

Gold(III)Chloride Catalysed Synthesis of 5-Alkylidene-dihydrothiazoles

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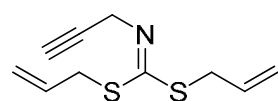
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General procedure 1: synthesis of dithiocarboimidates 7a-7f

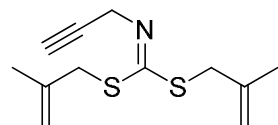
In a dry 50 ml flask 0,600 g (10,9 mmol, 1 equiv) propargylamine is dissolved in 30 ml of hexane. To this 11 g (109 mmol, 10 equiv) Et₃N is added. The flask is placed under inert atmosphere and is cooled to 0°C in order to buffer the exothermic reaction. Slowly 1,26 g (16,4 mmol, 1,5 equiv) carbondisulfide is added, using a syringe. The cooling baths is removed, and the reaction is allowed to stir at room temperature for one hour. A white suspension is formed. Subsequently, 8 equivalents of an allylic bromide are added and the reaction is stirred at room temperature during an overnight period. The extraction is performed from aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ by means of dichloromethane (3x). The combined organic phases are dried using MgSO₄ and the volatiles are removed by rotary evaporation. Further purification is performed by means of column chromatography when the allylic bromide could not be evaporated.

diallylprop-2-ynyl dithiocarboimide 7a



¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.26 (1H, t, J=2.8Hz, C_q≡CH); 3.67 (2H, d, J=7.2Hz, SCH₂); 3.72 (2H, d, J=6.6Hz, SCH₂); 4.23 (2H, d, J=2.8Hz, NCH₂); 5.08 (1H, d, J=9.9Hz, CH=CH_EH₂); 5.15 (1H, d, J=9.9Hz, CH=CH_EH₂); 5.23 (1H, d, J=16.5Hz, CH=CH_EH₂); 5.28 (1H, d, J=15.7Hz, CH=CH_EH₂); 5.79-5.94 (2H, m, 2x CH=CH₂). ¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 34.5 (SCH₂); 35.5 (SCH₂); 42.3 (C_qCH₂); 71.1 (C_q≡CH); 81.6 (C_q≡CH); 118.3 (CH=CH₂); 119.0 (CH=CH₂); 132.7 (CH=CH₂); 133.0 (CH=CH₂); 159.7 (NC_qS₂). MS (ESI): m/z (%): 212 (M + H⁺, 100). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₀H₁₃NS₂ + H⁺ = 212.0568, found = 212.0571. IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}: 1567 (N=CS₂); 1636 (CH=CH₂); 3296 (C≡CH). Chromatography: PE/EtOAc 95/5 R_f = 0.20. Y: 78%.

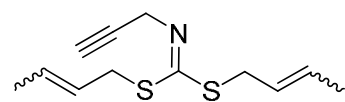
bis(2-methylallyl)prop-2-ynyl dithiocarboimide 7b



¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.80 (3H, s, CH₃); 1.84 (3H, s, CH₃); 2.26 (1H, t, J=2.5Hz, HC≡C_q); 3.72 (2H, s, SCH₂); 3.74 (2H, s, SCH₂); 4.29 (2H, d, J=2.5Hz, NCH₂); 4.86 (1H, s, C_q=CH_aH_b); 4.92 (1H, s, C_q=CH_aH_b); 4.97 (1H, s, C_q=CH_aH_b); 5.03 (1H, s, C_q=CH_aH_b). ¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.4 (CH₃); 21.6 (CH₃); 38.5 (SCH₂); 39.8 (SCH₂); 42.3 (NCH₂); 70.8 (HC≡C_q); 81.1 (HC≡C_q); 114.6 (H₂C=C_q); 115.3 (H₂C=C_q); 140.0 (H₂C=C_q); 140.7 (H₂C=C_q); 160.9 (NC_qS₂). MS (ESI): m/z (%): 240.3 (M + H⁺, 100). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₇NS₂ + H⁺ = 240.0881, found = 240.0885. IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}: 1568 (N=CS₂); 1649 (C=CH₂); 3298 (C≡CH). Y: 89%.

Di(but-2-enyl)prop-2-ynyl dithiocarboimide 7c

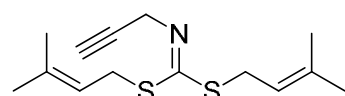
An inseparable mixture of EE, EZ and ZZ **7c** was characterised.



¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.70 (6H, m, 2x CH₃, EE of 2x CH₃, EZ of 2x CH₃, ZZ); 2.27 (1H, ~t, J=2.2Hz, C_q≡CH); 3.65 (2H, d, J=6.1Hz, SC_{a,E}H₂); 3.70 (2H, d, J=7.2Hz, SC_{b,E}H₂); 3.73 (2H, d, J=7.2Hz, SC_{a,Z}H₂); 3.78 (2H, d, J=7.7Hz, SC_{b,Z}H₂); 4.26 (2H, d, J=2.2Hz, C_qCH₂); 5.47-5.57 (2H, m, 2x CH₂CH₃); 5.60-5.79 (2H, m, 2x CH₂CH). ¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.0 (C_ZH₃); 17.9 (C_EH₃); 28.7 (SC_{a,Z}H₂); 29.3 (SC_{b,Z}H₂); 34.0 (SC_{a,E}H₂); 34.9 (SC_{b,E}H₂); 42.1 (C_qCH₂); 70.9 (C_q≡CH); 81.2 (C_q≡CH); 124.2 (CH₂C_aH, EZ); 124.3 (CH₂C_aH, ZZ); 124.4 (CH₂C_bH, EZ); 125.27 (CH₂C_aH, EE); 125.35 (CH₂C_bH, ZZ); 125.4 (CH₂C_bH, EE); 128.5 (C_aHCH₃, EZ); 128.6 (C_aHCH₃, ZZ); 129.2 (C_bHCH₃, EZ); 129.67 (C_aHCH₃, EE); 129.71 (C_bHCH₃, ZZ); 130.4 (C_bHCH₃, EE); 160.6 (NC_qS₂, EE); 160.8 (NC_qS₂, EZ); 160.9 (NC_qS₂, ZZ). MS (ESI): m/z (%): 240 (M + H⁺, 100).

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{17}NS_2 + H^+ = 240.0880$, found = 240.0879. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1561 (N=CS₂); 1698 (HC=CH); 3292 (C≡CH). **Y:** 79%.

bis(3-methylbut-2-enyl)prop-2-ynyl dithiocarboimidate 7d

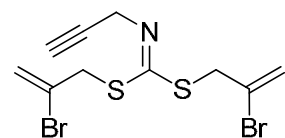


¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.70 (6H, s, 2x C_qC₂H₃); 1.74 (6H, s, 2x C_qC_EH₃); 2.27 (1H, t, J=2.2Hz, C_q≡CH); 3.69 (2H, d, J=8.3Hz, SCH₂); 3.74 (2H, d, J=7.7Hz, SCH₂); 4.24 (2H, d, J=2.2Hz, C_qCH₂); 5.23-5.31 (2H, m, 2x SCH₂CH). **¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 17.9 (2x C_qC_ZH₃); 25.8 (2x C_qC_EH₃); 30.2 (SCH₂); 30.8 (SCH₂); 42.1 (NCH₂); 70.7 (C_q≡CH); 81.3 (C_q≡CH); 118.1 (SCH₂CH); 118.2 (SCH₂CH); 137.2 (C_q(CH₃)₂); 138.0 (C_q(CH₃)₂); 161.7 (NCS₂). **MS (ESI):** m/z (%): 268 (M + H⁺, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{21}NS_2 + H^+ = 268.1193$, found = 268.1201. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1570 (N=CS₂); 1666 (HC=C); 3294 (C≡CH).

Chromatography: Hex/EtOAc 95/5 R_f = 0.41. **Y:** 88%.

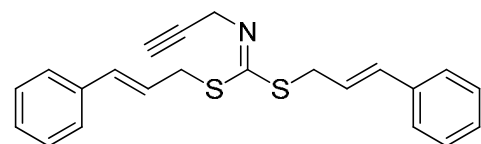
bis(2-bromo-allyl)prop-2-ynyl dithiocarboimidate 7e

Freshly distilled bromide must be used. The isolated product is to be used for ring closure immediately.



¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.28 (1H, t, J=2.8Hz, HC≡C_q); 4.06 (2H, s, SCH₂); 4.07 (2H, s, SCH₂); 4.34 (2H, d, J=2.8Hz, NCH₂); 5.51 (1H, d, J=1.4Hz, C_q=CH_aH_b); 5.60 (1H, d, J=2.2Hz, C_q=CH_aH_b); 5.90 (1H, ~d, J=1.4Hz, C_q=CH_aH_b); 5.98 (1H, ~d, J=2.2Hz, C_q=CH_aH_b). **¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 41.4 (NCH₂); 42.67 (SCH₂); 42.71 (SCH₂); 71.3 (CH≡C_q); 80.6 (CH≡C_q); 120.6 (2x C_q=CH₂); 127.6 (2x C_qBr); 157.9 (NCS₂). **MS (ESI):** m/z (%): 368 (M + H⁺, 40); 370 (M + H⁺, 100); 372 (M + H⁺, 60). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{11}Br_2NS_2 + H^+ = 369.8757$, found = 369.8754. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1576 (N=CS₂); 1623 (C=CH₂); 3295 (C≡CH). **Chromatography:** PE/EtOAc 95/5 R_f = 0.38. **Y:** 80%.

bis((Z)-3-phenylallyl)prop-2-ynyl dithiocarboimidate 7f

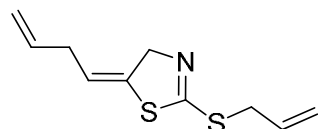


¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.27 (1H, t, J=2.5Hz, HC≡C_q); 3.89 (2H, d, J=7.2Hz, SCH₂); 3.92 (2H, d, J=7.2Hz, SCH₂); 4.31 (2H, d, J=2.5Hz, NCH₂); 6.23 (1H, dt, J=15.7Hz, J=7.2Hz, SCH₂CH); 3.24 (1H, dt, J=15.7Hz, J=7.2Hz, SCH₂CH); 6.60 (2H, ~d, J=15.7Hz, 2x CH₂CH=CH); 7.26-7.38 (10H, m, 10x CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 34.5 (SCH₂); 35.5 (SCH₂); 42.4 (NCH₂); 71.0 (HC≡C_q); 81.2 (HC≡C_q); 123.8 (SCH₂CH); 124.2 (SCH₂CH); 126.5 (2x C_qCH_{arom.} ortho); 126.6 (2x C_qCH_{arom.} ortho); 127.7 (CH_{arom.} para); 128.1 (CH_{arom.} para); 128.7 (2x CH_{arom.} meta); 128.7 (2x CH_{arom.} meta); 133.7 (CH=C_qCH); 134.2 (CH=C_qCH); 136.4 (C_{q, arom.}); 136.9 (C_{q, arom.}); 169.2 (NCS₂). **MS (ESI):** m/z (%): 364 (M + H⁺, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}NS_2 - H^+ = 362.1037$, found = 362.1045. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1566 (N=CS₂); 1672 (CH_{arom.}); 3288 (C≡CH). **Chromatography:** Hex/EtOAc 98/2 R_f = 0.20. **Y:** 81%.

General procedure 2: synthesis of dihydrothiazoles 9a-9f

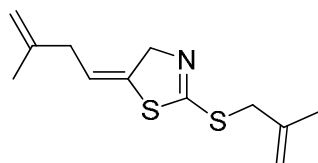
In a dry 25 ml flask under inert atmosphere, dithiocarboimidate **7** is dissolved in dry dichloromethane. Subsequently 0.05 equivalents of AuCl₃ is added and the reaction is stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. The reaction mixture is filtered over a small plug of silica gel and after evaporation of the volatiles, dihydrothiazoles **9** are obtained.

(E)-2-(thioallyl)-5-(but-3-enylidene)-4,5-dihydrothiazole 9a



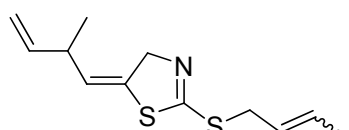
¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.76 (2H, dd, J=7.7Hz, J=6.1Hz, HCCH₂CH); 3.76 (2H, d, J=6.6Hz, SCH₂); 4.83 (2H, ~d, J=3.0Hz, NCH₂); 5.01 (1H, ~dd, J=9.9Hz, J=1.1Hz, CHCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.06 (1H, ~dd, J=17.1Hz, J=1.1Hz, CHCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.15 (1H, dd, J=9.9Hz, J=1.1Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.28 (1H, dd, J=17.1, J=1.1Hz, SCH₂CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.50 (1H, tt, J=7.7Hz, J=3.0Hz, C_q=CH); 5.76 (1H, ddt, J=17.1Hz, J=9.9Hz, J=6.1Hz, C_qCHCH₂CH); 5.93 (1H, ddt, J=17.1Hz, J=9.9Hz, J=6.6Hz, SCH₂CH). ¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 34.3 (HCCH₂CH); 34.7 (SCH₂); 67.1 (NCH₂); 115.6 (CH=CH₂); 116.1 (C_q=CH); 118.7 (SCH₂CH=CH₂); 132.7 (SCH₂CH); 135.0 (HCCH₂CH=CH₂); 139.8 (SC_qCH₂); 163.1 (NC_qS₂). MS (ESI): m/z (%): 212 (M + H⁺, 100). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₀H₁₃NS₂ + H⁺ = 212.0567, found = 212.0564. IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}: 1573 (N=CS₂); 1637 (HC=CH₂). Y: 92%.

