Five-Membered 2,3-Dioxo Heterocycles: XLVII.* Reaction of 5-Aryl-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydrofuran-2,3-diones with Compounds Containing C=N and C≡N Bonds

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Abstract—Thermal decarbonylation of 5-aryl-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydrofuran-2,3-diones gives rise to intermediate aroyl(phenyl)ketenes which react with nonactivated Schiff bases, N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, and p-dimethylaminobenzonitrile according to the [4+2]-cycloaddition pattern with formation of 6-aryl-5-phenyl-4H-1,3-oxazin-4-ones. Reactions of 5-aryl-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydrofuran-2,3-diones with activated Schiff bases at a temperature below the thermolysis temperature lead to 4-aroyl-4-phenyltetrahydropyrrole-2,3-diones.

5-Aryl-4-halo-2,3-dihydrofuran-2,3-diones and their analogs containing no substituent at C⁴ undergo thermal decarbonylation (80–110°C) to generate aroylketenes which act as dienes (through the conjugated O=C-C=C bond system) in [4+2]-cycloadditions at the C=N bond of nonactivated Schiff bases [2–4] and carbodiimides [5] or at the C=N bond of cyanamides [6]. As a result, the corresponding 1,3-oxazin-4-one derivatives are formed. Activated Schiff bases react with 5-aryl-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydrofuran-2,3-diones under milder conditions (at room temperature), and the reaction includes opening of the furan ring and subsequent recyclization to substituted 3-hydroxy-pyrrol-2-ones [4, 7].



I, **II**, $Ar^1 = Ph$ (**a**), 2,5-Me₂C₆H₃ (**b**); **III**, $Ar^1 = Ph$, $Ar^2 = p$ -BrC₆H₄, $Ar^3 = p$ -MeOC₆H₄ (**a**); $Ar^1 = Ar^2 = Ph$, $Ar^3 = 2,5$ -Me₂C₆H₃ (**b**); $Ar^1 = 2,5$ -Me₂C₆H₃, $Ar^2 = p$ -BrC₆H₄, $Ar^3 = p$ -MeOC₆H₄ (**c**); **IV**, $Ar^1 = Ph$, $Ar^4 = p$ -Me₂NC₆H₄ (**a**); $Ar^1 = 2,5$ -Me₂C₆H₃, $Ar^4 = p$ -Et₂NC₆H₄ (**b**); **V**, $Ar^1 = Ph$ (**a**), 2,5-Me₂C₆H₃ (**b**).

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In order to estimate the effect of a phenyl group in position 4 of the furan ring on the above process, we examined reactions of 5-aryl-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydrofuran-2,3-diones **Ia** and **Ib** with some activated and nonactivated Schiff bases, N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, and p-dimethylaminobenzonitrile. Heating of mixtures of compound **Ia** or **Ib** and N-benzylideneanilines in dry boiling 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene at 160– 165°C over a period of 30–40 min promoted thermal decarbonylation of the former with generation of aroyl (phenyl)ketenes **IIa** and **IIb** which reacted as dienes at the C=N bond of Schiff bases according to the [4+2]cycloaddition pattern. As a result, the corresponding 2,3,6-triaryl-5-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,3-oxazin-4ones **IIIa–IIIc** were obtained (Scheme 1).

The IR spectra of products IIIa-IIIc contained a strong absorption band at 1655–1678 cm⁻¹ due to stretching vibrations of the lactam carbonyl group $(C^4=O)$. Its position is well consistent with the IR spectra of their analogs containing a halogen atom or no substituent at C^5 [2–4]. In the ¹H NMR spectra of **IIIa–IIIc** we observed signals from aromatic protons, a singlet at δ 6.85–6.87 ppm from 2-H, singlets at δ 1.74–2.19 ppm from the methyl group protons (IIIb, IIIc), and a singlet at δ 3.78–3.79 ppm from the methoxy group proton (IIIa, IIIc). Compound IIIb showed in the ¹³C NMR spectrum signals from aromatic carbon atoms ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 126.28–139.02 ppm), methyl groups attached to the aromatic rings ($\delta_{\rm C}$ 18.34, 20.27 ppm), and signals at $\delta_{\rm C}$ 89.20, 160.39, 114.87, and 162.16 ppm from the C^2 , C^4 , C^5 , and C^6 atoms of the 1,3-oxazine ring, respectively. These data are consistent with the assumed structure. The mass spectrum of **IIIa** contained the following ion peaks, m/z (I_{rel} , %): 289/291 (54/61) [p-BrC₆H₄CH=NC₆H₄- $OMe-p]^+$, 222 (35) $[PhCO(Ph)C=C=O]^+$. This fragmentation pattern corresponds to the retro-Diels-Alder decomposition.

