 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.67–8.92 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.44 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.7 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 26.5(C(CH₃)₃), 36.8(C(CH₃)₃), 120.6, 126.4, 128.5, 132.8, 134.6, 146.2(C-NO₂), 148.4(C = N), 151.7(6-C), 153.5(3-C), 157.5(C = O).

4-Amino-3-(4-nitrobenzylidenehydrazono)-6-tert-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (7j). Yield 2.55 g (77%), mp 194–195 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₇O₃: N 29.59. Found: N 29.91. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.33 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.85 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.83 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.31 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.46 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.6 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 26.5(C(CH₃)₃), 38.1(C(CH₃)₃), 123.4, 123.5, 125.4, 125.5, 138.2, 150.1(C-NO₂), 150.6(6-C), 153.5(3-C), 157.5(C = N), 162.5(C = O).

4-Amino-3-(2-hydroxynaphthalene-1-ylmethylenehydrazono)-6-tert-butyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (8). Yield 2.26 g (64%), mp 234–235 °C (iPrOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₆O₂: N 23.58. Found, %: N 23.58. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.33 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 5.91 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.21–8.39 (m, 6H, naphthyl), 9.34 (s, 1H, = CH), 11.5 (s, 1H, OH), 12.6 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 27.6(C(CH₃)₃), 36.6(C(CH₃)₃), 107.4, 117.5, 120.6, 122.7, 126.0, 127.5, 128.6, 132.7, 133.4, 142.7(C = N), 150.2(6-C), 152.4(3-C), 158.4(C = O), 171.4(C-OH).

Synthesis of 6-tert-butyl-4-((2-methoxybenzylidene)amino)-3-(2-methoxybenzylidenehydrazono)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (9). To a solution of 4-amino-6-tert-butyl-3-hydrazinyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (3) (1.98 g, 0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (2.72 g, 0.02 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 5 hours and evaporated to the volume of 15 ml. After cooling the residual solution to the room temperature, the precipitate of 9 was formed. The solid was filtered off, washed with ethanol, dried on air and recrystallized from ethanol.

Yield 2.43 g (56%), mp 198–199 °C (EtOH). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₆N₆O₃: N 19.34. Found, %: N 19.60. ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.33 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.96 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.13 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.22 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.36 (t, *J* 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.64 (t, *J* 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.07 (d, *J* 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.38 (d, *J* 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.45 (s, 1H, = CH), 8.84 (s, 1H, = CH), 12.3 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 29.3(C(CH₃)₃), 36.7(C(CH₃)₃), 55.4(OCH₃), 110.5, 115.9, 120.6, 131.6, 132.5, 142.7, 145.1, 150.5(6-C), 152.8(3-C), 156.5(C-OCH₃), 164.2(C = O).

The general procedure for the synthesis of 3-(2-(het)arylidenehydrazinyl)-6-tert-butyl-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 10–12 and 14

To a solution of 6-tert-butyl-3-hydrazinyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (4) (1.83 g, 0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) an aldehyde 5 or a methyl ketone 13 (0.01 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 hour and evaporated to the volume of 15 ml. After cooling of the residual solution to the room temperature the precipitate of a corresponding ylidene 10–12, 14 was formed. The solid was filtered off, washed with ethanol, dried on air and recrystallized from methanol, DMF or acetic acid.

6-tert-Butyl-3-(2-(furan-2-ylmethylene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (10a). Yield 1.59 g (61%), mp 253–254 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₅O₂: N 26.80. Found, %: N 26.64. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 6.59–7.72 (m, 3H, furyl), 7.97 (s, 1H, = CH), 11.4 (s, 1H, NH), 12.4 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 26.5(C(CH₃)₃), 37.5(C(CH₃)₃), 114.4, 117.7, 135.3(C = N), 142.5(5-furan), 149.5(2-furan), 152.4(6-C), 153.4(3-C), 164.4(C = O).

6-tert-Butyl-3-(2-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (10b). Yield 1.80 g (65%), mp > 260 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₅OS: N 25.25. Found: N 25.54. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.30 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 7.11 (t, *J* 3.9 Hz, 1H, H-5 thienyl), 7.49 (d, *J* 3.9 Hz, 1H, thienyl), 7.66 (d, *J* 5.0 Hz, 1H, thienyl), 8.23 (s, 1H, = CH), 11.6 (s, 1H, NH), 12.6 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 25.6(C(CH₃)₃), 39.5(C(CH₃)₃), 124.7, 126.5, 128.5, 132.6, 143.7(2-thiophene), 150.6(6-C), 152.8(3-C), 164.4(C = O).

3-(2-(Benzylidenehydrazinyl)-6-tert-butyl-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11a). Yield 1.87 g (69%), mp > 260 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₅O: N 25.81. Found: N 25.56. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.33 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 7.39–7.96 (m, 5H, ArH), 8.08 (s, 1H, = CH), 11.6 (s, 1H, NH), 12.8 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 25.8(C(CH₃)₃), 36.5(C(CH₃)₃), 124.4, 124.5, 127.5, 127.6, 130.7, 132.8, 150.8(3-C), 153.7(6-C), 161.1(C = N), 161.8(C = O).

3-(2-(4-Bromobenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-tert-butyl-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11b). Yield 2.73 g (78%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆BrN₅O: N 20.00. Found: N 20.22. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 7.62 (d, *J* 8.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.89 (d, *J* 8.5 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.01 (s, 1H, = CH), 11.7 (s, 1H, NH), 12.8 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ

25.6(C(CH₃)₃), 35.2(C(CH₃)₃), 123.9, 126.7, 129.5, 130.5, 150.9(3-C), 153.6(6-C), 160.5(C = N), 163.5(C = O).