(E)-2-(thio-2-methylallyl)-5-(3-methylbut-3-enylidene)-4,5-dihydrothiazole 9b



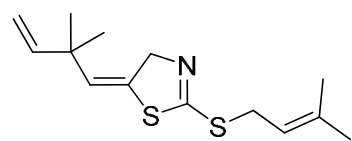
¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.73 (3H, s, CH₃); 1.84 (3H, s, CH₃); 2.71 (2H, d, J=7.7Hz, CHCH₂); 3.79 (2H, s, SCH₂); 4.72 (1H, s, CHCH₂C_q=CH_aH_b); 4.74 (1H, s, CHCH₂C_q=CH_aH_b); 4.85 (2H, ~d, J=3.0Hz, NCH₂); 4.91 (1H, s, SCH₂C_qCH_aH_b); 5.02 (1H, s, SCH₂C_qCH_aH_b); 5.54 (1H, tt, J=7.7Hz, J=3.0Hz, SC_q=CH). ¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5 (CH₃); 22.5 (CH₃); 38.6 (CHCH₂); 38.8 (SCH₂); 66.9 (NCH₂); 111.1 (C_q=CH₂); 114.9 (C_q=CH₂); 116.6 (C_q=CHCH₂); 139.7 (C_q=CH₂); 140.2 (C_q=CH₂); 143.1 (SC_q=CH); 163.8 (NC_qS₂). MS (ESI): m/z (%): 240 (M + H⁺, 100). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₇NS₂ + H⁺ = 240.0881, found = 240.0875. IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}: 1575 (N=CS₂); 1651 (C=CH₂). Y: 93%.

(5E)-2-(thiobut-2-enyl)-5-(2-methylbut-3-enylidene)-4,5-dihydrothiazole 9c



¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.10 (3H, d, J=6.6Hz, CHCH₃); 1.69 (3H, 2x d, J=6.0Hz, CH₂CH=CHCH₃, E and Z); 2.89 (1H, m, C_q=CHCHCH₃); 3.72 (2H, d, J=6.6Hz, SCH₂, E); 3.80 (2H, d, J=7.7Hz, SCH₂, Z); 4.85 (2H, m, NCH₂); 5.34 (1H, dt, J=9.4Hz, J=3.0Hz, C_q=CH); 5.50-5.75 (3H, m, CH=CH, CH=CH₂). ¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.0 (CH₂CH=CHC_ZH₃); 17.9 (CH₂CH=CHC_EH₃); 20.3 (C_q=CHCHCH₃); 28.8 (SCH₂, Z); 34.2 (SCH₂, E); 39.3 (C_q=CHCHCH₃); 66.9 (NCH₂); 113.2 (CH=CH₂); 122.3 (C_q=CH); 124.1 (=C_{Z,a}H); 125.2 (=C_{E,a}H); 129.1 (=C_{Z,b}H); 130.2 (=C_{E,b}H); 138.4 (SC_q=CH); 140.8 (CH=CH₂); 163.5 (NC_qS₂). MS (ESI): m/z (%): 240 (M + H⁺, 100). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₇NS₂ + H⁺ = 240.0881, found = 240.0889. IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}: 1570 (N=CS₂); 1637, 1667 (C=C). Y: 91%.

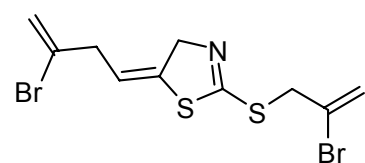
(E)-5-(2,2-dimethylbut-3-enylidene)-2-(thio-3-methylbut-2-enyl)-4,5-dihydrothiazole 9d



¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.16 (6H, s, C_q(CH₃)₂); 1.69 (3H, s, HC=C_qCH₃); 1.73 (3H, s, HC=C_qCH₃); 3.74 (2H, d, J=7.7Hz, SCH₂); 4.83 (2H, d, J=3.0Hz, NCH₂); 5.01 (1H, d, J=17.6Hz, CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.05 (1H, d, J=9.9Hz, CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.30 (1H, t, 7.7Hz, SCH₂CH); 5.50 (1H, t, J=3.0Hz, SC_q=CH); 5.82 (1H, dd, J=17.6Hz, J=9.9Hz; C_qCH=CH₂). **¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 17.9 (HC=C_qCH₃); 25.8 (HC=C_qCH₃); 27.6 (HCC_q(CH₃)₂); 30.3 (SCH₂); 40.1 (C_q(CH)₂); 66.4 (NCH₂); 111.4 (HC=CH₂); 118.0 (SCH₂CH); 126.6 (SC_q=CH); 137.9 (HC=C_q(CH₃)₂); 139.4 (SC_q=CH); 145.2 (HC=CH₂); 163.2 (NC_qS₂). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 268 (M + H⁺, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₄H₂₁NS₂ + H⁺ = 268.1194, found = 268.1189. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1572 (N=CS₂); 1633, 1670 (C=C). **Y:** 92%.

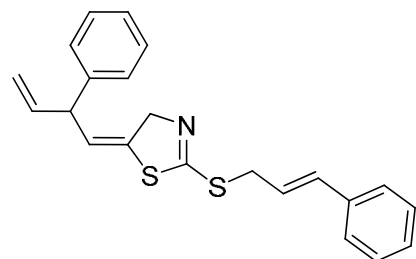
(E)-2-(thio-2-bromoallyl)-5-(3-bromo-but-3-enylidene)-4,5-dihydrothiazole 9e

An analytically pure sample can be obtained only through three consecutive chromatographic steps. In this case, yield drops considerably to 51%.



¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.15 (2H, d, J=7.7Hz, CHCH₂); 4.12 (2H, s, SCH₂); 4.85 (2H, m, NCH₂); 5.43 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz, C_q=CH_aH_b); 5.51-5.55 (1H, m, SC_q=CH); 5.56 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz, C_q=CH_aH_b); 5.63 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz, C_q=CH_aH_b); 5.95 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz, C_q=CH_aH_b). **¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 41.2 (CHCH₂); 42.1 (SCH₂); 67.1 (NCH₂); 114.4 (C_q=CH₂); 117.5 (C_q=CH₂); 120.4 (C_q=CHCH₂); 127.3 (C_q=CH₂); 130.7 (C_q=CH₂); 142.4 (SC_q=CH); 162.1 (NC_qS₂). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 368 (M + H⁺, 45); 370 (M + H⁺, 100); 372 (M + H⁺, 55). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₁₀H₁₁Br₂NS₂ + H⁺ = 369.8757, found = 369.8762. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1570 (N=CS₂); 1631 (C=CH₂). **Chromatography:** PE/EtOAc 95/5 R_f = 0.21. **Y:** quant, purity 85%.

(E)-2-(cinnamylthio)-5-(2-phenylbut-3-enylidene)-4,5-dihydrothiazole 9f



¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.94 (2H, d, J=7.2Hz, SCH₂); 4.05 (1H, m, CHCH=CH₂); 4.91 (2H, m, NCH₂); 5.13 (1H, d, J=17.6Hz, CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.13 (1H, d, J=9.9Hz, CH=CH_EH_Z); 5.70 (1H, dt, J=9.4Hz, J=3.0Hz, SC_q=CH); 5.94 (1H, ddd, J=17.6Hz, J=9.9Hz, J=6.6Hz, CHCH=CH₂); 6.29 (1H, dt, J=15.6Hz, J=7.2Hz, SCH₂CH); 6.60 (1H, d, 15.6Hz, CH₂CH=CH); 7.20-7.38 (10H, m, CH_{arom.}). **¹³C-NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 34.6 (SCH₂); 50.5 (CH₂=CHCH); 67.2 (NCH₂); 115.4 (CHCH=CH₂); 120.0 (SC_qCH); 123.9 (SCH₂CH); 126.6 (2x CH_{arom.} ortho); 126.7 (CH_{arom.} para); 127.6 (2x CH_{arom.} meta); 128.0 (CH_{arom.} para); 128.7 (2x CH_{arom.} ortho); 128.9 (2x CH_{arom.} meta); 133.9 (SCH₂CH=CH); 136.6 (C_q); 138.8 (CHCH=CH₂); 139.9 (C_q); 142.2 (C_q); 163.4 (NC_qS₂). **MS (ESI): m/z (%):** 364 (M + H⁺, 100). **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NS₂ + H⁺ = 364.1193, found = 364.1185. **IR (cm⁻¹) v_{max}:** 1573 (N=CS₂); 1670 (C=C). **Chromatography:** PE/EtOAc 98/2 R_f = 0.29. **Y:** 74%.

