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The reaction sites of 3-substituted pyrazolin-5-ones and their O- and N-blocked analogues toward various isocyanates were investigated. 3-Methyl and 3-ethoxycarbonylpyrazolin-5-ones gave the corresponding 1-carbamoylpyrazolinones, whereas the O-alkylpyrazoles afforded 2-carbamoylpyrazoles. On the other hand, the N-alkylpyrazolinones were carbamoylated at 4-position under drastic conditions.

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The reactivity of the active methylene group of pyrazolin-5-ones toward electrophiles has been well investigated (1,2). It has been also found that a few reactions of 1,3- or 2,3-disubstituted pyrazolin-5-ones with isocyanates give 4-carbamoylpyrazolin-5-ones (3,4), while acylation and alkylation of pyrazolin-5-ones are reported to take place competitively at the 1, 2, or 4-positions of the ring or at the hydroxyl group (5). Since similar competitions may be expected in the carbamoylation of pyrazolin-5-ones (6-8), it is of interest to investigate the predominant reaction sites under various conditions.

In this paper, we wish to report on the reactions of 3-substituted pyrazolin-5-ones and their O- and N-alkyl analogues with isocyanates and to discuss the respective reaction sites.

The reaction of 3-methylpyrazolin-5-one (1) with 4-chlorophenylisocyanate was carried out in chloroform at room temperature. The reaction proceeded very smoothly to afford 3-methyl-1-(N-4-chlorophenylcarbamoyl)pyrazolin-5-one (2a) in 86% yield (equation 1). The structure of pyrazolinone 2a was determined by its spectroscopic properties and elemental analysis. Its ir spectrum shows a strong band at 1715 cm⁻¹ due to the carbon-oxygen double bond of the N-carbamoyl group. Although the carbonyl group attached to 1-N or 2-N was determined by comparison of the chemical shift of the 3-methyl group of 2a with that of 1 in the 'H nmr spectra, the fact that the chemical shift (δ 2.20 ppm) of 2a is close to that (δ 2.10 ppm) of 1must support the carbamoyl group attaching to 1-N, since the alternative structure should highly deshield the chemical shift of the 3-methyl group (9). Similar reactions with other aryl- and alkylisocyanates were carried out and are summarized in Table 1.

The reaction of 3-ethoxycarbonylpyrazolin-5-one (3) with 4-chlorophenylisocyanate in chloroform was so slow that a catalytic amount of 2-methyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]-octane (Me-DABCO) and dibutyltin dilaurate (DBTDL) was added (10,11). The reaction at room temperature yielded 1-(N-4-chlorophenylcarbamoyl)-3-ethoxycarbonyl-pyrazolin-5-one (4a) in a yield of 92% (equation 1). The structure of 4a was established by its spectral data, elemental analysis, and its chemical transformations. The

¹H nmr and the ir spectra indicate either 1- or 2-carbamoylpyrazolin-5-one. In treatment of **4a** with sulfuryl chloride, 1-(N-4-chlorophenylcarbamoyl)-4,4-dichloro-3ethoxycarbonylpyrazolin-5-one (**5**) was obtained, which is characteristic of 1-substituted pyrazolin-5-ones (2). It should be noted, however, that chlorination was very sluggish and only 8% of the pyrazolinone **5** was isolated along with larger amounts of tar-like matter.

The reactions with other aryl- and butylisocyanates were carried out in a similar manner giving the corresponding 1-carbamoylpyrazolin-5-ones (see Table 1).

On the other hand, the reaction of 5-methoxy-3-methylpyrazole (6), the O-blocked analogue of 1, with phenylisocyanate in chloroform at 60° for 18 hours gave 5-methoxy-3-methyl-2-(N-phenylcarbamoyl)pyrazole (7a) in 96% yield (equation 2). Its structure was established by its spectroscopic properties and elemental analysis. In particular, the remarkably deshielded chemical shift (δ 2.60 ppm) of the 3-methyl group of 7a, compared with that (δ 2.20 ppm) of 6, strongly indicates that the carbamoyl group attaches to 2-N (9). The results of the reactions with other arylisocyanates are summarized in Table 2. Ethyl analogues 8 gave similarly the 2-substituted products 9 which are also listed in Table 2.

