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## SYNTHESIS OF 3-METHYL-3,7-DIHYDRO-1H-PURINE-2,6-DIONE DERIVATIVES AND INVESTIGATIONS OF THEIR PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

The reaction of alkylation of 3-methyl-8-mercaptoxanthine was studied. Obtained derivatives of purin-2,6-dione were confirmed using methods of IR-, NMR-spectroscopy and mass-spectrometry. Conducted investigations unambiguously confirm the structure of the synthesized compounds.

**Key words:** synthesis, purine-2,6-dione, physicochemical properties, spectroscopy, spectrometry.

Нами було вивчено реакції алкілювання 3-метил-8-меркаптоксантину. Будову отриманих похідних пурин-2,6-діону було підтверджено методами ІЧ-, ПМР-спектрометрії та мас-спектрометрії. Проведені дослідження повністю підтверджують структуру синтезованих сполук.

**Ключові слова:** синтез, пурин-2,6-діон, фізико-хімічні властивості, спектроскопія, спектрометрія.

Нами была изучена реакция алкилирования 3-метил-8-меркаптоксантина. Строение полученных производных пурин-2,6-диона было подтверждено методами ИК-, ПМР-спектрометрии и масс-спектрометрии. Проведенные исследования полностью подтверждают структуру синтезированных соединений.

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From the literature resources, it is known, that certain xanthine derivatives possess diuretic, antioxidant, radioprotective activities [1, c. 272; 2, c. 976; 3, c. 645; 4, c. 236]. Earlier reports of the synthesis of 7-alkyl-3-methylthioxanthines [5, c. 2133], which are obtained by reaction of the 7-alkyl-8-bromo-3-methylxanthines with sulfur nucleophiles (KSH, Na<sub>2</sub>S). Subsequently, we described the alkylation of 7-substituted 3-methyl-8-thioxanthine [6, c. 3428]. 3-Methyl-8-mercaptoxanthine and its derivatives is the objects of studying their chemical, physico-chemical and biological properties.

**The goal of our investigation** is to study the reaction of alkylation of 3-methyl-8-mercaptoxanthine (II), which has several reaction centers – N<sub>1</sub>, N<sub>7</sub>, N<sub>9</sub>, SH-group, as well as the search for biologically active compounds amongst obtained compounds.

**Materials and methods.** The object of this study is 3-methyl-8-mercaptoxanthine (II), which was obtained from 8-bromo-3-methylxanthine (I). By alkylation of compound (II) were synthesized corresponding 8-S-substituted 3-methylxanthines (III-X).

IR spectra were recorded on a spectrophotometer Bruker ALPHA. NMR-spectra were recorded on a Varian device (operating frequency of 200 MHz, the solvent DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS internal standard). Mass-spectra of the synthesized compounds were recorded on a Varian MAT-311A with direct sample introduction into the ion source under standard conditions: accelerating voltage of 3 kV, the cathode emission current is 300 mA, an ionizing voltage of 70 eV.

### 3-Methyl-8-mercaptoksantin (II)

A mixture of 24.5 g (0.1 mol) of 3-methyl-8-bromoxanthine (I), 15.2 g (0.2 mole) of thiourea, 100 ml

of 48% HBr heated for 1 hour. Cooled and diluted with 300 ml H<sub>2</sub>O. The precipitate was filtered off. Washed with water and alcohol. Dried. Yield: 16.2 g (82%). Mp > 320°C.

Found%: C 36.7; H, 3.3; N 28.6; S 16.1; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S. Calculated%: C, 36.4; H, 3.1; N 28.3; S 16.2.

