

## C- and N-Amidotrichloroethylation of Azoles\*

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**Abstract**—1*H*-Pyrazoles, triazoles, and imidazoles in reaction with ethoxycarbonylimine and arylsulfonylimines of chloral yield addition products, corresponding 1-(1-amidotrichloroethyl)azoles. Derivatives of 1-alkylpyrazoles and pyrazolones react with chloral 4-chlorophenylsulfonylimine to furnish products of C-amidotrichloroethylation into position 4 of the azole ring.

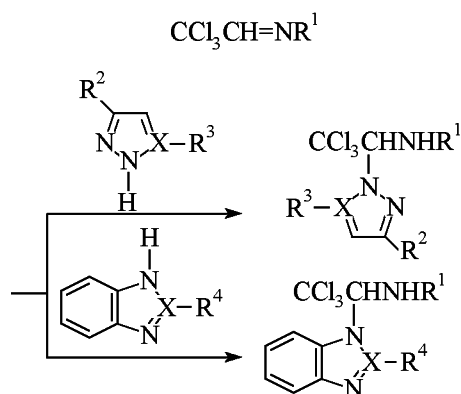
In the framework of systematic research on amidoalkylating efficiency of acyl- and sulfonylimines of polyhaloaldehydes we succeeded formerly in performing amidoalkylation on a series of O-, S-, and N-containing heterocycles [1-5]. Among the latter several pyrroles [4], and also indole and its C- and N-methyl-substituted derivatives were used for amidoalkylation [5]. In these cases the reaction occurred without catalyst, did not require heating, and resulted in products of C-trichloroamidoalkylation of pyrroles in the position 2, and indoles in the position 3.

In the series of di- and triazoles up till now the amidoalkylation was not studied save the example described [6] of reaction between 1-alkyl(aryl)-3-alkyl(phenyl)pyrazol-5-ones and ethoxycarbonyl-, acetyl-, and benzoylimines of chloral that resulted in amidotrichloroethylation in the position 4 of the pyrazolone ring.

In extension of systematic investigation on reactivity, in particular in the amidoalkylation reaction, of acyl- and arylsulfonylimines of polyhaloaldehydes prepared from *N,N*-dichloroamides and polyhaloethenes [7] we studied chloral trichloroethylidenearenesulfonamides and ethoxycarbonylimine in reactions with a series of azoles: benzimidazole, 2-methylbenzimidazole, triazole, benzotriazole, 3,5-dimethylpyrazole, and also with N-methyl-substituted pyrazole and 1-heptyl-3-methylpyrazol-5-one.

It was established that reaction of chloral arylsulfonylimines with benzimidazole, 2-methylbenzimidazole, triazole, benzotriazole, and 3,5-dimethylpyrazole provided in high yield the products **I**, **III-VI**

of azole nucleophilic addition at the activated C=N bond (Table 1). A similar product was also obtained in reaction of chloral ethoxycarbonylimine with triazole **II**.



**I**,  $\text{R}^1 = \text{SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$ ,  $\text{XR}^3 = \text{N}$ ; **II**,  $\text{R}^1 = \text{OCOC}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$ ,  $\text{XR}^3 = \text{N}$ ; **III**,  $\text{R}^1 = \text{SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R}^2 = \text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{XR}^3 = \text{C-CH}_3$ ; **IV**,  $\text{R}^1 = \text{SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{XR}^4 = \text{CH}$ , **V**,  $\text{R}^1 = \text{SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{XR}^4 = \text{C-CH}_3$ ; **VI**,  $\text{R}^1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{XR}^4 = \text{N}$ ; **VII**,  $\text{R}^1 = \text{SO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{XR}^4 = \text{N}$ .

The structure of compounds synthesized was established from the IR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (Table 2), and the composition was confirmed by elemental analysis (Table 1).