Table 1
1-Carbamoylpyrazolin-5-ones 2 and 4

Compound	R	R'	Reaction time, h	Yield, % (a)	Recrystallia Mp, °C	zation Solvent	Formula		nalyses lcd./Fo H	
2a	CH ₃	4-ClC₀H₄	15	86	232-233	Acetone	$C_{11}H_{10}ClN_3O_2$	52.50	4.00	16.70
2 b	СН₃	2-ClC ₆ H ₄	15	92	196-197	Acetone	$C_{11}H_{10}CIN_3O_2$	52.58 52.50	3.88 4.00	16.86 16.70
2c	CH,	3-ClC ₆ H ₄	15	96	200-201	Acetone	$C_{11}H_{10}GIN_3O_2$	52.49 52.50	4.11 4.00	16.63 16.70
2d	CH		1.**	00				52.53	3.94	16.61
2 a	CH ₃	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	15	92	226-228	Acetone	$C_{12}H_{13}N_3O_2$	62.33	5.67	18.17
2 e	CH ₃	$3-CF_3C_6H_4$	15	94	197-198	Acetone	$C_{12}H_{10}F_3N_3O_2$	62.26 50.53	5.54 3.53	18.08
2 f	CH ₃	$3,4\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$	15	96	>260	Acetone	$C_{11}H_9Cl_2N_3O_2$	50.58 46.18	3.48 3.17	14.69
2 g	CH_3	3,5-Cl ₂ C ₆ H ₃	15	92	>260	Acetone	$C_{11}H_9Cl_2N_3O_2$	46.32 46.18	3.47 3.17	14.88 14.69
2h	CH_3	CH_3	15	68	167-168	Acetone	$C_6H_9N_3O_2$	46.15 46.45	3.09 5.85	$14.60 \\ 27.08$
4a	CO_2Et	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	0.5	92 (b)	190-192	Acetonitrile	$C_{13}H_{12}CIN_3O_4$	46.69 50.42	5.71 3.91	27.37 13.57
4b	CO ₂ Et	2-ClC ₆ H ₄	19	56	113-114	Hexane	$C_{13}H_{12}CIN_3O_4$	50.56 50.42	3.91 3.91	13.42
4c	CO ₂ Et	C_6H_5	22	90	141-144	Hexane	$C_{13}H_{13}N_3O_4$	50.61 56.72	3.92 4.76	15.27
4d	CO ₂ Et	$3-CF_3C_6H_4$	17	57	142-145	Toluene	$C_{14}H_{12}F_3N_3O_4$	56.62 48.99	4.64 3.52	15.56 12.24
4 e	CO ₂ Et	C₄H,	17	72	60-61	Hexane	$C_{11}H_{17}N_3O_4$	49.29 51.76 51.87	3.51 6.71 6.66	12.43

⁽a) Yields refer to the isolated pyrazolinones after recrystallization. (b) Yield of 52% was obtained by running the reaction at 60° without catalyst.

Table 2

5-Alkoxy-2-carbamoyl-3-methylpyrazoles 7 and 9

			W *.1.1 nz				Analyses % Calcd./Found		
C	R	D.	Yield, %						
Compound	N	R'	(a)	Mp, °C	Formula	·, C	Н	N	
7a	CH ₃	C_6H_5	96	45-46	$C_{12}H_{13}N_3O_2$	62.33	5.67	18.17	
7b	CH	0.010.11				62.66	5.63	18.16	
4 D	CH ₃	3-ClC ₆ H₄	94	62-64	$C_{12}H_{12}CIN_3O_2$	54.25	4.55	15.81	
7-	OH.	0.5.00.0.11				54.25	4.43	16.00	
7 c	CH ₃	$3,5-Cl_2C_6H_3$	93	134	$C_{12}H_{11}Cl_2N_3O_2$	48.02	3.69	14.00	
	0.11					48.15	3.66	14.03	
9a	C_2H_5	C_6H_5	82 (b)	42	$C_{13}H_{15}N_3O_2$	63.66	6.16	17.13	
0.1						63.40	6.04	17.02	
9b	C_2H_5	3-ClC ₆ H ₄	72	33	$C_{13}H_{14}CIN_3O_2$	55.82	5.04	15.02	
•						55.99	4.96	14.81	
9c	C_2H_5	4-ClC ₆ H₄	70	88	$C_{13}H_{14}CIN_3O_2$	55.82	5.04	15.02	
						55.66	5.18	14.72	
9d	C_2H_5	1-Naphthyl	70	58	$C_{17}H_{17}N_3O_2$	69.14	5.80	14.23	
						69.10	5.89	14.18	
9e	C_2H_5	CH ₃	67	50-52	$C_8H_{13}N_3O_2$	52.45	7.15	22.94	
					- 10 J 2	52.62	7.35	23.18	

⁽a) Yields refer to the isolated pyrazoles after recrystallization. (b) Yield of 70% was obtained by running the reaction without catalyst.