3-(2-(4-Hydroxybenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-tert-butyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11c). Yield 2.18 g (76%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₅O₂: N 24.38. Found: N 24.70. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 6.77 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.69 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.94 (s, 1H, = CH), 9.64 (s, 1H, OH), 11.3 (s, 1H, NH), 12.5 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.6(C(CH₃)₃), 37.0(C(CH₃)₃), 114.6, 126.7, 132.5, 150.3(3-C), 152.9(6-C), 160.8(C = N), 162.3(C = O), 164.1(C-O).

3-(2-(2-Hydroxybenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-tert-butyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11d). Yield 1.52 g (53%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₅O₂: N 24.38. Found: N 24.63. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 6.82–8.12 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.37 (s, 1H, = CH), 9.89 (s, 1H, OH), 11.5 (s, 1H, NH), 12.7 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.5(C(CH₃)₃), 35.6(C(CH₃)₃), 117.5, 118.6, 121.0, 127.7, 132.9, 145.7, 150.8(3-C), 154.8(6-C), 158.2(C-O), 164.5(C = O).

3-(2-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-tert-butyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11e). Yield 1.78 g (56%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₅O₃: N 22.07. Found: N 22.00. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.85–8.09 (m, 3H, ArH), 8.41 (s, 1H, = CH), 9.83 (s, 1H, OH), 11.3 (s, 1H, NH), 12.6 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.5(C(CH₃)₃), 35.8(C(CH₃)₃), 53.6(OCH₃), 112.8, 116.2, 122.0, 130.7, 145.9, 148.6(C-OCH₃), 151.0(C-OH), 151.1(3-C), 152.6(6-C), 165.4(C = O).

3-(2-(3-Hydroxy-4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-tert-butyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11f). Yield 1.87 g (59%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₅O₃: N 22.07. Found: N 22.41. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.30 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.95 (d, *J* 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.22 (d, *J* 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.42 (s, 1H, H-2 ArH), 7.90 (s, 1H, = CH), 8.94 (s, 1H, OH), 11.4 (s, 1H, NH), 12.7 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 25.6(C(CH₃)₃), 34.9(C(CH₃)₃), 58.7(OCH₃), 112.9, 114.9, 121.9, 130.7, 146.8(C = N), 148.6(C-OH), 150.6(C-OCH₃), 152.0(3-C), 153.8(6-C), 163.7(C = O).

Methyl 4-((2-(6-(tert-butyl)-5-oxo-2H-1,2,4-triazin-3-yl)hydrazono)methyl)benzoate (11g). Yield 2.17 g (66%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₅O₃: N 21.26. Found: N 21.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 7.97 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.03 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.10 (s, 1H, = CH), 11.7 (s, 1H, NH), 12.7 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 27.0(C(CH₃)₃), 38.6(C(CH₃)₃), 52.7(COOCH₃), 127.6, 129.6, 131.8, 138.5, 149.6(3-C), 150.6(6-C), 160.7(C = N), 162.8(5-C = O), 168.5(COOCH₃).

6-tert-Butyl-3-(2-(2-nitrobenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11h). Yield 2.28 g (72%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₆O₃: N 26.57. Found: N 26.48. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 7.61 (t, *J* 8.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.73 (t, *J* 8.7 Hz,

1H, ArH), 8.01 (d, *J* 8.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.50 (s, 1H, = CH), 8.68 (d, *J* 8.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 11.8 (s, 1H, NH), 12.8 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.5(C(CH₃)₃), 37.2(C(CH₃)₃), 123.0, 126.9, 128.9, 130.9, 132.6, 142.9, 147.7(C-NO₂), 151.9(3-C), 152.7(6-C), 163.6(C = O).

6-tert-Butyl-3-(2-(3-nitrobenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11i). Yield 2.40 g (76%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₆O₃: N 26.57. Found: N 26.81. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 7.69 (t, *J* 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-5 ArH), 8.17 (s, 1H, = CH), 8.19 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.24 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.86 (s, 1H, H-2 ArH), 11.7 (s, 1H, NH), 12.9 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 27.5(C(CH₃)₃), 35.6(C(CH₃)₃), 120.6, 124.9, 127.8, 132.6, 133.4, 144.9(C = N), 147.5(C-NO₂), 151.1(3-C), 152.8(6-C), 164.2(C = O).

6-tert-Butyl-3-(2-(4-nitrobenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11j). Yield 2.56 g (81%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₆O₃: N 26.57. Found: N 26.67. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 8.14 (s, 1H, = CH), 8.18 (d, *J* 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.23 (d, *J* 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 11.8 (s, 1H, NH), 12.8 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.7(C(CH₃)₃), 39.4(C(CH₃)₃), 124.7, 124.9, 137.5, 149.7, 151.9(3-C), 154.9(6-C), 160.8(C = N), 163.6(C = O).

6-tert-Butyl-3-(2-(2-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11k). Yield 1.87 g (62%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₅O₂: N 23.24. Found: N 23.53. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.30 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.98 (t, *J* 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.06 (d, *J* 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.38 (t, *J* 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.31 (d, *J* 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.40 (s, 1H, = CH), 11.5 (s, 1H, NH), 12.7 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 24.1(C(CH₃)₃), 35.7(C(CH₃)₃), 56.0(OCH₃), 109.7, 116.2, 120.6, 131.7, 132.0, 145.1(C = N), 150.2(3-C), 152.7(6-C), 156.9(C-OCH₃), 160.5(C = O).

6-tert-Butyl-3-(2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11l). Yield 1.87 g (62%), mp > 260 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₅O₂: N 23.24. Found: N 23.03. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.93 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.71 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.00 (s, 1H, = CH), 11.3 (s, 1H, NH), 12.5 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.4(C(CH₃)₃), 37.7(C(CH₃)₃), 58.2(OCH₃), 113.6, 125.9, 130.2, 148.5(3-C), 153.8(6-C), 160.7(C = N), 162.7(C = O), 165.5(C-OCH₃).