**8-methylthio (III); 8-ethylthio (IV); 8-propylthio (V); 8-poxythio- (VI); 8-allylthio- (VII); 8-isobutylthio (VIII); 8-isopentylthio- (IX); 8-benzylthio-(X)-3-methylxanthines**

A mixture of 0.01 mole of 3-methyl-8-thioxanthine (II), 0.01 mole sodium hydroxide and 0.01 mole of the corresponding alkyl halide dissolved in 50 ml of an aqueous alcohol was heated at reflux for 2 hours. The mixture is cooled, diluted with an equal volume of water. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with acetone. Dried. The data on the compounds (III-X) shown in Table 1.

**Results and its discussion.** 3-Methyl-8-mercaptoxanthine (II) is a typical SH-acid, which give a possibility to create a large set of its derivatives, although we do not exclude the opportunity of alkylation at N<sub>1</sub> and N<sub>7</sub>. In this connection, we performed quantum-chemical calculation of charges for Huckel (II, Table 2).

In the uracil moiety on the N<sub>1</sub> positive charge is prevailed (+0.282994), in the imidazole moiety at the pyrrole N<sub>7</sub> deficit of electrons (+0.375876), and pyridine atom N<sub>9</sub> (-0.534601) and sulfur atom in 8 position of xanthine cycle acquires a slight positive charge due to the influence of the imidazole ring (+0.0286981).

We can conclude, relying on quantum-chemical calculations that SH-group must be the primary site of electrophilic attack. Subsequent alkylation proceeds at N<sub>7</sub> atom and then N<sub>1</sub> (II).

We have studied the reaction of 8-bromo-3-methylxanthine (I) with thiourea in HBr (HBr + CH<sub>3</sub>COOH in the ratio 1:1), leading to the production of 8-mer-

capto-3-methylxanthine (II, Scheme 1). The proposed method for the synthesis favors previously described [8], because laborious processes of autoclaving and

Scheme 1

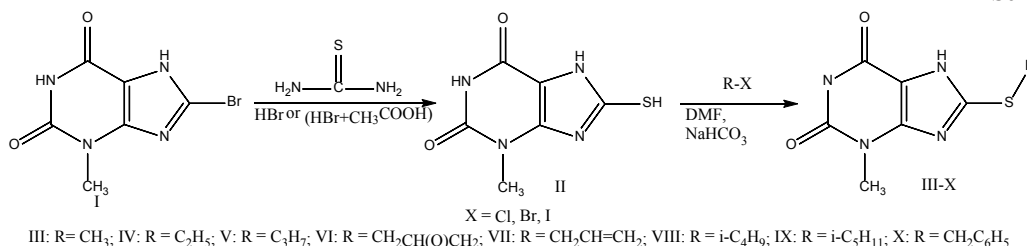
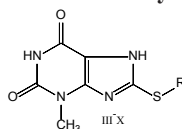


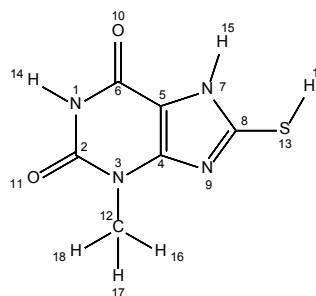
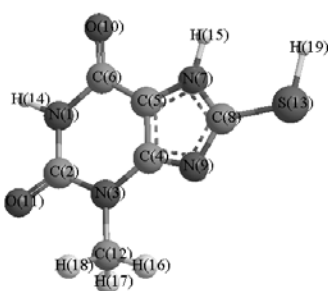
Table 1

8-substituted derivatives of 3-methyl-8-mercaptoxanthine



№	R	M.p., °C	Found, %				Gross formula	Calculated, %				Yield, %
			C	H	N	S		C	H	N	S	
III	CH <sub>3</sub>	>300	39,8	3,9	26,2	15,0	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	39,6	3,8	26,4	15,1	63
IV	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	283-284	42,7	4,6	24,9	14,4	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	42,5	4,4	24,8	14,2	74
V	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	276-277	44,9	5,1	4,4	24,7	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	44,7	5,3	44,3	24,6	71
VI	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(O)CH <sub>2</sub>	>300	42,7	4,0	22,1	12,7	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	42,5	3,9	22,0	12,6	65
VII	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	251-252	45,3	4,4	23,6	13,6	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	45,4	4,2	23,5	13,4	68
VIII	i-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	258-259	47,2	5,3	22,2	12,0	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	47,4	5,1	22,1	12,7	63
IX	i-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	234-235	49,4	6,1	20,9	12,0	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	49,2	6,0	20,9	11,9	71
X	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	252-253	54,0	4,7	19,4	11,2	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	53,9	4,5	19,3	11,1	55

