T-Reactions in the Synthesis of Benzo[4,5]thieno[2,3-c]quinolizines

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We investigated the interaction between 3-piperidyl-2-formylbenzothiophene (1) with barbituric acids (BA) and malononitrile in conditions of T-reactions (this term was suggested by the authors [1–3] for heterocyclizations based on the *o-tert*-amino effect). In this way, we obtained new 2,3,4,4a,5,6-hexahydro-1H-benzo[4,5]thieno[2,3-c]-quinolizines (2, 3a, b) in ca. 60% yield (polar solvents, $60-100^{\circ}$ C, 2-10 h).

Sa:
$$R = H$$
3b: $R = CH_3$
 (2)
 $(3a,b)$

Reaction of isomeric "T-syntones" (e.g. 5-phenyl-3-formyl-2-morpholylthiophene) with BA and malononitrile only afforded the products of the Knoevenagel condensation that underwent no transformation into T-products. The structure of synthesized compounds was confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectra.

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