By reaction of furandiones **Ia** and **Ib** with *N*-(benzylidene)benzylamines in dry boiling chloroform (63– 64°C, 20–30 min) we obtained 4-aroyl-5-aryl-1-benzyl-4-phenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrole-2,3-diones **IVa** and **IVb**, respectively [8]. In the IR spectra of pyrrolediones **IVa** and **IVb**, stretching vibrations of the lactam carbonyl group (C²=O) appeared at 1770– 1776 cm⁻¹, and absorption bands due to ketone carbonyl groups C³=O and 4-COAr were located at 1719–1725 and 1680–1695 cm⁻¹, respectively. The ¹H NMR spectra of pyrrolediones **IVa** and **IVb** contained signals from protons in the aromatic rings and groups attached thereto, a doublet of doublets at δ 3.80–5.04 ppm (*AB* system) from the CH₂ protons of the benzyl group, and a singlet from 5-H at δ 5.78–5.98 ppm. Compound **IVa** showed the following signals in the ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ_{C} , ppm: 119.58–150.08 (C_{arom}), 39.53 (Me₂N), 45.84 (CH₂), 62.49 (C⁴), 67.74 (C⁵), 156.86 (C²=O), 192.15 (PhC=O), 192.31 (C³=O).

Presumably, in the first stage, opening of the furan ring in **Ia** and **Ib** as a result of nucleophilic attack by the nitrogen atom of activated Schiff base gives zwitterionic intermediate which then undergoes intramolecular cyclization to **IVa** and **IVb** [8].

Heating of furandiones Ia and Ib in boiling 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (160-165°C, 30-40 min) in the presence of N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide afforded 6-aryl-5-phenyl-3-cyclohexyl-2-cyclohexylimino-3,4dihydro-2H-1,3-oxazin-4-ones Va and Vb via [4+2]cycloaddition of intermediate aroylketenes IIa and IIb at the C=N bond of carbodiimide. In the IR spectra of oxazinones Va and Vb, absorption bands at 1700-1702 and 1655–1660 cm^{-1} were present due to stretching vibrations of the lactam carbonyl group $(C^4=O)$ and C=N bond, respectively. The ¹H NMR spectra of Va and Vb contained singlets from the methyl group protons at δ 2.12 and 2.14 ppm (Vb), a set of signals from ten CH₂ groups in the two cyclohexyl fragments in the regions δ 1.09–1.82 and 2.52– 2.62 ppm, two quintets from the CH protons in the cyclohexyl fragments at 3.60-3.78 and 4.70-4.79 ppm, and a set of aromatic proton signals in the region δ 7.02–7.43 ppm. Compound **Va** showed the following signals in the ¹³C NMR spectrum, $\delta_{\rm C}$, ppm: 127.73– 132.18 (C_{arom}); 24.35–34.14, 53.47, 55.41 (cyclohexyl); 138.87 (C²), 162.06 (C⁴), 112.21 (C⁵), 156.79 (C⁶).

The reaction of furandiones Ia and Ib with p-dimethylaminobenzonitrile in Dowtherm A [9] at 140-145°C (20-30 min) gave 6-aryl-2-(p-dimethylaminophenyl)-5-phenyl-4H-1,3-oxazin-4-ones VIa and VIb, respectively, as a result of [4+2]-cycloaddition of aroyl(phenyl)ketenes IIa-IIc (generated by thermal decarbonylation of **Ia** and **Ib**) at the $C \equiv N$ bond of the nitrile. The IR spectra of VIa and VIb contained absorption bands belonging to stretching vibrations of the lactam carbonyl group ($C^4=O$) at 1660–1680 cm⁻¹ and C=N bond in the oxazine ring at $1620-1621 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; their position is well consistent with the IR spectra of structural analogs having no substituent at C^5 [5]. Compound VIa showed the following ion peaks in the mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel} , %): 368 (5) $[M]^+$, 146 (100) $[p-\text{Me}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}\equiv\text{N}]^+$.

EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra were recorded on a UR-20 spectrometer from samples dispersed in mineral oil. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra^{**} were obtained on a Bruker AM-400 instrument (400 MHz for ¹H) from solutions in DMSO- d_6 or CDCl₃ using tetramethylsilane as internal reference. The mass spectra (electron impact, 70 eV) were recorded on an MKh-1310 mass spectrometer. The purity of the products was checked by TLC on Silufol plates using ethyl acetate, ethyl acetate–benzene (1:5), or benzene as eluent; development with iodine vapor.

