# Preparation and Cyclization of 4-Chloro-5,5 dimethyl-3-formyl-1,2-oxathiolene 2,2-dioxide

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ABSTRACT: *Chloroformylation of 5,5-dimethyl-1,2 oxathiolan-4-one 2,2-dioxide* **4** *with Vilsmeier reagent (DMF/POCl3) led to the formation of cyclic β-chlorovinylaldehyde (4-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-3-formyl-1,2 oxathiolene 2,2-dioxide* **5***). Compound* **5** *reacted with formamidine, o-aminophenol, 1,2-phenylenediamine, aminopyrazole, and aminotetrazole to give the corresponding heterocyclic compounds.* © 2005 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. Heteroatom Chem 16:200–204, 2005; Published online in Wiley InterScience (www.interscience.wiley. com). DOI 10.1002/hc.20094

# *INTRODUCTION*

The Vilsmeier reagent, HCONR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>/POCl<sub>3</sub>, has found extensive application in the synthesis of aldehyde derivatives and formamidines [1]. The reagent is an equilibrium mixture of two iminium salts, the more reactive being the  $\beta$ -phosphoryliminium chloride (A) rather than the  $\beta$ -chloroiminium phosphate (B) [2] (Fig. 1).

We recently reported that application of the Vilsmeier's reaction to acetylphosphonate led stereospecific formation of  $(Z)$ - $\beta$ -phosphonyl- $\beta$ -chlorovinylaldehyde [3]. We investigated this synthesis more deeply and widened it to 5,5-dimethyl-1,2 oxathiolan-4-one 2,2-dioxide **4**. Chloroformylation of 5,5-dimethyl-1,2-oxathiolan-4-one 2,2-dioxide **4** with Vilsmeier reagent  $(DMF/POCl<sub>3</sub>)$  afforded suc- $\cosh(4\cosh(1-\beta))$  cyclic  $\beta$ -chlorovinylaldehyde **5** (4-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-3-formyl-1,2-oxathiolene 2,2-dioxide). **5** is a very useful intermediate for the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds.

## *RESULTS AND DISCUSSION*

The action of  $DMF/POCl<sub>3</sub>on 5.5-dimethyl-1,2-oxa$ thiolan-4-one 2,2-dioxide **4** at 30◦ C led to the sole product 4-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-3-formyl-1,2-oxathiolene 2,2-dioxide **5** in 64.5% yield (Scheme 1). The reaction of **5** with formamidine, aminopyrazole, aminotetrazole, *o*-aminophenol, 1,2-phenylenediamine, and 5-phenyl-4-amino-3-mercapto-(4*H*)-1,2,4 triazoles gave the corresponding heterocyclic compounds  $6-10$  in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$  (Scheme 2). These heterocyclic compounds were all characterized by their  ${}^{1}$ H,  ${}^{13}$ C NMR, and elemental analysis.

Of all the new compounds, compounds **9a, 9b**, and **10** have a seven-membered ring, which is commonly considered unfavorable because of the high strain in seven-membered ring. X-ray diffraction analysis of a single crystal of **10** further established the structure [4]. As depicted in Fig. 2, there undoubtedly exists a seven-membered ring  $C_{11}$ - $C_{10}$ - $C_{9}$ - $S_1-C_8-N_3-N_4$ . Selective bond distances and angles are listed under Fig. 2.

On treatment of 4-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-3-formyl-1,2-oxathiolene 2,2-dioxide **5** with 1,2-phenylenediamine and aminopyrazole in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$ ,

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**FIGURE 1** The two forms of Vilsmeier reagent.

which gave the expected compounds **7a** and **9b**, respectively, we also obtained small amounts of the imines **11** and **12** that resulted by the reaction of the formyl group of **5** with the amino group of aminopyrazole or 1,2-phenylenediamine (Scheme 3).

As shown in Scheme 3, a plausible pathway for this reaction would consist of two steps: in the first step, 1,2-addition of the amino groups of aminopyrazole or 1,2-phenylenediamine to the formyl group of **5** gives imines **11** and **12**; in the second step, intramolecular nucleophilic substitution of the nitrogen atom in **11** or **12** with chlorine atom on  $C_4$  in them forms the final compounds **7a** and **9b**.

