E-2-AROYLMETHYLENE-3,4-DIHYDRO-2H-1,3-BENZOXAZIN-4-ONES – A NEW CLASS OF HETEROCYCLIC ENAMINO KETONES

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Aroylketenes generated by the thermal decarbonylation of 5-aryl-2,3-dihydro-2,3-furandiones react with salicylamide regioselectively to give N-aroylacetylation products, namely, N-o-hydroxybenzoylamides of aroylacetic acids **1a** and **1b**. This reaction does not proceed without thermolysis [1]. Evidence for the structure of the products may be found in their formation from 6-aryl-2,2-dimethyl-4H-1,3-dioxin-4-ones, which also generate ketenes upon thermolysis, and salicyalamide. Attempts to effect the intramolecular cyclizations of amides **1a** and **1b** by heating were unsuccessful and led to decomposition of the reaction system.

We have developed a preparative method for the intramolecular cyclization of amides $\bf 1a$ and $\bf 1b$ by the action of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide with the production of dicyclohexylurea and formation of E-2-aroylmethylene-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,3-benzoxazin-4-ones $\bf 2a$ and $\bf 2b$, which feature intramolecular hydrogen bonding between the $N_{(3)}H$ group and carbonyl oxygen atom of the side-chain.

We should note that benzoxazinone 2 are members of a new class heterocyclic enamino ketones. A search for such compounds using the CAS and Beilstein data bases was unsuccessful.

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E-2-Phenacylidene-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,3-benzoxazin-4-one (2a). A solution of amide 1a (0.50 g, 1.765 mmol) and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (0.36 g, 1.765 mmol) in absolute dioxane (10 ml) was heated at reflux for 1 h and cooled. The precipitate of dicyclohexylurea was filtered off and the mother liquor was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from benzene to give 0.40 g (85%) of compound 2a; mp 198-199°C (benzene). IR spectrum (vaseline oil), v, cm⁻¹: 1700 (C₍₄₎=O), 1630 br (COPh). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 6.05 (1H, s, CH); 7.24-8.10 (9H, m, ArH); 13.29 (1H, s, NH). Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel} , %): 265 (68) [M]⁺. Found, %: C 72.44; H 4.20; N 5.28. C₁₆H₁₁NO₃. Calculated, %: C 72.45; H 4.18; N 5.28; M 265.

E-2-p-Toluoylmethylidene-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,3-benzoxazin-4-one (2b) was synthesized analogously. The yield of 2b was 0.40 g (82%); mp 185-186°C (benzene). IR spectrum (vaseline oil), ν , cm⁻¹: 1705 (C₍₄₎=O), 1640 br (COAr). ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 2.40 (3H, s, Me); 6.00 (1H, s, CH); 7.21-8.08 (8H, m, ArH); 13.29 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 21.53 (Me), 81.09 (C₍₂₎=<u>C</u>H), 116.35 (C_(4a)), 125.20-142.91 (Ar), 153.88 (C_(8a)), 156.78 (C₍₂₎), 160.26 (C₍₄₎), 189.61 (<u>C</u>OC₆H₄). Found, %: C 73.18; H 4.79; N 5.03. C₁₇H₁₃NO₃. Calculated, %: C 73.11; H 4.69; N 5.01.

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