6-tert-Butyl-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (11m). Yield 1.99 g (60%), mp 258–259 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁N₅O₃: N 21.13. Found: N 21.34. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.37 (t, *J* 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 4.11 (s, *J* 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 6.78 (d, *J* 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.03 (d, *J* 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (s, 1H, H-2 ArH), 7.90 (s, 1H, = CH), 9.37 (s, 1H, OH), 11.4 (s, 1H, NH), 12.7 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.6(OCH₂CH₃), 26.3(C(CH₃)₃), 36.9(C(CH₃)₃), 64.3(OCH₂CH₃), 111.4, 117.5, 121.5, 130.2, 143.5(C = N), 147.5(C-OCH₂CH₃), 150.2(3-C), 152.8(6-C), 155.2(C-OH), 163.5(C = O).

6-*tert*-Butyl-3-(2-((2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)methyl-ene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (12). Yield 2.33 g (69%), mp > 260 °C (DMF). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₅O₂: N 20.7. Found: N 20.4. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 7.19 (d, *J* 8.9 Hz, 1H, naphthyl), 7.38 (t, *J* 8.9 Hz, 1H, naphthyl), 7.55 (t, *J* 8.9 Hz, 1H, naphthyl), 7.81 (d, *J* 8.0 Hz, 1H, naphthyl), 7.83 (d, *J* 8.9 Hz, 1H, naphthyl), 8.41 (d, *J* 8.0 Hz, 1H, naphthyl), 9.09 (s, 1H, =CH), 10.5 (s, 1H, OH), 11.4 (s, 1H, NH), 12.8 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 26.8(C(CH₃)₃), 38.1(C(CH₃)₃), 107.9, 117.2, 120.1, 123.9, 125.0, 127.5, 127.9, 131.1, 132.6, 141.1(C = N), 151.8(3-C), 151.9(6-C), 161.7(C = O), 174.5(C-OH).

6-*tert*-Butyl-3-(2-isopropylidenehydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (14a). Yield 1.09 g (49%), mp > 260 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₇N₅O: N 31.37. Found: N 31.70. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.92 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃), 10.3 (s, 1H, NH), 12.1 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 18.6, 24.5, 27.9(C(CH₃)₃), 36.2(C(CH₃)₃), 151.4(3-C), 153.0(C = N), 152.7(6-C), 163.2(C = O).

6-*tert*-Butyl-3-(2-(1-(1-hydroxynaphthalene-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (14b). Yield 2.00 g (57%), mp > 260 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₅O₂: N 19.93. Found: N 19.98. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.30 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 2.49 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.38–8.30 (m, 6H, naphthyl), 10.4 (s, 1H, OH), 11.2 (s, 1H, NH), 12.3 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 16.6, 26.4(C(CH₃)₃), 35.2(C(CH₃)₃), 112.5, 120.7, 124.3, 124.6, 127.4, 127.5, 127.7, 128.6, 136.4, 150.8(3-C), 152.7(6-C), 161.1(C = N), 163.2(C = O), 167.5(C-OH).

6-*tert*-Butyl-3-(2-(1-phenylethylidene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (14c). Yield 1.57 g (55%), mp 251–252 °C (AcOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₅O: N 24.54. Found: N 24.72. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.32 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.78–8.07 (m, 5H, ArH), 11.4 (s, 1H, NH), 12.6 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 16.2, 27.5(C(CH₃)₃), 36.5(C(CH₃)₃), 125.7, 127.6, 131.9, 137.8, 147.5(C = N), 151.6(3-C), 153.2(6-C), 163.9(C = O).

6-*tert*-Butyl-3-(2-(1-(*p*-tolyl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (14d). Yield 1.70 g (57%), mp 227–228 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁N₅O: N 23.39. Found: N 23.11. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.34 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.34 (d, *J* 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.91 (d, *J* 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 10.7 (s, 1H, NH), 12.4 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 15.4, 21.0, 27.2(C(CH₃)₃), 37.7(C(CH₃)₃), 126.0, 128.2, 133.3, 135.1, 148.8(C = N), 150.7(3-C), 152.7(6-C), 163.6(C = O).

6-*tert*-Butyl-3-(2-(1-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (14e). Yield 1.74 g (51%), mp > 260 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₇N₅O: N 20.51. Found: N 20.29. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.33 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.34 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.14 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.90 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 10.7 (s, 1H, NH), 12.4 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 15.4, 26.7(C(CH₃)₃), 31.1, 34.5, 36.6(C(CH₃)₃), 125.6, 128.2, 133.1, 145.5(C = N), 149.1(C-*t*Bu), 152.2(3-C), 152.3(6-C), 163.3(C = O).

6-*tert*-Butyl-3-(2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (14f). Yield 1.95 g (61%), mp 262–263 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈ClN₅O: N 21.90. Found: N 22.21. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.31 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.43 (d, *J* 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.10 (d, *J* 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 10.8 (s, 1H, NH), 12.7 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 15.1, 28.1(C(CH₃)₃), 36.3(C(CH₃)₃), 125.5, 127.8, 135.7, 136.1, 148.5(C = N), 150.6(3-C), 154.1(6-C), 161.5(C = O).

6-*tert*-Butyl-3-(2-(1-(4-bromophenyl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (14g). Yield 2.58 g (71%), mp > 260 °C (MeOH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈BrN₅O: N 19.23. Found: N 19.50. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.34 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.48 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.99 (d, *J* 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 10.8 (s, 1H, NH), 12.5 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 14.8, 28.4(C(CH₃)₃), 36.3(C(CH₃)₃), 124.9, 127.1, 134.1, 134.6, 149.2(C = N), 150.6(3-C), 153.1(6-C), 162.9(C = O).

Screening of antioxidant activity

Antioxidant activity (AOA) of the synthesized compounds was studied at Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University.

