

spectrum (CF₃COOH, HDMS): 3.20 (3H, singlet, NCH₃), 3.23 (3H, singlet, NCH₃), 4.02-4.90 ppm (5H, multiplet, SCH and 2NCH₂).

2-[(8-Bromo-3-methyl-7-xanthinyl)methyl]-2,3-dihydro-8-methylthiazolo[2,3-f]xanthine (IIIc). The compound had mp >330°C (with decomposition, from acetic acid). Mass spectrum: m/z 482 and 480 (M⁺).

The data of elemental analysis of compounds IIIa-c corresponded to the calculated values.

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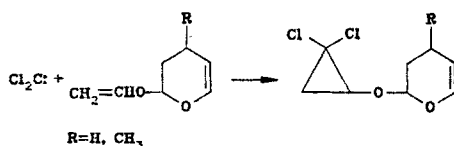
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REGIOSELECTIVE ADDITION OF DICHLOROCARBENE TO 2-VINYLOXY-3,4-DIHYDROPYRANS

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We have found that the reaction (temperature ~10°C, time ~2.5 h) between 2-vinyloxy-3,4-dihydropyrans and dichlorocarbene (generated from chloroform and the two-phase system CH₂Cl₂-50% NaOH) in the presence of triethylbenzylammonium chloride (TEBA) gives 3,4-dihydro-2-(2,2-dichlorocyclopropoxy)pyrans (the products of addition to the vinyloxy group) only:



Increasing the temperature and the reaction time failed to afford the products of addition to the endocyclic double bond. Omission of the methylene chloride from this system results in the partial formation of the diadduct.

To a mixture of 6.3 g of 2-vinyloxy-3,4-dihydropyran, 0.2 g of TEBA, 10 ml of CH₂Cl₂ and 16 ml of 50% NaOH was added at 10°C over 0.5 h with vigorous stirring a solution of 8 ml of chloroform in 10 ml of CH₂Cl₂. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at 10°C, and worked up in the usual way to give 5.95 g (57%) of 3,4-dihydro-2-(2,2-dichlorocyclopropoxy)pyran, bp 89°C (15 mm), n_D²⁰ 1.4860, d₄²⁰ 1.2370. PMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ: 6.22 (1H, d, 6-H), 5.23 (1H, m, 2-H), 4.79 (1H, m, 5-H), 3.66 (1H, d.d, 1'-H), 1.92 (4H, m, 3- and 4-H), 1.62 ppm (2H, m, 3'-H). According to [1], bp 65°C (1 mm), n_D²⁰ 1.4860, d₄²⁰ 1.2368.

Obtained similarly was 3,4-dihydro-2-(2,2-dichlorocyclopropoxy)-4-methylpyran, bp 81°C (1 mm), n_D²⁰ 1.4883, d₄²⁰ 1.2312, yield 49%. PMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ: 6.17 (1H, d, 6-H), 5.37 (1H, m, 2-H), 4.60 (1H, m, 5-H), 3.60 (1H, d.d, 1'-H), 1.87 (3H, m, 3- and 4-H), 1.58 (2H, m, 3'-H), 1.07 ppm (3H, d, 4-CH₃).

Elemental analytical data agreed with that calculated.

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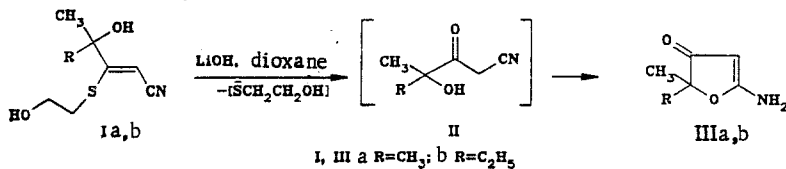
CYCLIZATION OF 3-HYDROXY-3-ALKYL-2-(2-HYDROXYETHYLTHIO)-1-BUTENECARBONITRILES TO 5-AMINOFURAN-3-ONES

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3-Hydroxy-3-methyl-2-propylthio-1-butenecarbonitrile, obtained by the reaction between tertiary cyanoacetylenic alcohols and propanethiol, is highly stable, and does not undergo changes (isomerization or cyclization) either on keeping or on heating [1].

We have found that the sulfides (I), obtained from the same cyanoacetylenic alcohols and 2-mercaptoethanol, are very different in their chemical properties and undergo intramolecular cyclization to give, instead of the expected 1,3-oxathiolanes or iminodihydrofurans [2, 3], the 5-amino-2,2-dialkyl-2,3-dihydrofuran-3-ones (III).



An intermediate in the conversion of (I) into (III) appears to be the hydroxyketonitrile (II), formed by hydrolytic cleavage of the sulfide moiety. A similar cyclization has been observed when (I) is kept at room temperature (50 days).

5-Amino-2,3-dihydro-2,2-dimethylfuran-3-one (IIIa). A mixture of 0.3 g (1.6 mmole) of the sulfide (Ia), 0.03 g of LiOH, and 6 ml of dioxane was stirred for 3 h at 50°C. The dioxane was then removed under reduced pressure, and the residue dissolved in acetone and the solution filtered. Removal of the acetone gave 0.1 g (50%) of the aminofuranone (IIIa), mp 228-230°C (sublimes). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-D₆), δ: 7.76 (2H, s), 4.28 (1H, s), 1.29 ppm (6H, s). ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-D₆): 178.29 [C₍₅₎], 87.87 [C₍₄₎], 198.17 [C₍₃₎], 75.79 [C₍₁₎], 23.51 ppm (CH₃). IR spectrum (chloroform): 980...1050 (C-O-C), 1600 (C=CH), 1680 (C=O), 3420, 3450 cm⁻¹ (NH₂).

5-Amino-2,3-dihydro-2-methyl-2-ethylfuran-3-one (IIIb) was obtained similarly in 68% yield, mp 205-206°C (sublimes). PMR spectrum (DMSO-D₆), δ: 7.80 (2H, s), 4.30 (1H, s), 1.50 (2H, q), 1.30 (1H, s), 0.99 ppm (3H, t). IR spectrum (chloroform): 980...1070 (C-O-C), 1600 (C=CH), 1680 (C=O), 3420, 3450 cm⁻¹ (NH₂).

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