The reaction of 4-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-3-formyl-1,2-oxathiolene 2,2-dioxide **5** with hydrazine, hydroxylamine in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$  can only give the intermediates hydrazones **13** and oxime **14** (Scheme 4), which cannot cyclize further to give the corresponding pyrazoles or isoxazole in the presence of NaH,  $K_2CO_3$ , or DMAP.

#### *CONCLUSIONS*

In conclusion, chloroformylation of 5,5-dimethyl-1,2-oxathiole-4-one 2,2-dioxide **4** with Vilsmeier reagent  $(DMF/POCl<sub>3</sub>)$  led to 3-carbaldehyde-4chloro-5,5-dimethyl-1,2-oxa-thiolene 2,2-dioxide **5**. Compound **5** is a very useful intermediate in organic synthesis. It reacted with formamidine, *o*-aminophenol, 1,2-phenylenediamine, aminopyrazole, and aminotetrazole to give the corresponding heterocyclic compounds in high yields.

### *EXPERIMENTAL*

Melting points were determined with a Thomas– Hoover melting points apparatus. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra









were determined with a Bruker AC-P30 in  $CDCl<sub>3</sub>$  $(CD_3)_2CO$  or DMSO solution. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm  $(\delta)$  downfield from Me<sub>4</sub>Si. Elemental analyses were performed on a Yanaco CHN Corder MT-3 apparatus.

#### *Synthesis of Compound* **4**

To a mixture of acetone cyanohydrin **1** (4.0 mL, 43.8 mmol) in dry  $CH_2Cl_2$  (25 mL) and  $Et_3N$  (12 mL, 87.5 mmol)) was added dropwise methane sulfonyl chloride (4.8 mL, 62.1 mmol) whilst maintaining the temperature between 0 and 5◦ C. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature and was stirred



**FIGURE 2** X-ray structure of compound **10**. The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selective bond distance (A) and angles (°): S(1)-C(8) = 1.723(4), S(1)-C(9) = 1.748(3),  $C(9) - C(10) = 1.338(4)$ ,  $C(10) - C(11) = 1.448(3)$ ,  $C(11) - N(4) = 1.275(4), N(4) - N(3) = 1.389(4). C(10) - C(11) N(4) = 131.5(3), C(11) - N(4) - N(3) = 118.2(3), C(8) - S(1) C(9) = 98.58$ ,  $S(1) - C(9) - C(10) = 123.9(3)$ .





for 2 h. The mixture was filtered over Celite to remove triethylamine hydrochloride, and the filtrate was evaporated. Column chromatography (2:1 mixture of petroleum ether and AcOEt as the eluent) of the residue yielded compound **2** (5.30 g, 74%) as a colorless oil.

Compound **2** (0.43 g, 2.65 mmol) in dry THF (12 mL) was stirred with 60% NaH dispersion in oil (0.13 g, 3.18 mmol, 1.2 equiv) for 3 h at r.t. Water was added slowly to destroy the excess NaH, and the mixture was extracted with AcOEt  $(3 \times 30 \text{ mL})$ . The dried organic layer ( $MgSO<sub>4</sub>$ ) was evaporated to yield a white solid **3** that was recrystallized from  $CH_2Cl_2$ : acetone = 2:1 as colorless plates (0.305 g, 71%): mp 175–176◦ C (lit [5] mp 175–176◦ ).

To a solution of **3** (0.305 g, 1.87 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL) was added concentrated HCl (1 mL) and then the mixture was stirred for 5 min. The mixture was filtered over Celite, and the filtrate was evaporated to leave a solid residue that, upon recrystallization from hexane: toluene (2:1), gave **4** (0.21 g, 66%) as colorless plates: mp 58–59◦ C (lit [4] mp 59◦ C) (see Scheme 5).