Table 3
4-Carbamoyl-3-ethoxycarbonyl-1-methylpyrazolin-5-ones 12

		Reaction	Yield, %				A	Analyses %	D
					Recrystalliza-		Calcd./Found		
Compound	R'	time, h	(a)	Mp, °C	tion Solvent	Formula	С	H	N
12a	C_6H_5	18	59	180	Benzene	$C_{14}H_{15}N_3O_4$	58.13 58.00	5.23 5.16	14.53 14.54
12b	2-ClC ₆ H ₄	17	56	148-151	Hexane- benzene	$\mathrm{C_{14}H_{14}ClN_3O_4}$	51.94 51.87	4.36 4.25	12.98 12.91
12c	3-ClC ₆ H ₄	17	37	157	Benzene	$C_{14}H_{14}ClN_3O_4$	51.94 51.91	4.36 4.25	12.98 12.68
12d	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	17	54	199-200	Benzene	$C_{14}H_{14}CIN_3O_4$	51.94 51.84	4.36 4.44	12.98 12.68
12e	2,5-Cl ₂ C ₆ H ₃	18	67	161	Methanol	$\mathrm{C_{14}H_{13}Cl_{2}N_{3}O_{4}}$	46.95 46.67	3.66 3.53	11.73 11.88
12f	1-Naphthyl	17	47	168-170	Toluene	$C_{18}H_{17}N_3O_4$	63.71 63.60	5.05 4.90	12.38 12.08
12g	$2\text{-CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$	20	33	122-125	Hexane- toluene	$C_{15}H_{17}N_3O_4$	59.40 59.24	5.65 5.57	13.85 14.15
12h	3-CF ₃ C ₆ H ₄	16	72	165-166	Hexane- toluene	$C_{15}H_{14}F_3N_3O_4$	50.43 50.23	3.95 4.04	11.76 11.80

(a) Yields refer to the isolated pyrazolinones after recrystallization.

It is surprising that pyrazolinones 1 and 3 undergo the substitution at 1-N, whereas the O-alkyl analogues 6 and 8 do so at the other nitrogen (2-N). Such striking differences in reaction site might be attributed to the difference in stability between the respective intermediates 2'(4') and 7'(9'). In the cases of 2 and 4, the carbamoyl group is favorably located in the direction to form hydrogen bonds with the 4-hydroxyl group as shown in 2' and 4', which cannot be considered in 7 and 9 (12). In the latter cases, the mesomeric effect of the alkoxy group stabilizing the presumed intermediates 7' and 9' would be responsible (13).

Although the reaction of 1,3-dimethylpyrazolin-5-one (10) with isocyanates was attempted under various conditions, no product was obtained. Only 10 was recovered unchanged. However, 3-ethoxycarbonyl-1-methylpyrazolin-5-one (11) underwent reaction with phenylisocyanate in xylene under reflux for 18 hours in the presence of a catalytic amount of Me-DABCO and DBTDL to afford 3-ethoxycarbonyl-1-methyl-4-(N-phenylcarbamoyl)pyrazolin-5-one (12a) in 59% yield (equation 3). Pyrazolinone 12a was identified on the basis of its elemental analysis and

spectroscopic properties. The substitution site of the 4-position was proved by the disappearance of the ring proton peak in the ¹H nmr spectrum and the absorption of 1650 cm⁻¹ in the ir spectrum due to the carbon-oxygen double bond of the carbamoyl group. Table 3 shows the results of the reactions with other arylisocyanates. Butylisocyanate failed to react with 11 probably because of lowered reactivity. Since 2-N of 11 can be another reactive site, the reaction was carried out under more moderate conditions, but no 2-carbamoylated product in addition to 12 could be detected. For example, the reaction in chloroform at 60° gave only 12a in 17% yield. The formation of 12 may be rationalized by a hydrogen bond between the carbamoyl group and 5-hydroxyl group.