In the IR spectra of nucleophilic addition products **I-VII** are present strong absorption bands of sulfonyl group, of alkyl and aryl CH bonds, and of NH group (Table 2). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compounds from triazole series **I**, **II**, **VI**, **VII** contain doublet signals from protons of CH and NH groups with coupling constants of 9-10 Hz (Table 2). At the same time in the spectra of pyrazole and imidazole derivatives

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**Table 1.** Yields, melting points, and elemental analyses of compounds **I–X**

| Compd. no.  | Yield, % | mp, °C  | Found, % |      |       |       |      | Formula   | Calculated, % |      |       |       |      |
|-------------|----------|---------|----------|------|-------|-------|------|---|---------------|------|-------|-------|------|
|             |          |         | C        | H    | Cl    | N     | S    |   | C             | H    | Cl    | N     | S    |
| <b>I</b>    | 70       | 172–175 | 29.37    | 2.26 | 38.46 | 14.85 | 7.35 | C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>8</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S  | 30.7          | 2.07 | 36.36 | 14.36 | 8.22 |
| <b>II</b>   | 80       | 135–137 | 28.74    | 3.43 | 37.58 | 17.73 |      | C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>9</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>     | 29.24         | 3.15 | 36.99 | 19.49 |      |
| <b>III</b>  | 89       | 128–130 | 36.57    | 3.14 | 34.24 | 9.45  | 7.57 | C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | 37.43         | 3.14 | 34.69 | 10.07 | 7.69 |
| <b>IV</b>   | 72       | 130–135 | 42.81    | 2.72 | 33.04 | 9.61  | 7.56 | C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | 41.03         | 2.52 | 32.45 | 9.57  | 7.30 |
| <b>V</b>    | 87       | 84–85   | 42.93    | 2.70 | 32.12 | 9.67  | 7.52 | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | 42.60         | 2.46 | 31.44 | 9.31  | 7.11 |
| <b>VI</b>   | 70       | 189–190 | 37.84    | 2.24 | 33.24 | 12.74 | 6.78 | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | 38.21         | 2.29 | 32.22 | 12.7  | 7.27 |
| <b>VII</b>  | 71       | 164–166 | 41.25    | 2.89 | 28.22 | 13.49 | 8.23 | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | 41.45         | 2.73 | 26.22 | 13.81 | 7.90 |
| <b>VIII</b> | 71       | 198–200 | 39.64    | 3.75 | 32.55 | 9.68  | 8.21 | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | 39.16         | 3.52 | 33.33 | 9.79  | 7.45 |
| <b>IX</b>   | 40       | 218–220 | 45.17    | 4.39 | 30.21 | 8.96  | 6.89 | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S | 44.63         | 4.54 | 29.29 | 8.68  | 6.61 |

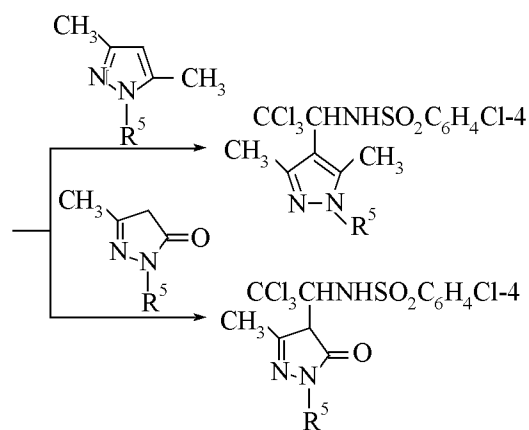
(compounds **III–V**) no splitting of CH and NH resonances is observed, and these proton signals appear as individual considerably broadened singlets (Table 2). The proton signals from the para-substituted aromatic rings are observed in the spectra of compounds **I**, **III–VI**, **VIII**, **IX** as two doublets corresponding to AA<sub>1</sub>BB<sub>1</sub> spin system. In the spectra of compounds **VI** and **VII** the signals of the aromatic protons and those of the benzotriazole fragment are overlapped; the latter signals appear as three multiplets. In the spectrum of compound **IV** the protons of benzimidazole fragment give three groups of signals of equal intensity, and therewith in the spectrum are seen two doublets belonging to the protons of the *para*-substituted aromatic ring (Table 2).

