PEG₄₀₀ AS SOLVENT IN THE SYNTHESIS OF NEW 7-[4-ALKYL OR (HET)ARYL-1H-1,2,3-TRIAZOL-1-YL]THIENO[3,2-b]PYRIDINES BY Cu(I)-CATALYZED AZIDE-ALKYNE CYCLOADDITION

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The thieno[3,2-b]pyridine and the 1,4-disubstituted-1,2,3-triazole are important scaffolds for medicinal chemistry. Following our work on the thieno[3,2-b]pyridine scaffold, we recently published the synthesis of new alkyl 3-[4-(Aryl or HetAr)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]thieno[3,2-b]pyridine-2-carboxylates from alkyl 3-aminothieno[3,2-b]pyridine-2-carboxylates in a one-pot two steps procedure using t-BuONO and TMSN₃ in acetonitrile at rt followed by Cu(I)-Catalyzed Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition (CuACC) using (het)arylalkynes, Cul and Et₃N.¹

Herein we present the synthesis of new 7-[4-alkyl or (het)aryl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]thieno[3,2-b]pyridines in good to high yields (50-75%) using the green solvent PEG₄₀₀² by CuACC in a one-pot two steps procedure from the 7-chlorothieno[3,2-b]pyridine and NaN₃ at 90 °C for 24h, to form the intermediate azide, followed by the addition of alkyl or (het)arylalkynes and Cul at 60 °C for 1-4h, after optimization of the reaction conditions (Scheme 1).

**Scheme 1: Synthesis of compounds 1 in PEG₄₀₀**

With this work we were able to optimize the reaction conditions and to study the scope of the reaction in the position 7 of the thieno[3,2-b]pyridine scaffold using a one-pot procedure in an environmental friendly solvent. The new compounds were fully characterized and they will be submitted to biological studies.

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