Table 2



Atom	Type	Charge	Atom	Type	Charge
N(1)	N Amide	+0.282994	O(11)	O Carbonyl	-0.900634
C(2)	C Carbonyl	+0.385209	C(12)	C Alkane	-0.0561881
N(3)	N Amide	+0.389089	S(13)	S Thiol	+0.0286981
C(4)	C Alkene	+0.165686	H(14)	H Amide	+0.0976268
C(5)	C Alkene	-0.0867212	H(15)	H Amine	+0.0748273
C(6)	C Carbonyl	+0.31083	H(16)	H	+0.0349657
N(7)	N Pyrrole	+0.375876	H(17)	H	+0.0373516
C(8)	C Alkene	+0.204567	H(18)	H	+0.0377401
N(9)	N Imine	-0.534601	H(19)	H Thiol	+0.0299772
O(10)	O Carbonyl	-0.877294			

prolonged heating are excluded. 3-Methyl-8-mercapto-xanthine (II), it is a convenient starting material for the synthesis of 8-S-, N<sub>1</sub>- and N<sub>7</sub>-substituted derivatives (Scheme 1).

Structure II is confirmed by elemental analysis, IR-, NMR-spectroscopy and mass spectrometry. The IR spectrum of (II) has bands of stretching vibrations of the amide carbonyl in the 1715-1695 cm<sup>-1</sup>, the absorption of NH-groups 3190-3160 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the form of broadened lines of medium intensity. Characteristic

absorption bands of the groups C=N, C=C shown at 1670-1640 and 1630-1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>, C-SH at 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

NMR spectrum of compound II following proton signals: 11.36 (s, 1H, N<sub>1</sub>H); 3.66 (c, 3H, N<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); 10.35 (c, 1H, N<sub>7</sub>H). The mass spectrum II has a peak M<sup>+</sup> with m/z 198. The measurement of mass of compound II shows the mass number of 198.0258, which corresponds to the gross composition C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S. In the first stage, cleavage fragmentation particles HNCO, which is typical for uracil cycle (of the type "retrodiene