## *The Preparation of 4-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-3 formyl-1,2-oxathiolene 2,2-dioxide (***5***)*

To a mixture of POCl<sub>3</sub> (0.12 mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL) was added dropwise a solution of DMF (0.12 mol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5 mL) at 0 $\degree$ C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The







**SCHEME 5**

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. Then 5,5-dimethyl-1,2-oxathiolan-4-one 2,2-dioxide **4** (3.28 g, 0.02 mol) was added dropwise at 0◦ C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured slowly through a condenser to a bottle which contained 150 g crushed ice, and stirred for 3 h more. The aqueous layer was then extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 50 mL brine, dried over  $Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>$ , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude yellow product was purified by recrystallization from AcOEt : petroleum ether (1:2) to give **5** as white crystals (2.73 g, 64.5%), mp 175– 176<sup>°</sup>C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): *δ* 9.88 (s, 1H,  $-CHO$ ), 1.75 [s, 6H,  $(CH_3)_2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 178.22$  (-CHO), 159.64 (C<sub>5</sub>), 121.55 (C<sub>4</sub>), 90.12 [ $(CH_3)_2$ -C-O], 26.78 (CH<sub>3</sub>-); Anal. Calcd for C6H7SO4Cl: C, 34.21; H, 3.35 Found: C, 34.15; H, 3.53.

## *General Procedure for the Cyclization of Compound* **5**

To a mixture of compounds  $5(1 \text{ mmol})$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5) mL) was added dropwise a solution of formamidine, aminopyrazole [6,7], aminotetrazole [8], *o*-aminophenol, 1,2-phenylenediamine, or 5-phenyl-4-amino-3-mercapto-(4*H*)-1,2,4-triazole [9], methylhydrazine [10,11], phenylhydrazine, and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  or water at 10°C, then  $K_2CO_3$  (1 mmol) in water (2 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was kept at 30◦ C for 2–3 h. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 20 mL saturated brine, dried over  $Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>$ , filtered, and concentrated. The residue was separated by silica gel using AcOEt : petroleum ether (3:1) as developing solvent to afford corresponding heterocyclic compounds **6–14**, which can be purified by recrystallizing from suitable solvents.

*3,3-Dimethyl-2-oxa-1-thia-4,6-diaza-indan 1,1 dioxide (***6***).* White crystals, yield 46.36%, mp 128–129<sup>°</sup>C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz,): δ 9.45 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 9.29 (s, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 1.85 [s, 6H,  $(C_1H_3)_2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 170.31 (C<sub>3a</sub>), 162.25 (C<sub>5</sub>), 151.93  $(C_7)$ , 125.45  $(C_{7a})$ , 93.09  $(C_3)$ , 26.21  $(CH_3-)$ ; Anal. Calcd for  $C_7H_8N_2SO_3$ : C, 41.99; H, 4.03; N, 13.99. Found: C, 41.95; H, 4.08; N, 13.93.

*3,3-Dimethyl-8H-2-oxa-1-thia-3b,4,8-triaza-indacene 1,1-dioxide (***7a***).* Yellow crystals, yield 50.2%; mp 213–215°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz,): *δ* 9.21  $(s, 1H, H_9)$ , 8.41  $(s, 1H, H_5)$ , 6.86  $(s, 1H, H_6)$ , 1.94 [s, 6H,  $(C_{\frac{1}{3}})^2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  160.35 (C<sub>3a</sub>), 149.68 (C<sub>9</sub>), 149.3 (C<sub>7</sub>), 132.57 (C<sub>5</sub>), 114.54 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 98.19 ( $C_6$ ), 93.44 ( $C_3$ ), 26.63 ( $CH_3$ ); Anal. Calcd for C9H9N3SO3: C, 39.21; H, 3.66; N, 15.24. Found: C, 39.19; H, 3.76; N, 15.37.