The primary assessment of AOA is usually carried out using *in vitro* experiments as this way is quick, cheap, and does not require the use of animals (Albert 1971; Hubskeyi et al. 2001).

To study the structure-activity relationship in this work all of the types of synthesized compounds – 4-amino- 6–8 and 4-desamino-derivatives 10–12, 14 as well as bis-Schiff base **9** – were employed to screen for the presence of AOA. Structure variations of the tested representatives make it possible to trace regularities of how various substituents affect the level of AOA and thus to plan further research in this field.

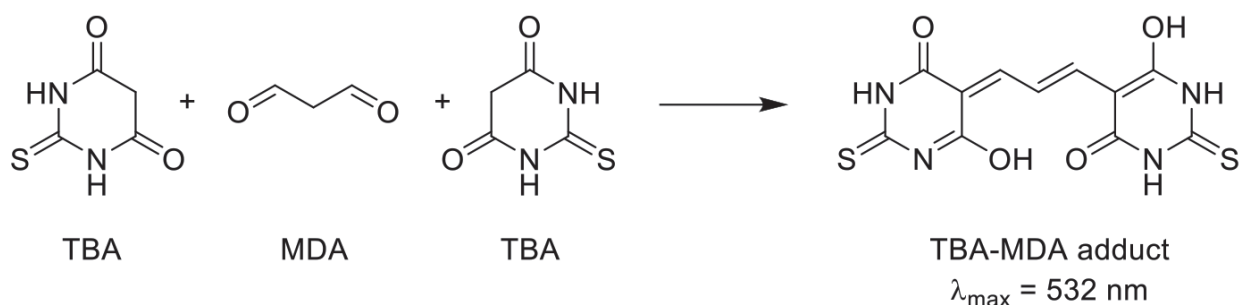
The antioxidant activity of the substances obtained in the work was assessed in the experiments *in vitro* on the model of the artificial oxidative stress using an emulsion of yolk lipoproteins as a substrate sensitive to oxidation (Perekhoda et al. 2017). During the assay pH value of the culture medium was maintained at the level of 7.5 which is an optimal one for most living organisms. The model system chosen has a number of advantages, namely, it is affordable and cheap, the separation of lipoproteins is quite easy, the model is reproducible and stable during storage, and, simultaneously, characterized by high oxidizability as the yolk contains two types of lipid-protein complexes corresponding to lipoproteins of very low and low density of the blood plasma by their lipid and protein composition.

To prepare the model system, the yolk was separated from a chicken egg, then it was mixed with an equal volume of the phosphate buffer solution (40 mM KH₂PO₄ and 105 mM KCl, pH 7.5). The resulting emulsion of yolk lipoproteins (YLP) was 25 times diluted with the same buffer solution before use. The test compounds as well as the reference drug (ascorbic acid) were prepared in the form of DMSO solutions with an initial concentration of 3 mg/ml.

The oxidative stress was modelled as follows. To 1.0 ml of YLP emulsion, 0.5 ml of the solution of a test substance, 0.5 ml of 0.5 mM iron (II) sulphate solution (the reactive oxygen species (ROS) generation system), and 3 ml of the phosphate buffer solution (40 mM KH_2PO_4 + 105 mM KCl, pH 7.5) were sequentially added. The resulting solution was mixed and incubated for 30 minutes at 37 °C in a water thermostat.

After incubation, the solution was cooled and used to determine the amount of the products of lipids oxidation. ROS degrade polyunsaturated lipids, forming several low-molecular-weight end products, one of them is malondialdehyde (MDA) (Pryor and Stanley 1975). MDA is a reactive aldehyde and one of the reactive electrophilic species that cause toxic stress in cells and form covalent protein adducts (Farmer and Davoine 2007). The production of this aldehyde is used as a biomarker to measure the level of oxidative stress in the organism (Moore and Roberts 1998). The thiobarbituric acid (TBA) test is used extensively as a spectrophotometric method for the detection of MDA and other TBA-reactive products as well (Nair et al. 2008). The red pigment (TBA-MDA adduct) formed is a mixture of equilibrating structures with an absorption maximum of 532 nm (Scheme 1).

With the purpose to determine the content of MDA and other TBA-reactive products, 2 ml of cooled 20% trichloroacetic acid (TCA) and 0.05 ml of disodium EDTA (50 mg/l) were added to the solution obtained after



Scheme 1. Formation of TBA-MDA adduct.

$$C_{\text{mda}} = \frac{D_{532} \times 10^6 \times K_p}{1.56 \times 10^5}, \quad \text{where}$$

C_{mda} – concentration of MDA, nmol/ml;

D_{532} – the optical density of the solution at 532 nm;

10^6 – coefficient of conversion from $\mu\text{mol/l}$ to nmol/ml;

1.56×10^5 – molar attenuation coefficient of TBA-MDA complex at 532 nm, $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$;

K_p – coefficient of the sample dilution.

Results and discussion

Nowadays, hydrazones play a significant role in a medical chemistry for new drug development, and importance of this class is rising day by day (Narang et al. 2012). Many research groups are employed in the synthesis of hydrazones and evaluation of their biological activities (Ajani et

al. 2010). The resulting solution was placed in the refrigerator for 12 hours, after that the samples were centrifuged at 4000 rpm. Then, 2 ml of freshly prepared 1% thiobarbituric acid solution was added to the supernatant. The solution obtained was incubated for 35 minutes at 95 °C. In the acidic medium MDA reacts with 2-thiobarbituric acid to form the coloured derivative (Scheme 1). After cooling, 4 ml of butanol-1 was added, and the optical density of the butanol extract was measured, using an SF-46 spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 532 nm.

