## [4+3] CYCLOADDITIONS WITH *c*-HETEROANNULATED FURANS – SYNTHESIS OF NOVEL ANNULATED TROPONES

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Abstract - Furo[3,4-*d*]oxazole (1a) and furo[3,4-*d*]thiazole (1b) react with 1,3dimethyloxyallyl cationic species to give the [4+3] cycloaddition products (3a,b). The ring opening reaction of these adducts with  $H_2SO_4/Et_2O$  yields the annulated hydroxytropones (4a,b or 5a,b).

The [4+3] cycloaddition reactions of dienes (A) with allylic systems of type (B) have emerged as a powerful method for the construction of seven-membered rings. Especially furan and its derivatives thereof have been used frequently for this purpose.<sup>1</sup>



Recently we succeeded in the preparation of furo[3,4-*d*]oxazole  $(1a)^{2a}$  and furo[3,4-*d*]thiazole  $(1b)^{2b}$  using the *Hamaguchi-Ibata* methodology.<sup>3</sup> In this paper the [4+3] cycloaddition reactions of these compounds with an oxyallyl<sup>4</sup> derived from 2,5-dibromo-3-pentanone (2) are reported. Treatment of a mixture of 1a and 2 with NaI/Cu in acetonitrile at room temperature (15 h) with subsequent chromatography (silica gel, *n*-pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 4/1/1) yielded 3a.<sup>5</sup> Compound (3b) was obtained similarly from 1b.<sup>6,7</sup>



**a**: X = O, **b**: X = S,  $E = CO_2Me$ 

Although several stereoisomers of **3a,b** are possible (*cis, trans, endo, exo*) according to literature data<sup>9</sup> a *cis-endo* structure can be anticipated. This was confirmed by an X-Ray structure determination for **3b** (Figure 1).<sup>10</sup> Experimental bond distances are in good agreement with density functional theoretical (DFT) values (see Table 1).<sup>11</sup>

Figure 1. Structure of compound 3b (X-Ray).



Table 1. Selected structure parameters of compound (3b) (X-Ray, DFT<sup>a</sup>).

bond	r (in Å)	bond	r (in Å)
C1-N1	1.312 (1.306)	C3-C4	1.532 (1.557)
C1-S1	1.759 (1.785)	C4-C5	1.532 (1.542)
N1-C2	1.371 (1.367)	C5-O3	1.208 (1.215)
C2-C3	1.521 (1.516)	C5-C6	1.534 (1.545)
C2-C8	1.348 (1.360)	C6-C7	1.552 (1.563)
C3-O1	1.455 (1.455)	C7-C8	1.504 (1.513)

<sup>a</sup>B3LYP/6-31G\*, values in parentheses.<sup>11</sup>

Several methods have been reported for the cleavage of this type of oxygen bridge. Whereas TMSOTf/Et<sub>3</sub>N<sup>12</sup> was unsuitable for this purpose, the ring opening of **3a** followed by elimination of methanol could be achieved very cleanly under acidic conditions with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>(80%)/Et<sub>2</sub>O (27/18 = v/v)<sup>13</sup> giving compound (**4a**) in 53% yield.<sup>14</sup> Although this compound exists as an enol, the exact structure (**4a** or **5a**) is not be determined with certainty.<sup>15</sup> The ring opening of **3b** could also been performed with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O, although under these conditions the yield of **4b** (**5b**) was low.<sup>16</sup>



In summary we have shown that c-heteroannulated furans react with an oxyallyl system to give the [4+3] cycloadducts, which can be cleaved to the corresponding annulated hydroxytropones.

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- 3a: 53% colorless crystals; mp 98°C; IR (KBr) v 1755, 1718 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.02 (d, 3H, J = 7.01 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.11 (d, 3H, J = 6.86 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>). 2.50 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.97 (q, 1H, J = 6.91 Hz, CH), 3.08 (q, 1H, J = 6.99 Hz, CH), 3.55 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.94 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.2 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 8.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.8 (q, C-2-CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.4 (d), 53.2 (q, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 53.5 (q, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 53.8 (d), 82.3 (s, C-1), 108.1 (s, C-7), 144.6 (s, C-6), 155.7 (s, C-4), 166.5 (s, C-2), 168.3 (s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 205.3 (s, C-10); HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: 295.10559, found: 295.10560.
- 6. 3b was obtained by chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 2/1); mp 130°C, yield 59%; IR (KBr) v 1745, 1715 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 0.99 (d, 3H, J = 6.90 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.12 (d, 3H, J = 6.89 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.72 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.05 (q, 1H, J = 6.88 Hz, CH), 3.13 (q, 1H, J = 6.90 Hz, CH), 3.54 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.94 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.3 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.5 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (q, C-4-CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.6 (d, C-8), 53.0 (q, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 53.3 (q, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 54.6 (d, C-10), 84.5 (s, C-1), 109.1 (s, C-7), 134.7 (s, C-6), 159.1 (s, C-4), 167.5 (s, C-2), 173.5 (s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 205.3 (s, C-10); HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S: 311.08281, found: 311.08260.
- Treatment of 1b with trimethyl (3,3-dimethoxy-2-hydroxy-2-trimethylsilylpropyl)silane or trimethyl (3,3-dimethoxy-2-methylenepropyl)silane (TiCl<sub>4</sub>/dichloromethane; -78°C)<sup>8</sup> was unsuccessful.

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- 14. Yield: 53%; colorless needles; mp 193°C; IR (KBr) v 3432, 1740, 1562, 1599 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (MeCN) λ (log ε) 245 (4.415), 258 (4.354), 264 (4.304), 325 (3.746) nm; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.27 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.62 (s, 3H, C2-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.01 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.37 (s, 1H, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.3 (q), 14.2 (q), 19.8 (q), 53.1 (q), 124.8 (s), 126.0 (s), 135.1 (s), 141.6 (s), 144.4 (s), 151.9 (s), 162.0 (s), 166.0 (s), 184.2 (s); MS (70 eV) m/z (%) 263 (59, M<sup>+</sup>), 248 (100), 204 (31); HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: 263.07938, found: 263.07930.
- 15. According to DFT studies (B3LYP/6-31G\*)<sup>11</sup> compound (4b) is more stable than 5b by 4.3 kcal/mol (E(4b) = -1257.03027, E(5b) = -1257.02334 (in hartrees, gas phase)). Additionally, these calculations reveal that ring B in 4b and 5b is not planar.
- 16. Yield: 9%; colorless crystals; mp 118°C; obtained by chromatography (silica gel, cyclohexane/ethyl acetate/dichloromethane = (7/1/1); IR (KBr) v 3308, 1716, 1560, 1313 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (MeCN) λ (log ε) 262 (4.630), 270 (4.551, sh), 315 (3.814), 328 (3.821) nm; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.27 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.77 (s, 3H, C2-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.97 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 8.46 (s, 1H, OH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.6 (q), 19.1 (q), 20.1 (q), 53.1 (q), 125.0 (s), 128.7 (s), 131.3 (s), 140.4 (s), 146.7 (s), 153.7 (s), 166.4 (s), 169.0 (s), 185.2 (s); MS (70 eV) m/z (%) 279 (41, M<sup>+</sup>), 264 (37), 251 (100), 236 (49); HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 279.05652, found: 279.05630.