*6-Cyano-3,3-dimethyl-5-methylsulfanyl-1,3-dihydro-2-oxo-1-thia-3b,4,8-triaza-indacene 1,1-dioxide (***7b***).* White crystals, yield 61.29%, mp 237–239◦ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz,): *δ* 7.05 (s, 1H, H<sub>9</sub>), 2.75 (s, 3H,  $-SCH_3$ ), 1.86 [s, 6H,  $(CH_3)_2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO):  $\delta$  164.06 (C<sub>3a</sub>), 162.09 (C<sub>9</sub>), 152.72 (C<sub>7</sub>), 136.01 (C<sub>5</sub>), 122.36 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 115.46 ( $-C \equiv N$ ), 111.79  $(C_6)$ , 92.59  $(C_3)$ , 25.95  $(-2CH_3)$ , 13.18  $(CH_3S-)$ ; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{11}H_{10}N_4S_2O_3$ : C, 42.57; H, 3.25; N, 18.05. Found: C, 42.40; H, 3.39; N, 17.98.

*3,3-Dimethyl-8H-2-oxa-1-thia-3b,4,5,6,8-pentaaza-indacene 1,1-dioxide (***8***).* White crystals, yield 60.50%, mp 160–162°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): *δ* 8.91 (s, 1H, H<sub>9</sub>), 1.82 [s, 6H, (C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  173.75 (C<sub>3a</sub>), 166.30 (C<sub>7</sub>), 154.33 (C<sub>9</sub>), 121.16 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 92.40 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-C-O], 26.11  $(-2CH_3)$ ; Anal. Calcd for  $C_7H_7N_5SO_3$ : C, 34.85; H, 2.93; N, 29.03. Found: C, 34.77; H, 2.88; N, 28.93.

*3,3-Dimethyl-3H-2,4-dioxa-1-thia-10-aza-benzoazulene 1,1-dioxide (***9a***).* White crystals, yield 45.36%, mp 171–172°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): *δ* 7.23–6.98 (m, 4H, Ph), 5.54 (s, 1H, H11), 1.76 [s, 6H,  $(CH_3)_2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO]: 157.07 (C<sub>3a</sub>), 149.64  $(C_{11})$ , 128.03, 127.26, 124.65, 120.70, 117.04 (Ph), 115.57 (C<sub>10a</sub>), 88.25 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-C-O], 26.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>-); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>: C, 54.33; H, 4.18; N, 5.28. Found: C, 54.47; H, 4.18; N, 5.14.

*3,3-Dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2-oxa-1-thia-4,10-diaza-benzo-azulene 1,1-dioxide (***9b***).* Purple crystals, yield 56.82%; mp 172–173°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): *δ* 6.71–6.78 (m, 2H, Ph), 6.54–6.58 (d,  $J = 6.58$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 6.37 (s, 1H, H<sub>11</sub>), 5.98–6.02 (d,  $J = 6.58$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 1.59 [s, 6H,  $(C_{\text{H}_3})_2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR [(CD<sub>3</sub>),CO]:  $\delta$  171.94 (C<sub>3a</sub>), 154.12 (C<sub>11</sub>), 133.34, 130.03, 129.23, 124.92, 123.19, 121.19 (Ph), 117.95  $(C_{11a})$ , 90.90  $[(CH_3)_2-C-O]$ , 25.68  $(CH_3-)$  Anal. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{12}N_2SO_3$ : C, 54.49; H, 4.57; N, 10.60. Found: C, 54.26; H, 4.62; N, 10.79.

*3,3-Dimethyl-7-phenyl-3H-2-oxa-1,4-dithia-5,6,8,9-tatraaza-cyclopenta-azulene 1,1-dioxide (***10***).* Yellow crystals, yield 72.5%; mp 215–217◦ C (decompose); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) *δ* 7.86–7.92 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.51–7.57 (m, 3H, Ph, and CH=N) 1.83 [s, 6H, (C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 161.19  $(C_{10})$ , 157.15  $(C_{3a})$ , 142.59  $(C_8)$ , 139.99  $(C_5)$ , 131.24, 129.51, 128.65, 126.92 (Ph), 124.74 (C<sub>10a</sub>), 90.47  $[CH_3)_2$ -C-O], 25.93 (-2CH<sub>3</sub>); Anal. Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}N_4S_2O_3$ : C, 48.26; H, 3.47; N, 16.08. Found: C, 48.14; H, 3.50; N, 16.12.