It should be noted that compounds **I–VII** are easily hydrolyzed in the presence of water and at heating affording the initial azole and 1-hydroxy-2,2,2-trichloroethylamides that have been isolated and characterized before [8]. This instability of products **I–VII** against water was already observed at registering <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in DMSO at heating to 50°C. Here alongside the signals, e.g., of azole **I**, arose the proton peaks from 1-hydroxy-2,2,2-trichloroethylamide [8].

It was demonstrated that 1,3,5-trimethylpyrazole reacted with chloral 4-chlorophenylsulfonylimine at heating to 80°C for 20 h without catalyst or in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate yielding up to 70% of a product of C-amidoalkylation in the 4 position of the pyrazole ring (compound **VIII**) (Table 1).

Similarly occurred the reaction between trichloroethylidene(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide and 1-heptyl-

3-methylpyrazol-5-one: The reaction gave rise to a product of 4-amidotrichloroethylation in the pyrazole ring **IX**. The use of boron trifluoride etherate here and in reaction of 1,3,5-trimethylpyrazole did not reduce the process time, but decreased the yield of the target products (compounds **VIII** and **IX**).



Thus we demonstrated that arylsulfonyl- and ethoxycarbonylimines of chloral under mild conditions reacted with triazoles, imidazoles, and 1H-pyrazole affording in high yield products of nucleophilic addition to the C=N bond. It was also established that *N*-alkyl-substituted pyrazoles and pyrazolones in reaction with chloral 4-chlorophenylsulfonylimine furnished products of C-amidoalkylation in the 4 position of the heterocycle. These reactions require more stringent conditions than the previously studied C-amidoalkylation of pyrroles and indoles.

**Table 2.** IR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compounds **I-IX**

| Compd.      | IR spectrum, $\nu$ , $\text{cm}^{-1}$ |       |        |      | $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra, $\delta$ , ppm ( $J$ , Hz) |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|------|--|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--|--------------|------------------------------------|
|             | $\text{SO}_2(\text{C}=\text{O})$      | CHalc | CHarom | NH   | $\text{CH}_3$  | N- $\text{CH}_3$    | CH- $\text{CCl}_3$ | Hasol      | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{X}$                       | NH           | Solvent                            |
| <b>I</b>    | 1170                                  | 2720  | 3090   | 3230 |  |                     | 5.21 e (9.2)       | 8.46       | 7.57 e, 7.91 e<br>(AA <sub>1</sub> BB <sub>1</sub> ) | 8.99 e       | (CD <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO |
| <b>II</b>   | 1340                                  | 2860  | 3130   |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
|             | 1710                                  | 2780  | 3130   | 3170 |  |                     | 6.89 e (9.6)       | 8.35       | 1.20 t, 4.12 q <sup>a</sup>                          | 9.29 e (9.6) | DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>        |
|             |                                       | 2920  |        |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
|             |                                       | 2970  |        |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
| <b>III</b>  | 1160                                  | 2920  | 3070   | 3310 | 2.24   |                     | 5.61               | 5.82       | 7.53 e, 7.29 e<br>(AA <sub>1</sub> BB <sub>1</sub> ) | 6.64         | CDCl <sub>3</sub>                  |
|             | 1340                                  | 2950  | 3090   |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
|             |                                       | 2970  |        |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
| <b>IV</b>   | 1170                                  | 2720  | 3060   | 3260 |  |                     | 5.04               | 7.58 (2H)  | 7.82 e, 7.64 e<br>(AA <sub>1</sub> BB <sub>1</sub> ) | 8.25         | DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>        |
|             | 1350                                  | 2850  | 3100   |      |  |                     |                    | 7.45 (1H)  |  |              |                                    |
|             |                                       | 2970  |        |      |  |                     |                    |            | 7.20 (2H)  |              |                                    |
| <b>V</b>    | 1190                                  | 2610  |        | 3310 |  | 2.64                | 5.05               | 6.94       | 7.83 e, 7.65 e<br>(AA <sub>1</sub> BB <sub>1</sub> ) | 7.91         | DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>        |
|             | 1320                                  | 2750  |        |      |  |                     |                    | 7.20       |  |              |                                    |
| <b>VI</b>   | 1190                                  | 2720  | 3060   | 3330 |  |                     | 5.20 e (9.2)       | 7.92       | 7.67 e, 7.44 e<br>(AA <sub>1</sub> BB <sub>1</sub> ) | 9.04 e (9.2) | DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>        |
|             | 1360                                  |       | 3080   |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
| <b>VII</b>  | 1180                                  | 2620  | 3070   | 3250 |  |                     | 5.22 e (9.2)       | 7.44       | 7.92, 7.60 m <sup>b</sup>                            | 8.92 e (9.2) | DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>        |
|             | 1350                                  | 3850  | 3100   |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
| <b>VIII</b> | 1150                                  | 2930  | 3050   | 3270 | 2.24   | 3.58                | 5.58               |            | 7.35 e, 7.56 e<br>(AA <sub>1</sub> BB <sub>1</sub> ) | 5.73         | CDCl <sub>3</sub>                  |
|             | 1320                                  |       | 3080   | 2.08 |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
| <b>IX</b>   | 1180                                  | 2860  | 3060   | 3260 | 2.10   | 3.50 t <sup>c</sup> | 5.35 e (8.8)       | 5.00 (8.8) | 7.84 e, 7.47 e<br>(AA <sub>1</sub> BB <sub>1</sub> ) |              | CDCl <sub>3</sub>                  |
|             | 1330                                  | 2920  | 3090   |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
|             |                                       | 2950  |        |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
| <b>IX</b>   | 1180                                  | 2860  | 3060   | 3260 | 2.03   | 3.43 T <sup>d</sup> | 4.80               |            | 7.70 e, 7.48 e<br>(AA <sub>1</sub> BB <sub>1</sub> ) |              | DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>        |
|             | 1330                                  | 2920  | 3090   |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |
|             |                                       | 2950  |        |      |  |                     |                    |            |  |              |                                    |