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. The ir spectra were recorded on JASCO IRA-1 spectrometer. The 1H nmr spectra were measured with JEOL JNM-PMX 60 spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard, the chemical shifts being given in δ units (ppm) downfield from TMS.

Pyrazolinones 1 (14), 3 (15), 6 (16), 8 (16), 10 (17), and 11 (18) were prepared by routes reported in the previous papers.

General Procedure for Preparation of 1-Carbamoylpyrazolin-5-ones 2a-h.

The isocyanate (26.3 mmoles) was added to a stirred suspension of pyrazolinone 1 (20 mmoles) in chloroform (80 ml). After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 hours, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residual solid was recrystallized from acetone to give the pure 2. Yields and melting points are shown in Table 1 and ν C=0 in the ir (potassium bromide) and 'H nmr (DMSO-d₆) data are as follows: Compound 2a; 1715 cm⁻¹; δ 2.20 (s, 3H), 5.25 (s, 1H), and 7.6 ppm (A₂X₂, 4H). Compound 2b; 1730 cm⁻¹; δ 2.20 (s, 3H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 7.1-7.6

(m, 3H), and 8.20 ppm (d of d, 1H). Compound 2c; 1725 cm⁻¹; δ 2.20 (s, 3H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 6.9-7.7 (m, 4H), 9.8 (br s, 1H), and 11.9 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 2d; 1710 cm⁻¹. Compound 2e; 1725 cm⁻¹; δ 2.20 (s, 3H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 7.5-8.1 (m, 4H), and 11.6 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 2f; 1730 cm⁻¹; δ 2.20 (s, 3H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 7.5-8.0 (m, 3H), 10.0 (br s, 1H), and 11.4 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 2g; 1730 cm⁻¹; δ 2.20 (s, 3H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 7.4 (t, 1H), 7.7 (d, 2H), and 11.5 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 2f; 1725 cm⁻¹; δ 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.95 (d, 3H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 8.9 (br, 1H), and 11.5 ppm (br, 1H).

General Procedure for Preparation of 1-Carbamoylpyrazolin-5-ones 4a-e.

Five drops of Me-DABCO, a drop of DBTDL, and 10 mmoles of isocyanate was added to a stirred suspension of 10 mmoles of pyrazolinone 3 in 80 ml of chloroform. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for the length of time indicated in Table 1, the solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure. The residual solid was washed with hexane and recrystallized from the solvent described in Table 1 to give the pure 4. Yields and melting points are given in Table 1 and ν C=0 and CO-N in ir (potassium bromide) and 'H nmr data are as follows: Compound 4a; 1725 and 1745 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.40 (t, 3H), 4.35 (q, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 7.3 (A₂X₂, 4H), and 10.1 ppm (br, 2H). Compound 4b: 1725 and 1740 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.40 (t, 3H), 4.40 (q, 2H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 7.1-7.5 (m, 3H), 8.10 (d of d, 1H), and 9.8 ppm (br, 1H); Compound 4c; 1725 and 1745 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform-DMSO-d₆): δ 1.40 (t, 3H), 4.40 (q, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 7.1-7.7 (m, 5H), 8.5 (br, 1H), and 10.1 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 4d; 1725 and 1740 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform-DMSO-d₆): δ 1.40 (t, 3H), 4.35 (q, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 7.4-8.1 (m, 4H), 8.9 (br, 1H), and 10.5 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 4e; 1725 and 1745 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform): δ 0.95 (t, 3H), 1.35 (t, 3H), 1.2-1.9 (m, 4H), 3.40 (q, 2H), 4.40 (q, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 7.3 (br s, 1H), and 9.9 ppm (br s, 1H).

Reaction of 4a with Sulfuryl Chloride.

A mixture of 1.0 g (3.2 mmoles) of pyrazolinone 4a and 3 ml of sulfuryl chloride was refluxed for 5 minutes. After the excess sulfuryl chloride was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was recrystallized from the n-hexane-benzene mixture to give the pure 5 (100 mg, 8%), mp $124-125^\circ$; ir (potassium bromide): 1730 and 1770 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.4 (t, 3H), 4.45 (q, 2H), 7.2-7.5 (m, 4H), and 8.9 ppm (br s, 1H).

