Iffland's Reaction with Methyl Ketone Oximes of Adamantane Series

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Abstract—Along Iffland's reactions from 1-adamantyl methyl ketone, (1-adamantyl)acetone, 3-hydroxy-1-adamantyl methyl ketone and *N*-bromosuccinimide were obtained the corresponding bromonitro derivatives that on reduction with sodium borohydride afforded 1-(1-adamantyl)-1-nitroethane, 1-(1-adamantyl)-2-nitropropane, and 1-(3-hydroxy-1-adamantyl)-1-nitroethane.

The described syntheses of adamantyl compounds with a nitro group in the side chain are scanty: only reaction of trinitromethyl compounds with 1-adamantyl radical arising on thermolysis of *tert*-butyl 1-adamantylcarboxylates [1] and alkylation of 1-bromoadamantane and its derivatives with trinitromethane silver salt [2] can be cited.

Our previous reports concerned the transformation of aliphatic and alicyclic ketones into chloronitro [3] and dinitro [4, 5] compounds. The best results with sterically hindered oximes were obtained by Iffland's reaction that afforded previously unavailable nitro derivatives of cycloalkanes [6–8]. Iffland's reaction was successfully applied to the synthesis of 2-nitro-adamantane and 2,6-dinitroadamantane from 2-adamantanone oximes and 2,6-adamantanedione dioxime [9].

In order to prepare nitro compounds of adamantane series with a nitro group in the side chain we carried out Iffland's reaction with 1-adamantyl methyl ketone (I), (1-adamantyl)acetone (II), and 3-hydroxy-1adamantyl methyl ketone (III). In the first stage of the process we boiled the original ketones **I-III** with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in 50% aqueous ethanol in the presence of a water solution of Na₂CO₃ to obtain the corresponding oximes IVa-c of high purity and in quantitative yield. In the second stage the oximes IVa-c were treated with N-bromosuccinimide and sodium bicarbonate in 50% aqueous dioxane at 20°C to yield bromonitroso compounds that without isolation were oxidized in air to furnish bromonitro compounds: 1-(1-adamantyl)-1-bromo-1-nitroethane (Va), 1-(1-adamantyl)-2-bromo-2-nitropropane (Vb), and 1-(3-hydroxy-1-adamantyl)-1-bromo-1-nitroethane (Vc). The last stage consisted in reduction of compounds Va-c with sodium borohydride in 95%

aqueous methanol at 20°C yielding the following nitro derivatives of adamantane: 1-(1-adamantyl)-1-nitroethane (**VIa**), 1-(1-adamantyl)-2-nitropropane (**VIb**), and 1-(3-hydroxy-1-adamantyl)-1-nitroethane (**VIc**).

$$\begin{array}{c}
R \\
CH_{2})_{n}CCH_{3} \\
I, II, III \\
\hline
NOH \\
| CH_{2})_{n}CCH_{3} \\
\hline
IVa-c \\
\hline
Va-c \\
\hline
Pr \\
| CH_{2})_{n}CCH_{3} \\
NO \\
\hline
NO \\
Va-c \\
\hline
NABH_{4} \\
VIa-c \\
\hline
NABH_{4} \\
VIa-c \\
\hline
VIa-c \\
\hline
R \\
| CH_{2})_{n}CCH_{3} \\
NO_{2} \\
VIa-c \\
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VIa-c \\
\hline
NO_{2} \\
VIa-c \\
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n = 0, R = H (**a**); n = 1, R = H (**b**); n = 0, R = OH (**c**).

Table 1. Physical properties of oximes IVa-c, bromonitro compounds Va-c, and nitro compounds VIa-c

Compd.	mp, °C	Yield, %	R_f	IR spectrum, v, cm ⁻¹		
				CH ₂ Ad	other	
IVa	181–182	95	0.29 ^a	2900, 2850	1610 (C=N)	
IVb	82–84	89	0.71 ^b	2900, 2850	1600 (C=N)	
IVc	180–182	95	0.20 ^c	2900, 2850	3300 (OH), 1620 (C=N)	
Va	103–105	67	0.49 ^b	2910, 2860	1540, 1350 (NO ₂)	
Vb	120–121	77	0.72 ^c	2900, 2850	1550, 1350 (NO ₂)	
Vc	$ \begin{array}{c} 135-136 \\ 40-41 \\ n_{\rm D}^{20} 1.4985 \\ 72-73 \end{array} $	77	0.52°	2920, 2860	3260 (OH), 1530, 1335 (NO ₂)	
VIa		65	0.64°	2910, 2860	1530, 1360 (NO ₂)	
VIb		91	0.73 ^d	2900, 2850	1570, 1340 (NO ₂)	
VIc		30	0.46 ^d	2910, 2860	3290 (OH), 1520, 1360 (NO ₂)	

Solvent: ^a acetone; ^b hexane-chloroform-acetone, 1:1:1; ^c acetone-CCl₄, 1:2; ^d acetone-CCl₄, 1:6.