The antioxidant properties of the compounds studied were calculated taking into account the formation of TBA-active adducts formed during the interaction of TBA with MDA according to Scheme 1 in control samples containing DMSO, samples of the test compounds, and inhibition of the formation of TBA adducts by ascorbic acid as the reference drug according to the equation:

$$AOA, \% = \frac{D_{\text{DMSO}} - D_{\text{AC}}}{D_{\text{DMSO}} - D_{\text{vitac}}} \times 100\%, \quad \text{where}$$

D_{DMSO} – average value of absorption coefficient for sample with DMSO without the compound analysed;

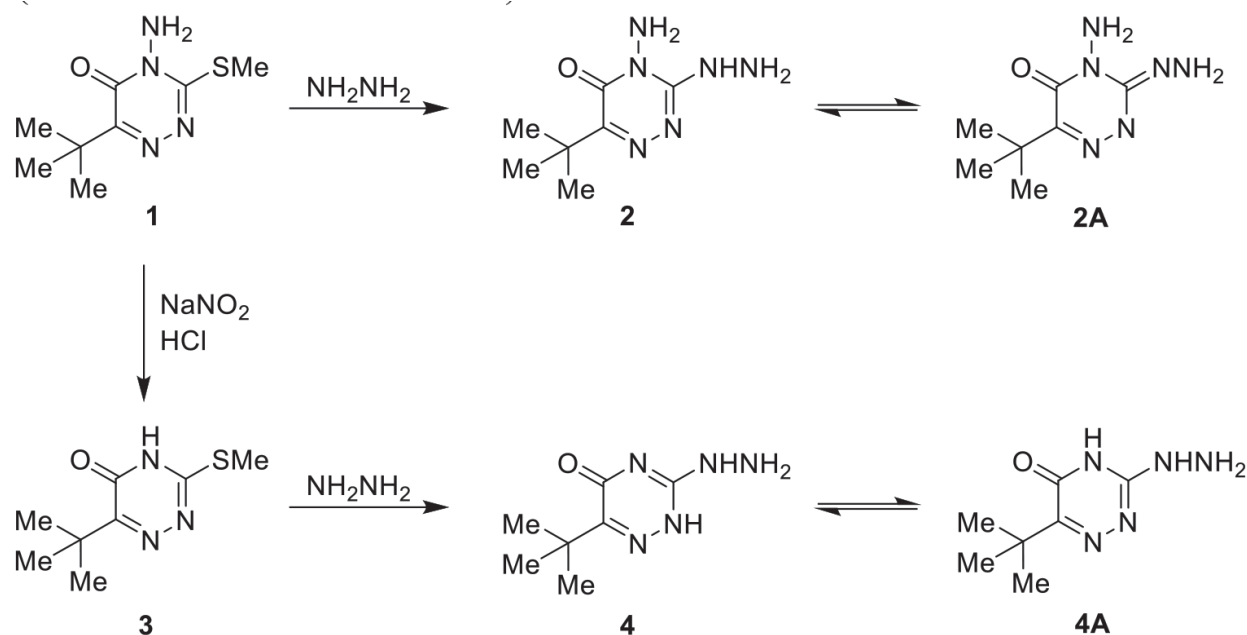
D_{AC} – average value of absorption coefficient for analysing compound;

D_{vitaminC} – average value of absorption coefficient for ascorbic acid.

The content of MDA was calculated by the following equation (Bohacheva et al. 2016):

al. 2010). Thus, hydrazones have been confirmed to display such activities as antimicrobial (Rollas et al. 2002), anticonvulsant (Dimmock et al. 2000), analgesic (Lima et al. 2000), anti-inflammatory and antiplatelet (Silva et al. 2004), etc. According to the above, it is considered appropriate to develop a series of 1,2,4-triazinohydrazones with the aim of investigating *in vitro* antioxidant properties.

As starting compounds for the current research, we chose 6-*tert*-butyl-3-hydrazinyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 2 and 4. The synthesis of the starting 1,2,4-triazinohydrazine 2 was carried out by the reaction of hydrazinolysis of 6-*tert*-butyl-3-methylthio-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (1) according to a known procedure (El Massry et al. 2012) (Scheme 2). To obtain another initial 1,2,4-triazinohydrazine 4 4-amino group in compound 1 was firstly removed by means of a simple diazotization reaction followed by interaction of the product 3 with hydrazine hydrate. It should be noted, that literature data provide different isomeric forms for compounds similar to 2 and 4. Some



Scheme 2. The synthesis of the starting 4-amino-6-*tert*-butyl-3-hydrazinyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (2) and 6-*tert*-butyl-3-hydrazino-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one (4).