Anal. Caled. for C, 41.24; H, 2.66; N, 11.10. Found: C, 40.94; H, 2.71; N, 11.11.

General Procedure for Preparation of 2-Carbamoylpyrazoles 7a-c and 9a-e.

(A) Isocyanate (10 mmoles) was added to a solution of pyrazole 6 in chloroform (30 ml). After the reaction mixture was refluxed with stirring for 18 hours. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residual solid was washed with hexane and recrystallized from hexane to afford the pure 7.

(B) A solution of 5 mmoles of pyrazole 8, 5 mmoles of isocyanate, and a drop of Me-DABCO in 30 ml of chloroform was stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the remaining solid was washed with hexane and recrystallized from hexane to give the pure 9. Yields and melting points are summarized in Table 2 and ν C=0 in ir (potassium bromide) and ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform) data are as follows: Compound 7a; 1740 cm⁻¹; δ 2.60 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 7.0-7.7 (m, 5H), and 8.9 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 7b; 1730 cm⁻¹; δ 2.55 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 6.8-7.5 (m, 4H), and 8.7 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 7c; 1725 cm $^{-1}$; δ 2.60 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 7.1 (t, 1H), 7.5 (d, 2H), and 9.0 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 9a; 1730 cm⁻¹; δ 1.40 (t, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 4.20 (q, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 6.9-7.6 (m, 5H), and 8.9 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound **9b**; 1720 cm⁻¹; δ 1.40 (f, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 4.25 (q, 2H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 7.0-7.6 (m, 4H), and 8.9 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 9c; 1720 cm⁻¹; δ 1.40 (t, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 4.20 (q, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 7.4 (A₂X₂, 4H), and 8.9 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 9d; 1715 cm⁻¹; δ 1.40 (t, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 4.25 (q, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 7.2-8.1 (m, 7H), and 9.5 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 9e; 1700 cm⁻¹; δ 1.35 (t, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.90 (d, 3H), 4.15 (q, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), and 6.9 ppm (br, 1H).

General Procedure for Preparation of 4-Carbamoylpyrazolin-5-ones 12a-h.

A solution of 5 mmoles of pyrazolinone 9, 7.5 mmoles of isocyanate, 4 drops of Me-DABCO, and a drop of DBTDL in 40 ml of xylene was refluxed for the length shown in Table 3 and the solid formed was collected. This solid was washed with hexane and recrystallized from the solvent indicated in Table 3 to yield the pure 10. Yields and melting points are shown in Table 3 and v CO-O and CO-N in ir (potassium bromide) and 'H nmr data are as follows: Compound 12a; 1650 and 1690 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.45 (t, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.5 (q, 2H), 7.1-7.7 (m, 5H), and 11.4 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 12b; 1645 and 1705 cm^{-1} ; (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.45 (t, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.5 (q, 2H), 6.9-7.5 (m, 3H), 8.15 (d of d, 1H), and 11.9 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 12c; 1660 and 1690 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.50 (t, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.5 (q, 2H), 6.9-7.8 (m, 4H), and 11.4 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 12d; 1660 and 1700 cm $^{-1}$; (deuteriochloroform-DMSO-d₆): δ 1.45 (t, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.5 (q, 2H), 7.4 (A2X2, 4H), 8.2 (br, 1H), and 11.5 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 12e; 1640 and 1700 cm $^{-1}$; (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.45 (t, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.45 (q, 2H), 6.95 (d of d, 1H), 7.25 (d, 1H), 8.25 (d, 1H), and 11.4 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 12f; 1630 and 1680 cm $^{-1}$; (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.50 (t, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.55 (q, 2H), 7.2-8.3 (m, 7H), 10.6 (br, 1H), and 11.5 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 12g; 1640 and 1690 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform-DMSO-d₆): δ 1.45 (t, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.50 (q, 2H), 7.0-7.3 (m, 3H), 7.85 (d of d, 1H), 11.0 (br s, 1H), and 11.4 ppm (br s, 1H). Compound 12h; 1650 and 1690 cm⁻¹; (deuteriochloroform): δ 1.45 (t, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 4.50 (q, 2H), 7.2-8.0 (m, 4H), 11.1 (br, 1H), and 11.5 ppm (br s, 1H). Acknowledgement.

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