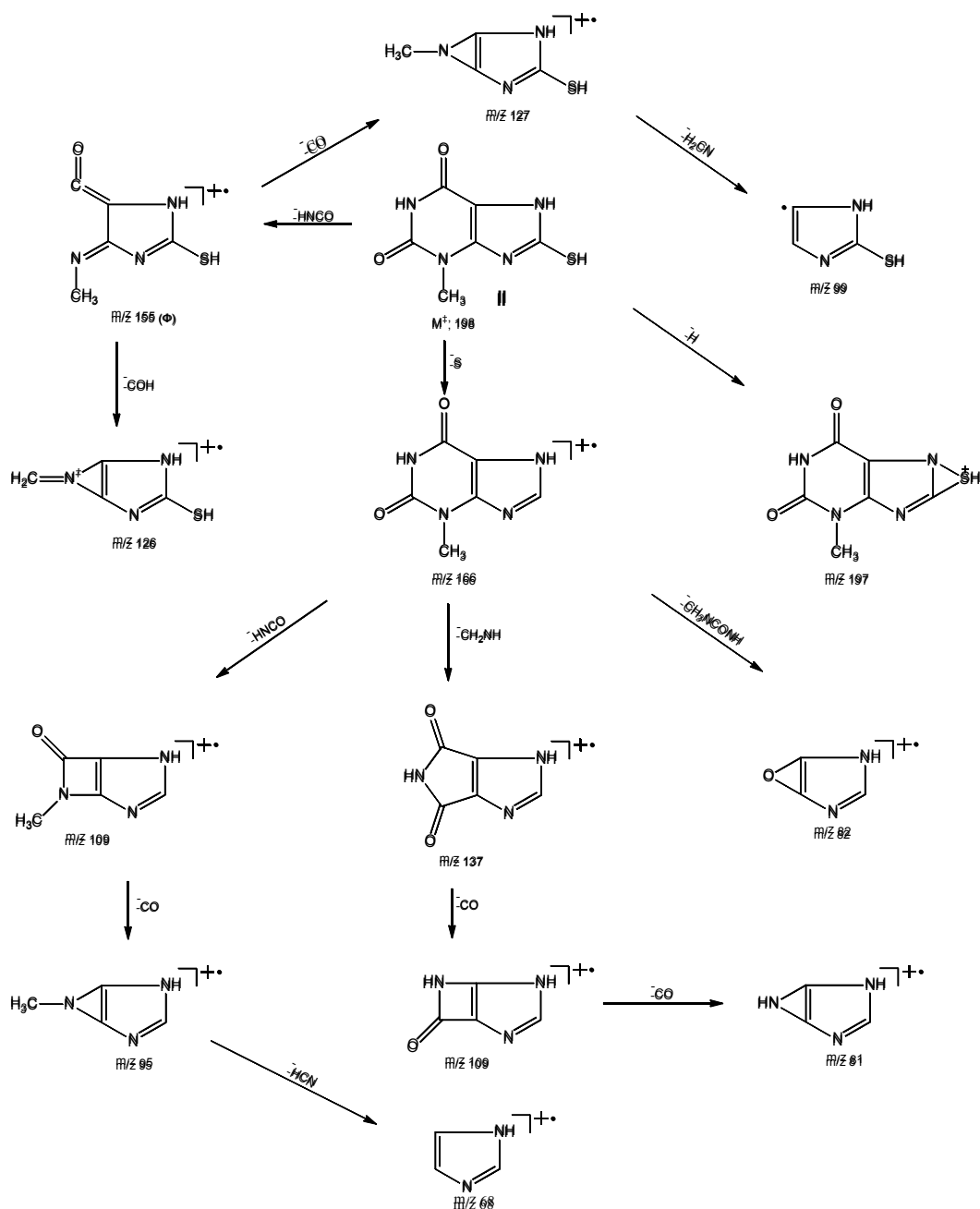


Fig. 1. Schematic mass-decay of compound (II)

