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SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

## Cyclization of 7-Methylene-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]bicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene in the Presence of Acids

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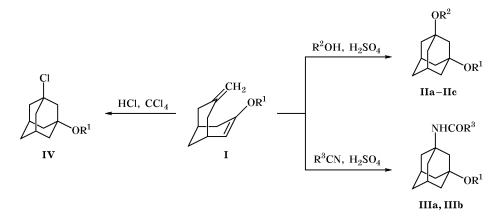
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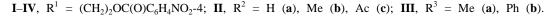
It is well known that transannular cyclization of carbonyl bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane derivatives by the action of weak and strong acids [1, 2] leads to formation of 1,3-disubstituted adamantanes. We have found that 7-methylene-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]bicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene (I) is extremely unstable in the presence of traces of acids. It is rapidly converted into adamantane derivatives **IIa–IIc**, **IIIa**, and **IIIb** in nucleophilic solvents in the presence of sulfuric acid. Vinyl ether I is also capable of reacting with hydrogen chloride in carbon tetrachloride to afford 1-chloro-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]adamantane (IV) (Scheme 1).

**7-Methylene-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]bicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene (I)** was synthesized by the procedure reported in [3]. mp 114–116 (from MeOH). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1735, 1660, 1600, 1520, 1240, 1050, 895. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.51–2.55 m (10H), 4.03 t (2H, COCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 4 Hz), 4.53 d (H, HC=CO, *J* = 6 Hz), 4.61 t (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCO, J = 4 Hz), 4.64 s (1H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.72 s (1H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 8.19 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, J = 9 Hz), 8.36 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, J = 9 Hz). Mass spectrum, m/z ( $I_{rel}$ , %): 343 [M]<sup>+</sup> (15.4), 288 (14.4), 194 (100), 150 (70.6), 104 (54). Found, %: C 66.43; H 6.21; N 4.01. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>. Calculated, %: C 66.46; H 6.16; N 4.08.

1-Hydroxy-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]adamantane (IIa). Concentrated sulfuric acid, 0.01 ml, was added at 10°C to a mixture of 0.5 g (1.5 mmol) of ether I and 30 ml of 80% dioxane. The mixture was kept for 10 min, poured into water, and extracted with chloroform. The extract was washed with a solution of sodium carbonate, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from benzene–cyclohexane. Yield 0.27 g (50%), mp 130–132°C. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3720, 1735, 1600, 1520, 1240, 1050. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.03 s (1H, OH), 1.31–2.31 m (14H, Ad), 3.71 t (2H, AdOCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 4 Hz), 4.41 t (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCO, J = 4 Hz), 8.19 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>,







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J = 9 Hz), 8.36 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, J = 9 Hz). Mass spectrum, m/z ( $I_{rel}$ , %): 361 [M]<sup>+</sup> (3.5), 194 (31.5), 151 (100), 93 (30). Found, %: C 63.10; H 6.35; N 3.95. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>. Calculated, %: C 63.15; H 6.41; N 3.88.

**1-Methoxy-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]adamantane (IIb)** was synthesized by a similar procedure using methanol as solvent. Yield 0.4 g (74%),  $n_D^{20}$ 1.5448. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1735, 1600, 1520, 1240, 1100, 1050. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.30–2.33 m (14H, Ad), 3.18 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 t (2H, AdOCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 4 Hz), 4.41 t (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCO, *J* = 4 Hz), 8.19 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, *J* = 9 Hz), 8.36 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, *J* = 9 Hz). Found, %: C 63.90; H 6.73; N 3.70. C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>. Calculated, %: C 63.99; H 6.71; N 3.73.

**1-Acetoxy-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]adamantane (IIc)** was synthesized in a similar way using acetic acid as solvent. Yield 0.46 g (78%),  $n_D^{20}$  1.5417. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1750, 1735, 1600, 1520, 1240, 1050. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.30– 2.3 m (14H, Ad), 1.89 s (3H, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.67 t (2H, AdOCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 4 Hz), 4.36 t (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCO, *J* = 4 Hz), 8.19 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, *J* = 9 Hz), 8.36 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, *J* = 9 Hz). Found, %: C 62.60; H 6.21; N 3.50. C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>. Calculated, %: C 62.52; H 6.25; N 3.47.

**1-Acetamido-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]**adamantane (IIIa) was obtained in a similar way using acetonitrile as solvent. Yield 0.36 g (62%), mp 160–161°C (from benzene). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3320, 1735, 1680, 1520, 1240, 1050. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.75 s (3H, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.45–2.31 m (14H, Ad), 3.71 t (2H, AdOCH<sub>2</sub>, J =4 Hz), 4.41 t (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCO, J = 4 Hz), 7.36 s (1H, NH), 8.19 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, J = 9 Hz), 8.36 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, J = 9 Hz). Found, %: C 62.63; H 6.48; N 6.90. C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>. Calculated, %: C 62.67; H 6.51; N 6.96.

**1-Benzamido-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]**adamantane (IIIb) was synthesized by the same procedure using benzonitrile as solvent. Yield 0.32 g (47%), mp 164–166°C (from benzene). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3350, 1735, 1675, 1600, 1520, 1240, 1050. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.45–2.31 m (14H, Ad), 3.71 t (2H, AdOCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 4 Hz), 4.41 t (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCO, J = 4 Hz), 7.64 s (1H, NH), 7.35– 7.78 m (5H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 8.19 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, J = 9 Hz), 8.36 d (2H, H<sub>arom</sub>, J = 9 Hz). Found, %: C 67.33; H 6.11; N 6.08. C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>. Calculated, %: C 67.23; H 6.08; N 6.03.

1-Chloro-3-[2-(4-nitrobenzoyloxy)ethoxy]adamantane (IV). Dry hydrogen chloride was passed over a period of 10 min through a solution of 0.5 g (1.5 mmol) of ether I in 20 ml of carbon tetrachloride, maintained at 25°C. The mixture was kept for 0.5 h and poured into water, and the product was extracted into benzene. The extract was washed with a solution of sodium carbonate, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from methanol. Yield 0.31 g (56%), mp 78-80°C. IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1735, 1600, 1520, 1240, 1050, 720. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.31-2.30 m (14H, Ad), 3.72 t (2H, AdOCH<sub>2</sub>, J =4 Hz), 4.48 t (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OCO, J = 4 Hz), 8.19 d (2H,  $H_{arom}$ , J = 9 Hz), 8.36 d (2H,  $H_{arom}$ , J = 9 Hz). Found, %: C 60.15; H 5.89; N 3.68. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>. Calculated, %: C 60.08; H 5.84; N 3.69.

The IR spectra were obtained on an IKS-22 spectrometer. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker WM-300 instrument (300 MHz) using HMDS as internal reference. The mass spectra (70 eV) were run on a Finnigan MAN JNCOS50 spectrometer.

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