<sup>a</sup> The spectrum of the ethyl group from the ethoxycarbonyl fragment of compound **II** is reported.

<sup>b</sup> The spectrum of  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$  group of compound **VII** is given.

<sup>c</sup> The chemical shift of N- $\text{CH}_2$  group from the fragment N- $\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH}_3$  is reported; the order signals of the fragment are as follows (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 1.6 m (CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.24 m (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>; 1.93 m (CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>d</sup> The chemical shift of N- $\text{CH}_2$  group from the fragment N- $\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH}_3$  is reported in the spectrum recorded in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. The order signals ( $\delta$ , ppm) are 0.56 m (CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27 m (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>.

## EXPERIMENTAL

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were registered on spectrometers Bruker DPX-400 (400 Mhz) and Jeol FX-90 Q (90 MHz) in organic solutions of 5–10% concentration, internal reference HMDS.

IR spectra were recorded on spectrophotometer Specord 75IR from KBr pellets.

Imidazoles and triazoles used in the work were purified by recrystallization. 1,3,5-Trimethylpyrazole was obtained from 3,5-dimethylpyrazole and methyl iodide. 1-Heptyl-3-methylpyrazol-5-one was prepared from methyl acetoacetate and heptylhydrazine [9]. The imines used were obtained from acids dichloroamides and trichloroethylene [10, 11].

***N*-[1-(1,2,4-Triazol-2-yl)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (I).** A mixture of 2.60 g (0.01 mol) of *N,N*-dichloro(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide and 13.1 g (0.1 mol) of trichloroethylene was boiled at 85–90°C under continuous bubbling of argon. The reaction was carried out for 8–9 h till the end of chlorine liberation (test with iodo-starch paper). Then trichloroethylene was distilled off in a vacuum, the residue was dissolved in 10 ml of anhydrous chloroform, and 0.69 g (0.01 mol) of 1,2,4-triazole was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3–4 h. The formed colorless precipitate was filtered off, washed with anhydrous chloroform, and dried. We obtained 2.71 g of compound **I**.