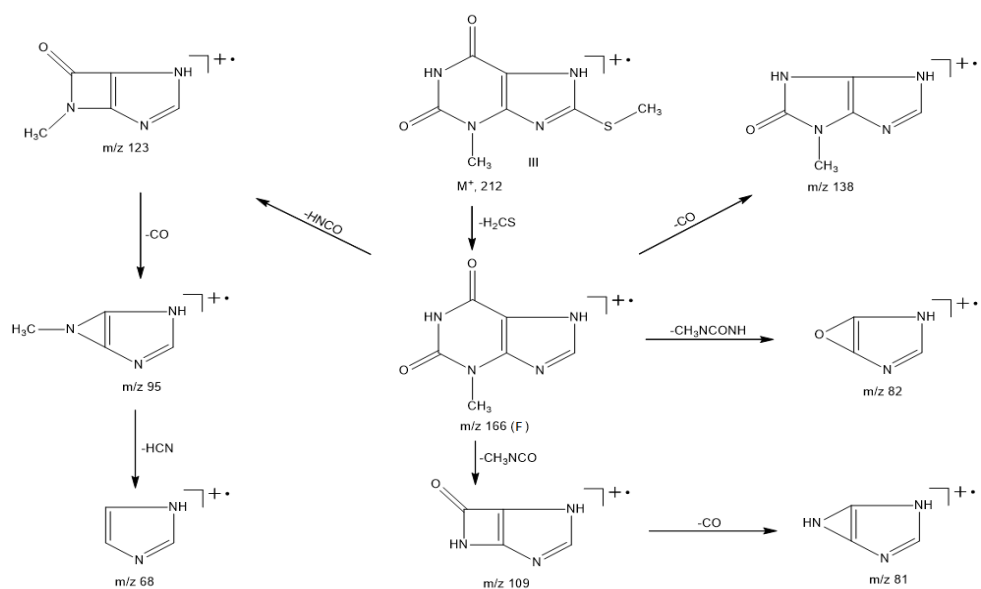


Fig. 2. Scheme mass-decay of compound (III)

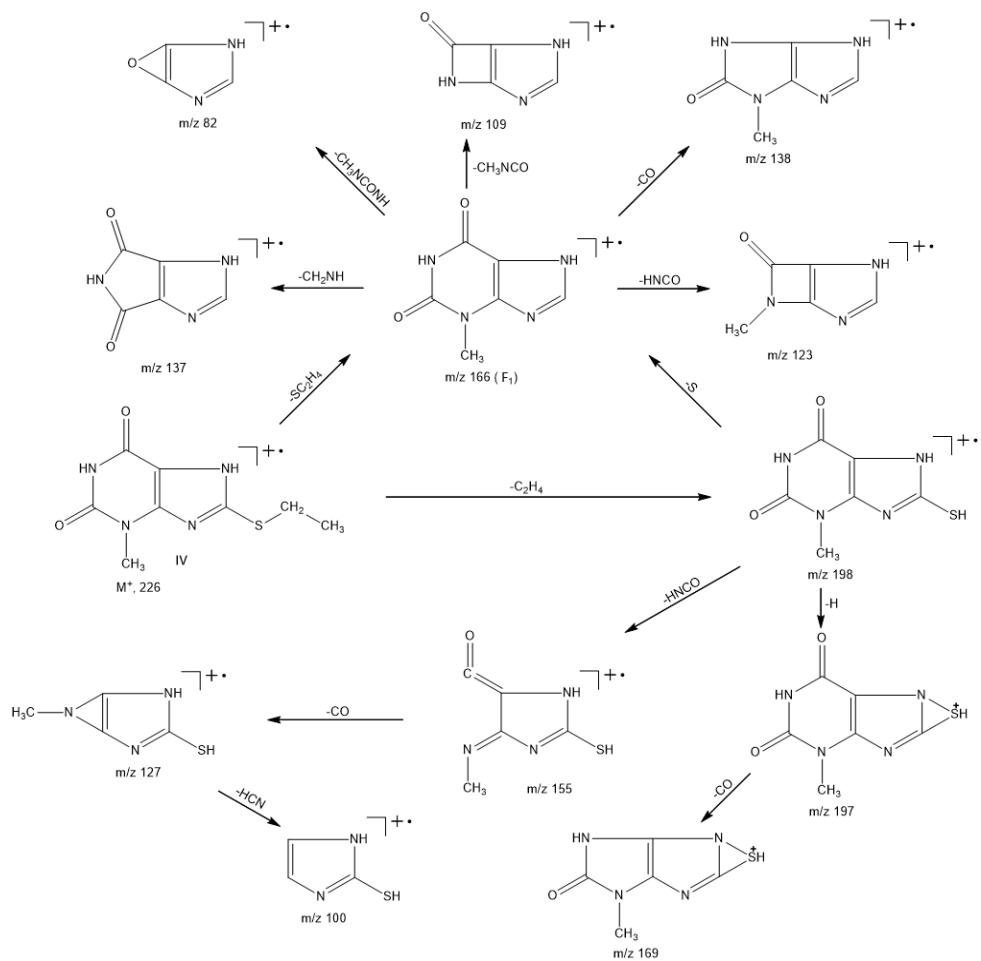


Fig. 3. Scheme mass-decay of compound (IV)