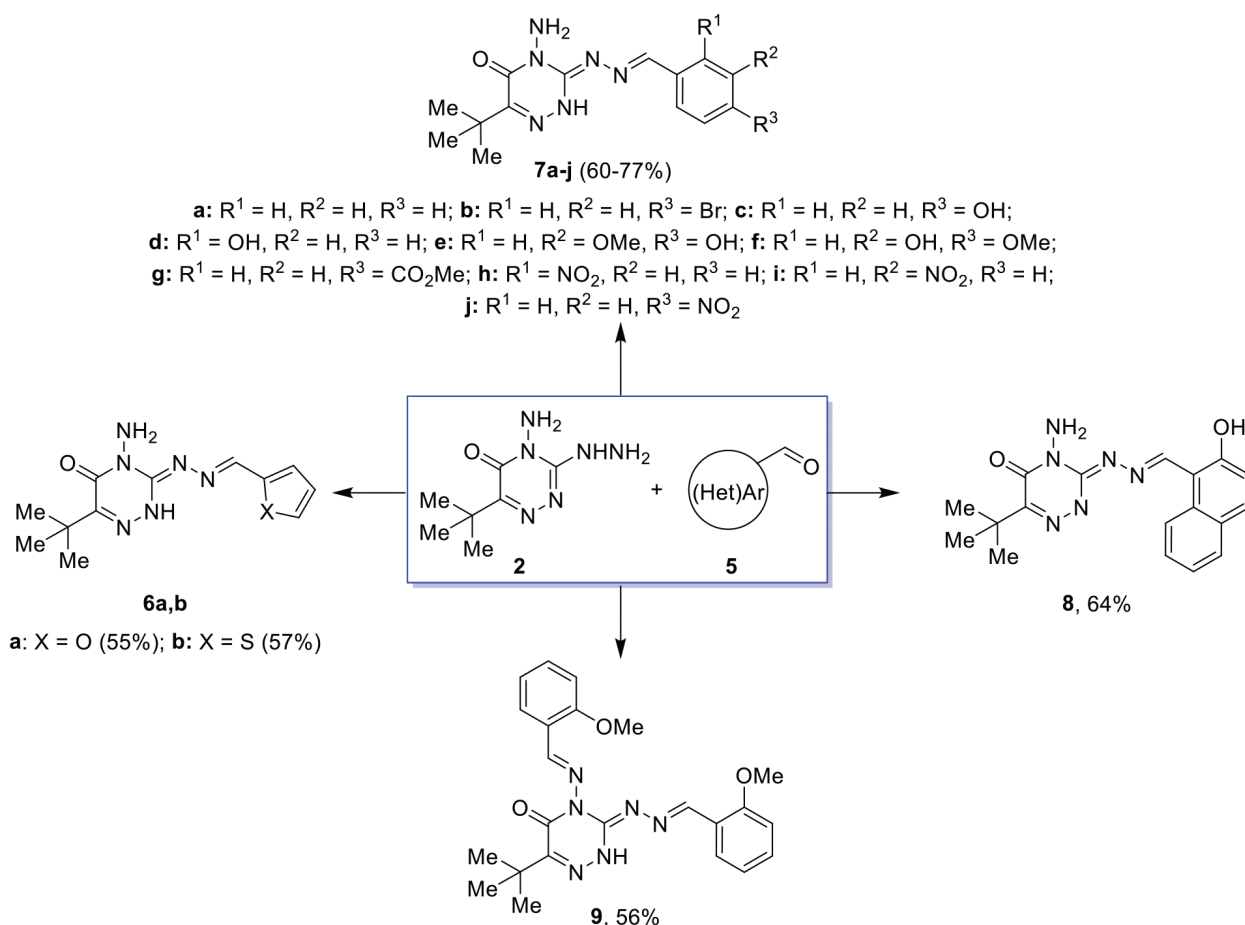
papers indicate tautomeric transformations for these derivatives, without strong evidence though. Thus, it was claimed that compound 2 could exist in the solution together with hydrazonotriazine 2A (Hamama et al. 2018). The structure of 4 was also reported ambiguously as 2*H*-4 and 4*H*-4A isomers in which the distribution of electron density on the ring nitrogen atoms is significantly different. Yet it should be acknowledged that when carrying out the reaction the starting triazine 4 exists principally in the 2*H*-form as the ring closure occurs at the N(2) atom (Mironovich and Ivanov 2003).

The next step of the research was to synthesize hydrazones of compounds 2 and 4 *via* classical reaction of Schiff bases formation and to prove the structure of the compounds isolated. For this purpose, various aromatic and heteroaromatic aldehydes, as well as different ketones, were applied to the reaction. Evidently, the “carbonyl” part of the Schiff bases constitutes an additional pharmacophore in the products. Therefore, different nature and the substitution patterns of the starting carbonyl compounds would allow us to trace some regularities of “structure-bioactivity” relationships.

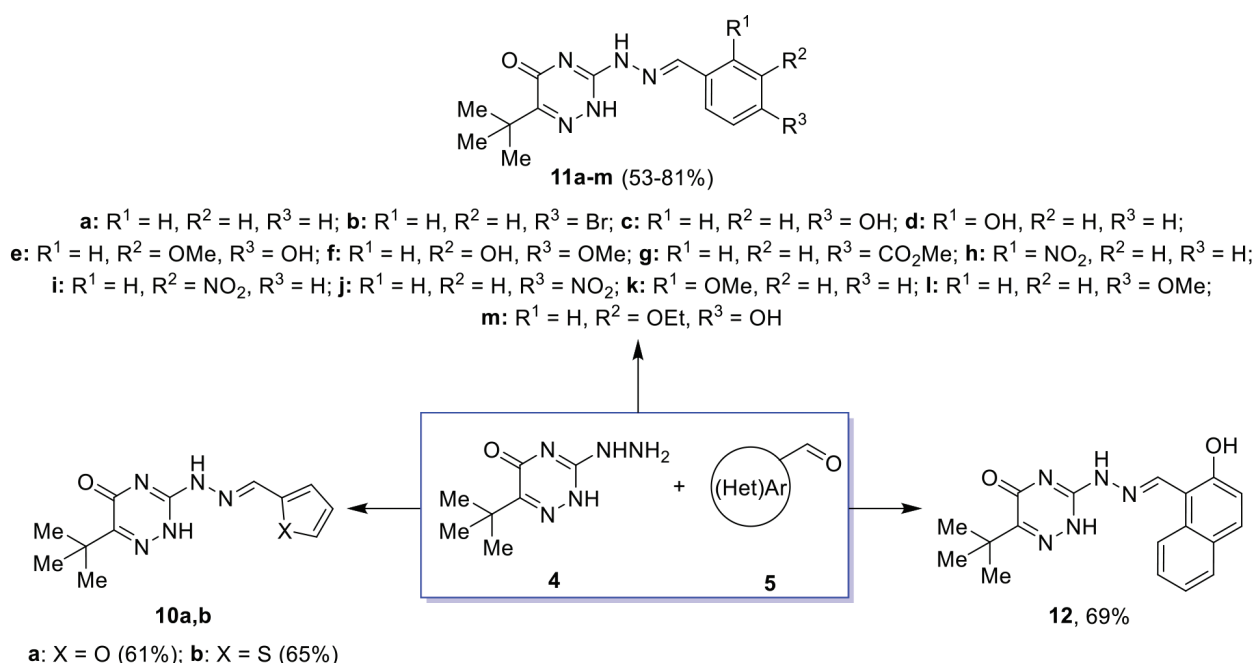
Interaction of 4-aminotriazinone 2 with a series of (het) arene-carbaldehydes 5 (ratio 1:1) in refluxing ethanol for 3 hours led to the corresponding hydrazones 6–8 with yields 55–77% (Scheme 3). As we expected more reactive NH₂-group of the exocyclic hydrazine moiety was involved in the reaction. Additionally, we showed that another NH₂-fragment can also be employed in the formation of the Schiff base when 2 equiv of an aldehyde is used. With this, utilization of 2 equiv of 2-methoxybenzaldehyde resulted in the isolation of bis-Schiff base 9. The structure of compounds 6–9 was confirmed by elemental analysis, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy methods. ¹H NMR spectra of 6–8 are characterized by singlets arisen from *t*-butyl (1.31–1.44), NH₂ (5.60–6.14), ylidene = CH (8.06-), and