Table 2. ¹H NMR spectra of bromonitro Va-c and nitro compounds VIa-c, δ, ppm

Compd.	CH ₂ (Ad)	CH (Ad)	CH ₃	<u>CH</u> NO ₂	Other protons	
Va Vb Vc VIa VIb VIc	1.65-1.75 d (12H) 1.60-1.70 d (12H) 1.50-1.58 d (12H) 1.60-1.75 d (12H) 1.65-1.75 d (12H) 1.55-1.60 d (12H)	1.98 s (3H) 1.90 s (3H) 1.65 s (2H) 1.80 s (3H) 1.95 s (3H) 1.75 s (2H)	2.28 s (3H) 2.35 s (3H) 2.25 s (3H) 2.05 d (3H) 2.10 d (3H) 2.18 d (3H)	- 4.25 q (1H) 4.15 m (1H) 4.32 q (1H)	3.12 s (2H, CH ₂) 4.42 s (1H, OH) - 3.00 d (2H, CH ₂) 4.50 s (1H, OH)	

Table 3. Elemental analyses of oximes IVa-c, bromonitro Va-c and nitro compounds VIa-c

Compd.	Found, %			Formula	Calculated, %		
	С	Н	N	Pormuia	С	Н	N
IVa		_	_	$C_{12}H_{19}NO$	_	_	_
IVb	_	_	=	$C_{13}H_{21}NO$	_	_	_
IVc	-	=	=	$C_{12}H_{19}NO_2$	-	-	=
Va	50.01	6.00	5.02	$C_{12}H_{18}BrNO_2$	50.01	6.30	4.86
Vb	52.08	6.33	4.49	$C_{13}H_{20}BrNO_2$	51.67	6.67	4.64
Vc	47.50	5.99	4.47	$C_{12}H_{18}BrNO_3$	47.38	5.97	4.61
VIa	69.01	8.99	6.81	$C_{12}H_{19}NO_2$	68.87	9.15	6.69
VIb	69.99	9.50	6.11	$C_{13}H_{21}NO_2$	69.92	9.48	6.27
VIc	64.17	8.52	6.10	$C_{12}H_{19}NO_3$	63.98	8.50	6.22

If the reaction mixture in the last stage is neutralized with acetic acid, the aci forms of nitro compounds VI are cleaved into original ketones I-III, whereas the use of a milder agent, hydroxylamine hydrochloride, provides nitro compounds VI in high yield. Physical properties of compounds IV-VI syn-

the sized and their spectral characteristics are presented in Tables 1–3.

Thus we for the first time performed Iffland's reaction with oximes **IV** of methyl ketones belonging to the adamantane series and synthesized nitro derivatives of adamantane **VI**.

EXPERIMENTAL

¹H NMR spectra were registered on spectrometer Bruker AC-300 (300.13 MHz) in DMSO, internal reference HMDS. IR spectra were obtained on spectrometer Specord M-80 from samples pelleted with KBr. The purity of compounds was checked by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates, development in iodine vapor.

General procedure for oximes IVa-c synthesis. To a solution of 5.6 mmol of ketone Ia-III and 0.43 g (6.2 mmol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride in 10 ml of ethanol was added a solution of 0.3 g (2.8 mmol) of Na₂CO₃ in 5 ml of water. The reaction mixture was boiled till complete precipitation of oxime, then cooled, the precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, dried, and recrystallized from ethanol.

General procedure for synthesis of bromonitro compounds Va-c. In 10 ml of 59% aqueous dioxane was dissolved 5.2 mmol of oxime IV, and to the solution was added by portions 2.58 g (14.5 mmol) of bromosuccinimide and 1.22 g (14.5 mmol of NaHCO₃. The reaction mixture turned blue. The mixture was evaporated, the reaction products were extracted into ether, the ether was evaporated till dryness, the precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol.

General procedure for synthesis of nitro compounds VIa-c. To a solution of 3.5 mmol of bromonitro compound V in 10 ml of methanol was added by small portions 0.45 g (11.9 mmol) of sodium borohydride. After 12 h hydroxylamine hydrochloride was added till neutral reaction, the mixture was diluted with water, the precipitate was filtered off, dried, and recrystallized from ethanol.

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