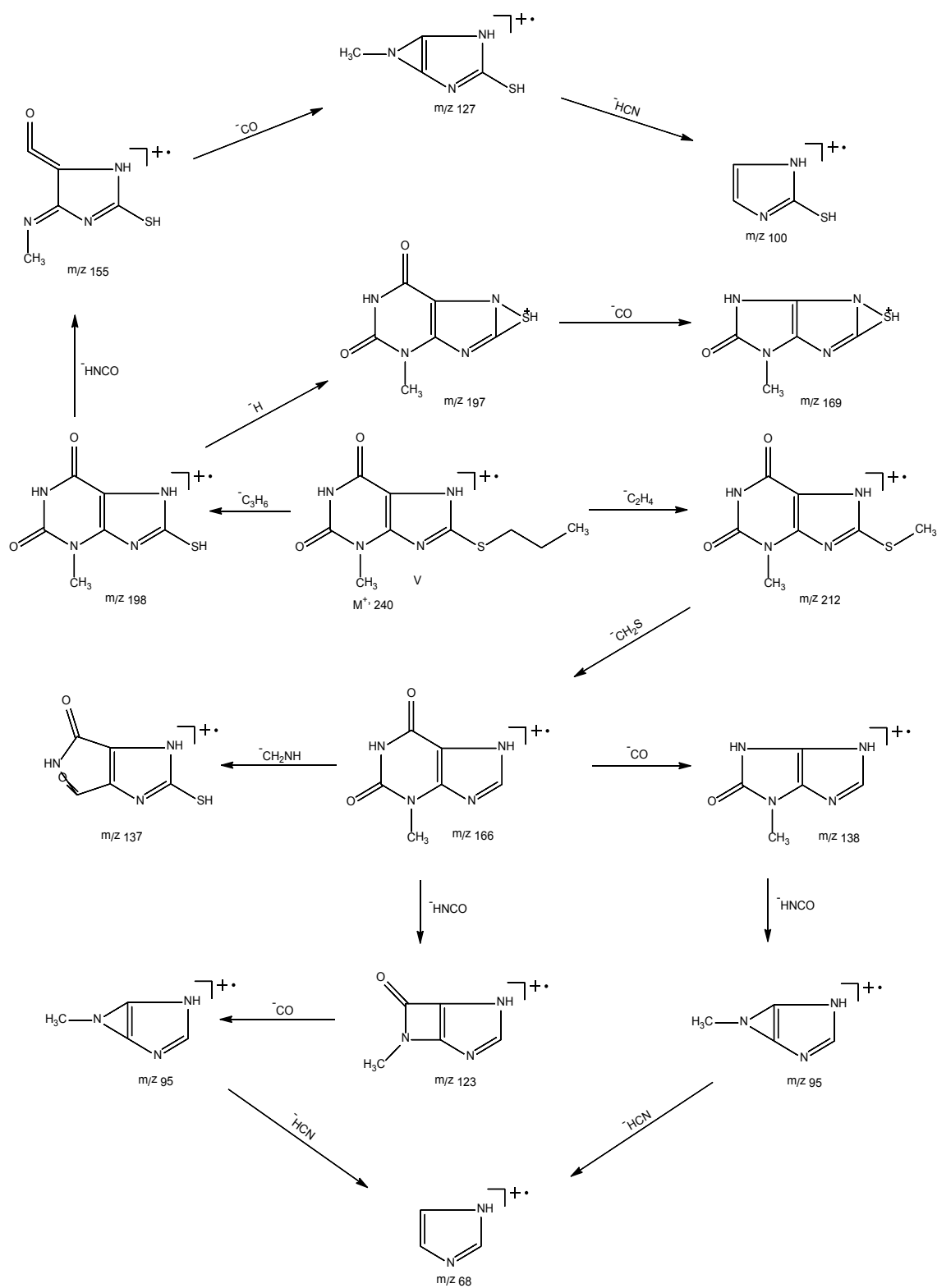


Fig. 4. Scheme mass-decay of compound (V)