NH (11.6–12.7) protons. ¹H NMR spectrum of bis-derivative 9 features the absence of NH₂ singlet and the presence of two ylidene = CH signals at 8.45 and 8.84 ppm as well as NH singlet at 12.3 ppm. A quite interesting fact was stated in the work of El-Barbary et al. (2010). On the basis of ¹H NMR spectra evidence the authors reported a ring-chain tautomerism for arylidenehydrazones of 4-amino-3-hydrazinyl-6-(4-methoxystyryl)-1,2,4-triazin-5(4*H*)-one between acyclic hydrazone and bicyclic 2,8-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*b*][1,2,4]triazin-7(3*H*)-one forms coexisting in a dynamic equilibrium. However, our results obtained in this work do not support this statement as we did not observe additional signals in ¹H NMR relating to the cyclic form. One should also note that the products are apparently formed in an isomeric = N-N = form with a displacement of the endocyclic double bond outside the ring as it was reported before on the basis of X-ray diffraction analysis of similar structures (Ghassemzadeh et al. 2012).

Condensation of equimolar quantities of 6-*tert*-butyl-3-hydrazinyl-1,2,4-triazin-5(2*H*)-one (4) with (het)arene-carbaldehydes 5 afforded the target hydrazones 10–12 in 53–81% yields (Scheme 4). The reaction was carried out under the same conditions as for the 4-amino derivative in refluxing ethanol for 3 hours. However, attention should be paid to the conditions used as catalytic amounts of a base can push the reaction further promoting cyclization of hydrazonotriazines to [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*b*][1,2,4]triazin-7(1*H*)-one heterocyclic system (El-Shehry et al. 2020). The structure of compounds 10–12 was confirmed by elemental analysis and spectral evidence. The ¹H NMR spectra showed the structure of 10–12 fitted with the recorded data. Thus, all of the ¹H NMR spectra of these derivatives showed characteristic singlets within the following ranges: 1.30–1.33 corresponding to *t*-Bu protons, 7.90–9.09 corresponding to the ylidene = CH proton, 11.3–11.8 and 12.4–12.9 for exo- and endocyclic NH groups, respectively.



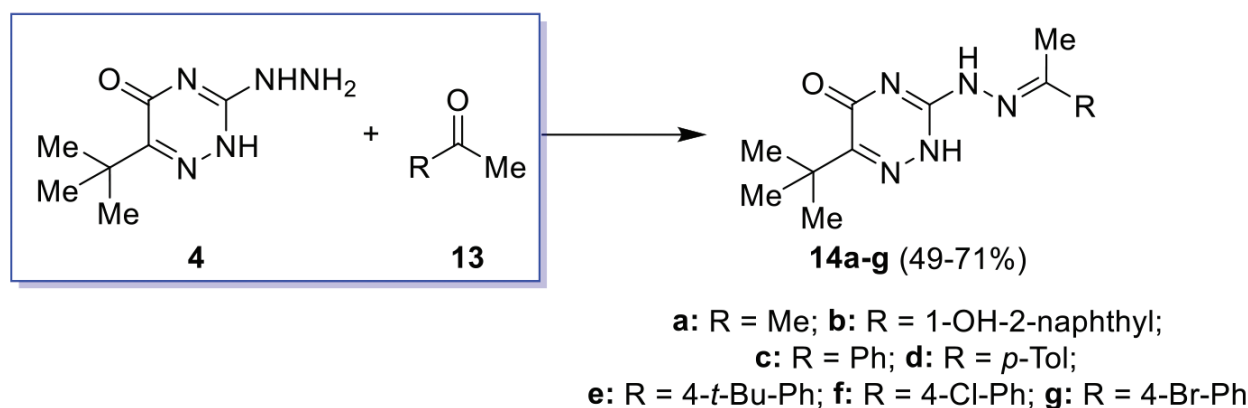
Scheme 3. The synthesis of 4-amino-3-(2-(het)arylidenehydrazinyl)-6-*tert*-butyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 6–9 (conditions: EtOH, reflux, 3 hours).



Scheme 4. Application of aldehydes in the synthesis of the derivatives of 3-(2-R-ylidenehydrazinyl)-6-*tert*-butyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 10–12 (conditions: EtOH, reflux, 3 hours).

Several works published earlier include results on the application of ketones in reaction with 6-*R*-3-hydrazinyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones. Pyruvic acid, isatins, ethyl

acetoacetate and acetone were successfully used for the synthesis of the corresponding hydrazones (Mironovich and Ivanov 2003; Ashour et al. 2013; El-Wakil et al.