*(4-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-2,2-dioxo-2,5-dihydro- [1,2]oxathiol-3-ylmethylene)-(2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-amine (***11***).* White crystals, yield 15.8%; mp 217–219◦ C; 1H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  9.21 (s, 1H, NH-N=C<u>H</u>), 8.40 (s, 1H,  $-CH=N$ ), 6.86 (s, 1H,  $C=CH$ ), 1.94 [s, 6H,  $(C_1H_3)_2$ ]; Anal. Calcd for  $C_9H_{10}N_3SO_3$ : C, 45.18; H, 3.79; N, 17.56. Found: C, 45.22; H, 3.86; N, 17.33.

*N-(4-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-2,2-dioxo-2,5-dihydro- [1,2]oxathiol-3-ylmethylene)-benzene-1,2-diamine (***12***).* Yellow crystals, yield 26.67%, mp 138–139◦ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  8.35 (s, 1H, H–C=N), 7.08–7.13 (m, 2H, Ph),  $6.62-6.71(d, J = 7.68 \text{ Hz})$ 1H, Ph), 6.62–6.67 (d, *J* = 7.68 Hz, 1H, Ph), 2.93 (s, N $H_2$ ), 1.73 [s, 6H,  $(CH_3)_2$ ]; Anal. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{13}N_2SO_3Cl$ : C, 47.74; H, 4.48; N, 9.42. Found: C, 47.92; H, 4.36; N, 9.31.

*N-(4-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-2,2-dioxo-2,5-dihydro- [1,2]oxathiol-3-ylmethyl-ene)-N -methyl-hydrazine (***13a***).* White crystals, yield 56.8%, mp 130–131◦ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz,):  $\delta$  6.94 (s, 1H, CH=N), 2.97 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>N-) 1.67 [s, 6H,  $(C_{\frac{1}{3}})_2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(CDCl_3): \delta$  154.7 ( $\underline{CH}$ =NNHCH<sub>3</sub>), 138.85 (C<sub>4</sub>), 116.14  $(C_3)$ , 89.07  $(C_5)$ , 32.65 (NH-CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.74 (2CH<sub>3</sub>); Anal. Calcd for  $C_7H_{11}N_2SO_3Cl$ : C, 35.22; H, 4.66; N, 11.73. Found: C, 34.87; H, 4.98; N, 11.73.

*N-(4-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-2,2-dioxo-2,5-dihydro- [1,2]oxathiol-3-ylmethylene)-N -phenyl-hydrazine (***13b***).* Yellow crystals, yield 67.5%, mp 161–162◦ C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): *δ* 8.21 (s, 1H, NH), 7.36 (s, CH=N), 7.30–6.90 (m, 5H, Ph), 1.69 [s, 6H,  $(C_{\text{H}_3})_2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.48 (CH=NNH), 138.91  $(C_4)$ , 121.29  $(C_3)$ , 129.62, 129.39, 122.14, 113.64 (Ph), 89.30 (C<sub>5</sub>), 25.70 (2CH<sub>3</sub>); Anal. Calcd for  $C_1$ , H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Cl: C, 31.94; H, 3.57; N, 6.21. Found: C, 32.01; H, 3.66; N, 6.17.

*4-Chloro-5,5-dimethyl-2,2-dioxo-2,5-dihydro- [1,2]oxathiole-3-carbaldehyde oxime (***14***).* White crystals, yield 68.9%, mp 154–155◦ C; 1H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz,):  $\delta$  8.64 (s, 1H, -OH), 7.94 (s, CH=N), 1.71 [s, 6H,  $(CH_3)_2$ ]; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 146.87 (CH=NOH), 137.76 (C<sub>4</sub>), 127.14 (C<sub>3</sub>), 90.32  $(C_5)$ , 25.51 (2CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for  $C_6H_8NSO_4Cl$ : C, 47.92; H, 4.36; N, 9.31. Found: C, 48.08; H, 4.46; N, 9.86.

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