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## synthesis of certain trityl derivatives of molluscicidal activity

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This work was directed towards the preparation of some new, as well as known compounds from different organic groups. The prepared compounds have been tested as potential molluscicidal agents against *Biomphalaria alexandrina* and *Bulinus truncatus*. The compounds include the following: 1. Tritylthiourea and -semicarbazide derivatives (19a-k, 20 and 26a,b). 2. 1,3,4-Thiadiazole derivatives 28a-d. 3. --(2,7-Chlorophenoxy)cinna-mannosides 32a-d, and ;x-(2,7-chlorophenoxy)-2-furylacrylamides 36a,b. 4. 1,2-Substituted nitroethylene derivatives 38a-j. Biological screening of these compounds showed that N-trityl 1-(4-pyridyl)thiourea (19i) was most active as molluscicide against *Bulinus truncatus* and *Biomphalaria alexandrina* at 1 and 1.5 ppm respectively, while other compounds belonging to the items 1, 2 and 3 were found inactive. All compounds belonging to the nitroethylene series 38a-j, possessed molluscicidal activity of different degrees. However, an electron withdrawing substituent at the ethylenic bond resulted in enhancement of activity than an electron releasing moiety. These results are illustrated by the very low activity of the 2-methyl-phenyl and 2-dimethylaminophenyl- derivatives (38e and j). Plotting  $\log$  values for the compounds with aryl substituents against activity afforded a straight line (cf. curve 1 and 2), although the number of compounds tested were limited.