***N*-[1-(1,2,4-Triazol-2-yl)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]-ethoxycarbonylamine (II).** To 1.13 g (0.01 mol) of *N*-(2,2,2-trichloroethylidene)ethoxycarboxamide prepared from *N,N*-dichlorourethane and trichloroethylene [11] was added 10 ml of anhydrous carbon tetrachloride and 0.69 g (0.01 mol) of 1,2,4-triazole, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. We obtained 2.55 g of compound **II**.

***N*-[1-(3,5-Dimethylpyrazol-1-yl)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (III).** The preparation procedure was similar to the synthesis of compound **I**. From 2.60 g (0.01 mol) of *N,N*-dichloro(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide, 13.1 g (0.1 mol) of trichloroethylene, and 0.96 g (0.01 mol) of 3,5-dimethylpyrazole (the second stage was carried out in anhydrous benzene) was obtained 3.67 g of compound **III**.

***N*-[1-(Benzimidazol-1-yl)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (IV)** was synthesized similarly to compound **I** from trichloroethylidene(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide prepared from 2.60 g (0.01 mol) of *N,N*-dichloro(4-chlorobenzene)sulfon-

amide, 13.1 g (0.1 mol) of anhydrous trichloroethylene, and 1.18 g (0.01 mol) of benzimidazole in anhydrous benzene. We obtained 3.20 g of compound **IV**.

***N*-[1-(2-Methylbenzimidazol-1-yl)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (V)** was synthesized similarly to compound **I** from trichloroethylidene(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide prepared from 2.60 g (0.01 mol) of *N,N*-dichloro(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide and 13.1 g (0.1 mol) of anhydrous trichloroethylene, and 1.32 g (0.01 mol) of methylbenzimidazole. We obtained 3.03 g (67%) of compound **V**.

***N*-[1-(Benzotriazol-1-yl)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (VI)** was synthesized similarly to compound **I** from trichloroethylidene(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide prepared from 2.60 g (0.01 mol) of *N,N*-dichloro(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide and 13.1 g (0.1 mol) of anhydrous trichloroethylene, and 1.20 g (0.01 mol) of benzotriazole in anhydrous benzene. We obtained 3.08 g of compound **VI**.

***N*-[1-(Benzotriazol-1-yl)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]-4-benzenesulfonamide (VII)** was synthesized similarly to compound **I** from trichloroethylidenebenzenesulfonamide prepared from 2.14 g (0.01 mol) of *N,N*-benzenesulfonamide and 13.1 g (0.1 mol) of anhydrous trichloroethylene, and 1.20 g (0.01 mol) of benzotriazole in anhydrous benzene. We obtained 2.62 g of compound **VII**.

***N*-[1-(1,3,5-Trimethylpyrazol-4-yl)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (VIII).** To trichloroethylidene(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide prepared from 2.60 g (0.01 mol) of *N,N*-dichloro(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide and 13.1 g (0.1 mol) of trichloroethylene after excess trichloroethylene was distilled off in a vacuum was added 1.1 g (0.01 mol) of 1,3,5-trimethylpyrazole and 15 ml of anhydrous benzene. The mixture was heated to 80°C for 15–20 h, then it was cooled, and hexane or petroleum ether was added thereto. The separated precipitate was filtered off, dried, and recrystallized from ethanol. We obtained 3.07 g of compound **VIII**.

**1-Heptyl-3-methyl-4-[(4-chlorobenzenesulfonamido)-2,2,2-trichloroethyl]pyrazol-5-one (IX)** was obtained in a similar way as compound **VIII** from trichloroethylidene(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide prepared from 2.60 g (0.01 mol) of *N,N*-dichloro(4-chlorobenzene)sulfonamide and 13.1 g (0.1 mol) of trichloroethylene, and 1.96 g (0.01 mol) of 1-heptyl-3-methylpyrazol-5-one synthesized analogously to [9]. Yield 2.04 g.

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