Scheme 5. Application of ketones in the synthesis of the derivatives of 3-(2-*R*-ylidenehydrazinyl)-6-*tert*-butyl-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 14 (conditions: EtOH, reflux, 3 hours).

2019). In this research we expanded the range of ketones to aryl methyl ketones, acetone was also examined. It was found out that their application allows the reaction to proceed smoothly in refluxing ethanol with the formation of hydrazones 14 in 49–71% yields (Scheme 5). The identity of hydrazones 14 was proved by elemental analysis as well as NMR data. ¹H NMR of products 14 revealed the presence of *t*-butyl group (1.30–1.34), exo- (10.3–11.4) and endocyclic (12.1–12.7) NH, the methyl group of the starting ketone (1.92–2.49). ¹³C NMR spectra are also fully consistent with the structures of hydrazones 14.

Table 1. Results of the antioxidant activity investigation of the synthesized compounds.

Cmp	R	Absorbance (mean of 3 measurements)	MDA content (nmol/ml of the yolk lipoprotein emulsion)	AOA, % (with reference to vitamin C)
DMSO	–	0,14	0,92	–
Ascorbic acid	–	0,09	0,56	–
6a	2-furyl	0.35	2.24	-363.5%
7c	Ph	0.03	0.20	199.4%
7d	4-Br-Ph	0.12	0.74	51.2%
7e	4-HO-Ph	0.09	0.56	98.8%
7i	4-MeO ₂ C-Ph	0.11	0.69	63.5%
7j	2-NO ₂ -Ph	0.04	0.27	180.0%
7k	3-NO ₂ -Ph	0.03	0.16	210.0%
7l	4-NO ₂ -Ph	0.08	0.48	121.8%
8	2-HO-1-naphthyl	0.03	0.19	201.2%

On the next stage antioxidant potency of the synthesized hydrazones 6–12, 14 were evaluated in *in vitro* tests. As we mentioned above similar 6-substituted 4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones were already obtained, but their antioxidant properties still remain overlooked. Therefore, the antioxidant activity of the new compounds obtained in this work was evaluated in *in vitro* experiments on a model of artificial oxidative stress using an emulsion of yolk lipoproteins as a substrate sensitive to oxidation. The level of their activity against ascorbic acid and the percentage of inhibition of the formation of TBA-reactive products, namely the content of MDA, were calculated (Table 1).

Cmp	R	Absorbance (mean of 3 measurements)	MDA content (nmol/ml of the yolk lipoprotein emulsion)	AOA, % (with reference to vitamin C)
9	2-MeO-Ph	0.07	0.42	138.8%
10a	2-furyl	0.38	2.44	-417.1%
11c	Ph	0.14	0.90	5.3%
11d	4-Br-Ph	0.24	1.54	-169.4%
11e	4-HO-Ph	0.04	0.28	178.2%
11i	4-MeO ₂ C-Ph	0.13	0.83	25.9%
11j	2-NO ₂ -Ph	0.14	0.87	14.1%
11k	3-NO ₂ -Ph	0.13	0.86	16.5%
11l	4-NO ₂ -Ph	0.15	0.95	-7.7%
11n	4-MeO-Ph	0.16	1.01	-23.5%
12	2-HO-1-naphthyl	0.06	0.36	155.3%
14	–	0.19	1.24	-87.1%

According to the results of the primary pharmacological screening *in vitro*, there is a distinctive difference in AOA between hydrazones of 6-*tert*-butyl-4-amino-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 6–9 and 6-*tert*-butyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 10–12. Thus, 4-amino derivatives, in general, turned out to be more active as compared to the corresponding 4-desamino ones, and almost all displayed positive AOA. Obviously, this conclusion is due to the reducing and radical scavenging properties of primary amines (Suzuki et al. 2013). In addition, it was found before that introducing –NH₂ group into the compound can improve its antioxidant activity owing to the outstanding activities of amino-substituents (Wang et al. 2019). The common feature of both classes was the significant prooxidative properties of furyl-containing derivatives 6a and 10a. 6-*Tert*-butyl-2*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 11d (R = 4-Br-Ph), 11l (R = 4-NO₂-Ph), 11n (R = 4-MeO-Ph), 14 (R = isopropyliden) were found to be inactive in the experimental conditions. In contrast to them, more than half of 6-*tert*-butyl-4-amino-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 7c (R = Ph), 7j (R = 2-NO₂-Ph), 7k (R = 3-NO₂-Ph), 7l (R = 4-NO₂-Ph), 8 (R = 2-HO-1-naphthyl), 6-*tert*-butyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-ones 11e (R = 4-HO-Ph), 12 (R = 2-HO-1-naphthyl) as well as bis-Schiff derivative 9 showed AOA exceeding AOA of the reference drug ascorbic acid. What is more, 7c, 7k and 8 showed significant AOA, which was twice as much as the AOA of ascorbic acid and, hence, can be regarded as promising substances for further pharmacological investigations.

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Conclusion

In conclusion, 34 new hydrazone derivatives of 4-amino-6-(*tert*-butyl)-3-hydrazinyl-1,2,4-triazin-5(4*H*)-one and 6-(*tert*-butyl)-3-hydrazinyl-1,2,4-triazin-5(2*H*)-one have been synthesized with moderate to high yields. The structure and purity of the compounds obtained have been confirmed by elemental analysis, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. Among synthesized ones, 21 compounds were tested for the antioxidant activity under conditions of the artificial oxidative stress *in vitro*. Pharmacological experiments have revealed 8 compounds displaying a higher level of AOA than ascorbic acid does; among them, 3 compounds have been proved to be twice as active as ascorbic acid. The fact that most of the active compounds belong to 6-*tert*-butyl-4-amino-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazin-5-one derivatives makes them promising objects for in-depth investigations of antioxidant properties and disorders accompanied by oxidative stress.

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