decay") into hypoxanthine. This fact confirms the measured mass of 155.0105 (F ion). The next stage begins with elimination of CO (measured – 127.0204) and COH (measured – 126.0125) from  $[M-HNCO]^+$  (F).  $H_2CN$  ion with  $m/z$  99 is the result of the further decomposition of the uracil nucleus. There were found two ions with  $m/z$  166 (low intensity) and the ion with  $m/z$  197 –  $[M-H]^+$ , indicating thiol group is present. The obtained mass-spectrum fully confirm the structure of interest.

The IR spectra of compounds III-X are characterized by present amide carbonyl stretching vibrations in the region 1690-1730  $cm^{-1}$ , and characteristic absorption bands of C=N group at 1640-1660  $cm^{-1}$ , CS – 630-750  $cm^{-1}$ , S-CH<sub>2</sub> – 1410-1425  $cm^{-1}$ .

NMR spectrum of 3-methyl-8-methylmercaptoxanthine (III) the following signals are recorded protons ( $\delta$ -scale, ppm) 10.35 (s, 1H, N<sub>7</sub>H); 11.36 (c, 1H, N<sub>1</sub>H); 3.29 (c, 3H, N<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.80 (c., 3H, S-CH<sub>3</sub>) with fixed peak with  $M^+$   $m/z$  212, which corresponds to the calculated molecular mass. Fragmentation  $M^+$  (III) is associated with the elimination of the substituent at position 8 xanthine cycle with ion  $m/z$  166 (F). Then ion (F) undergoes degradation associated with elimination of particles CH<sub>3</sub>, NCONH, HNCO, CO, HCN and formation of the corresponding ions  $m/z$  82, 95, 109, 123, 138 and others. Further decay molecular ions by electron impact is depicted in Scheme (Fig. 2).

The mass spectrum of compound IV with  $M^+$  peak  $m/z$  226 corresponds the calculated molecular mass. Mass-spectrometric studies have shown that fragmentation  $M^+$  (IV) is associated with the elimination of the substituent in the 8-position of the molecule with ions with  $m/z$  198  $[M-C_2H_4]^+$ ,  $m/z$  166  $[M-SC_2H_4]^+$ . Subsequently ion (F<sub>1</sub>) which has the structure 3-methylxanthine, cleaves to particles CH<sub>3</sub>NCONH, NHCO, CO, HCN resulting ions with  $m/z$  82, 123, 137, 138 (Fig. 3.). The mass spectra of V, VI with recorded peaks of molecular ions ( $M^+$ , 240;  $M^+$ , 254) match their gross composition.

Fragmentation  $M^+$  (V) and  $M^+$  (VI) proceeds and uniquely associated with the elimination of the substituent in position 8 xanthine cycle. The uracil fragment cleavage gives CH<sub>3</sub>NCONH fragments, CH<sub>2</sub>NH, CO et al. (Fig. 4, 5). Mass spectrometry data unambiguously confirm the structure of the synthesized compounds II-X.

#### Conclusions:

1. The reaction of 3-methyl-8-mercaptoxanthine with alkyl halides yields 3-methyl-8-alkylmercaptoxanthines.
2. Alkylation of 3-methyl-8-alkylmercaptoxanthines give 3-methyl-7-alkyl-8-alkylmercaptoxanthines.
3. Reactions of 3-methyl-7-alkyl-8-alkylmercaptoxanthines with methyl iodide give appropriate 1,3-dimethyl-7-benzyl-8-methylmercaptoxanthines.
4. A mass-spectrometric study of the synthesized compounds was carried out.

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