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Hydroxyphenylthioureas were obtained by the reaction of nitro, chloro, bromo, or amino derivatives of benzoxazoline-2-thiones with primary amines. If the substituent in the benzene ring is a nitro group, the reaction with certain secondary amines proceeds with the production of trisubstituted thioureas. It is shown that electron-acceptor substituents in the 5 and 6 positions of the benzene ring facilitate this reaction.

We have previously demonstrated that in the reaction of benzoxazoline-2-thione and its sulfonamido derivative (I, X = H, SO₂NH₂; Y = H) with primary aliphatic and aliphaticaromatic amines the heterocyclic ring is opened with the addition of the amine and the formation of thiourea derivatives II [1-3], whereas 2-aminobenzoxazole derivatives are obtained in its reaction with certain secondary and aromatic amines [4]. With these peculiarities

TABLE 1. 2-Hydroxyphenylthioureas (II1-35)

acetyl derivative.

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in mind and taking into account the valuable properties of the products, which have antivirus activity and accelerating action in the vulcanization of rubber mixtures [5], we continued our research in this direction.

To establish the effect of several substituents in the benzene ring on the properties of benzoxazoline-2-thione we investigated amino, halo, and nitro derivatives of benzoxazolinethiones I (X = Cl, NO₂, NH₂, Y = H; X = H, Y = Br, NO₂). The results show that the processes that occur in the reaction of these compounds with primary amines are similar to the previously investigated reactions with benzoxazoline-2-thiones (I, X = H, SO₂NH₂, Y = H). The reaction products are also 2-hydroxyphenylthioureas II₁₋₆, II₁₀₋₁₆, and II₂₀₋₃₅ (see Table 1). In the case of the reaction of nitro derivatives of benzoxazoline-2-thione (I, X = NO₂, Y = H; X = H, Y = NO₂) with secondary amines, viz., diethylamine, dibutylamine, and piperidine, the reaction takes place in the same way as with primary amines: Trisubstituted derivatives of thiourea (II₇₋₉, II₁₇₋₁₉) are obtained. In addition, it must be



noted that the reaction proceeds at its highest rate when the substituent is a nitro group; other electron-acceptor substituents also accelerate this reaction. Of particular interest in the IR spectra of II is the region of the stretching vibrations of the N-H and O-H groups: The spectra of starting I (X = Cl, NH₂, Y = H; X = H, Y = Br) contain only one band of characteristic vibrations of the N-H group (3343-3345 cm⁻¹). Two peaks, the first of which (3395-3405 cm⁻¹) corresponds to the stretching vibrations of the N-H group, the second of which (3510-3530 cm⁻¹) is related to the characteristic vibrations of a hydroxy group in an aromatic ring, are observed in the spectra of the reaction products (in chloroform).

EXPERIMENTAL

<u>N-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)thioureas (II₁₋₃₅)</u>. A mixture of 1 g (4-6 mmole) of benzoxazoline-2-thione I and 2 ml (12-30 mmole) of the amine was heated on a water bath, after which it was cooled and dissolved in 200 ml of ether. The ether solution was washed with 6% hydrochloric acid solution and extracted with a 5% solution of alkali. A precipitate formed when the alkaline extract was acidified. The yields and constants of the compounds are presented in Table 1.

The compounds are soluble in alcohol, acetone, ether, ethyl acetate, and alkali solution, slightly soluble in benzene, and insoluble in cold water and acid solutions. The thiourea derivatives that contain a nitro group in the hydroxyphenyl substituent decompose with hydrogen sulfide evolution when they are heated in a polar solvent, as a consequence of which they must be recrystallized from benzene or benzene acetone.

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