2-p-Bromophenyl-3-p-methoxyphenyl-5,6-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,3-oxazin-4-one (IIIa). A solution of 2.16 mmol of furandione Ia and 2.16 mmol of N-(p-bromobenzylidene)-p-methoxyaniline in 5 ml of dry 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene was heated for 30-40 min under reflux. The mixture was cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off. Yield 0.55 g (50%), mp 144–146°C (decomp., from CCl₄–hexane, 1:1). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1655 (C⁴=O). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 3.78 s (3H, OMe), 6.85 s (1H, 2-H), 6.89–7.65 m (18H, H_{arom}). Mass spectrum, m/z(*I*_{rel}, %): 289/291 (54/61) [*p*-BrC₆H₄CH=NC₆H₄- OMe_{p}^{+} , 222 (35) $[Ph(PhCO)C=C=O]^{+}$, 105 (100) [PhCO]⁺, 77 (88) [Ph]⁺. Found, %: C 67.99; H 4.31; Br 15.65; N 2.75. C₂₉H₂₂BrNO₃. Calculated, %: C 67.98; H 4.33; Br 15.59; N 2.73.

5-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-2,3,5-triphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,3-oxazin-4-one (IIIb) was synthesized in a similar way. Yield 48%, mp 174–176°C (decomp., from benzene). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1668 (C⁴=O). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.74 s (3H, Me), 2.12 s (3H, Me), 6.87 s (1H, 2-H), 6.92– 7.60 m (18H, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ_C , ppm: 18.34 (Me), 20.27 (Me), 89.20 (C²), 114.87 (C⁵), 126.28–139.02 (C_{arom}), 160.39 (C⁴), 162.16 (C⁶). Found, %: C 83.47; H 5.82; N 3.25. C₃₀H₂₅NO₂. Calculated, %: C 68.89; H 5.84; N 3.25.

2-*p*-Bromophenyl-6-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3*p*-methoxyphenyl-5-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,3-oxazin-4-one (IIIc) was synthesized in a similar way. Yield 47%, mp 195–197°C (decomp., from acetonitrile). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1678 (C⁴=O). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ , ppm: 1.85 s (3H, Me), 2.19 s (3H, Me), 3.79 s (3H, OMe), 6.68 s (1H, 2-H), 6.82– 7.60 m (16H, H_{arom}). Found, %: C 68.90; H 4.87; Br 14.80; N 2.63. C₃₁H₂₆BrNO₃. Calculated, %: C 68.89; H 4.85; Br 14.78; N 2.59.

4-Benzoyl-1-benzyl-5-p-dimethylaminophenyl-2.3.4.5-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrole-2.3-dione (IVa). A solution of 5 mmol of furandione Ia and 5 mmol of N-(p-dimethylaminobenzylidene)benzylamine in 15 ml of dry chloroform was heated for 20-30 min under reflux. The mixture was cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off. Yield 1.95 g (80%), mp 197-198°C (from isopropyl alcohol). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1770 (C²=O), 1725 (C³=O), 1680 (PhC=O). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 2.78 s (6H, Me₂N), 3.80 d $(1H, CH_2, AB \text{ system}, J = 14.3 \text{ Hz}), 5.04 \text{ d} (1H, CH_2, M)$ AB system, J = 14.3 Hz), 5.98 s (1H, 5-H), 6.44– 7.47 m (19H, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ_C , ppm: 39.53 (Me₂N), 45.84 (CH₂), 62.49 (C⁴), 67.74 (C⁵), 119.58–150.08 (C_{arom}), 156.86 (C²), 192.15 (PhCO), 192.31 (C³). Found, %: C 78.72; H 5.78; N 5.70. C₃₂H₂₈N₂O₃. Calculated, %: C 78.67; H 5.78; N 5.73.

1-Benzyl-5*-p*-diethylaminophenyl-4-(2,5-dimethylbenzoyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-pirrole-2,3dione (IVb) was synthesized in a similar way. Yield 71%, mp 182–183°C (from isopropyl alcohol). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1776 (C²=O), 1719 (C³=O), 1695 (C₆H₃C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ , ppm: 1.01 t (6H, CH₃CH₂, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.92 s (3H, Me), 1.96 s (3H, Me), 3.24 q (4H, CH₃CH₂, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 3.94 d (1H, CH₂, *AB* system, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 4.93 d (1H, CH₂, *AB* system, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 5.78 s (1H, 5-H), 6.44– 7.28 m (17H, H_{arom}). Found, %: C 79.42; H 6.70; N 5.20. C₃₆H₃₆N₂O₃. Calculated, %: C 79.38; H 6.66; N 5.14.

3-Cyclohexyl-2-cyclohexylimino-5,6-diphenyl-3.4-dihvdro-2H-1.3-oxazin-4-one (Va). A solution of 2.16 mmol of furandione Ia and 2.16 mmol of N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide in 5 ml of dry 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene was heated for 30-40 min under reflux. The mixture was cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off. Yield 0.88 g (95%), mp 166-168°C (from hexane). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1700 (C⁴=O), 1655 (C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.17– 1.82 m, 2.52–2.62 m, 3.78 m, and 4.79 m (22H, C₆H₁₁cyclo); 7.18–7.43 m (10H, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 24.35–55.41 (C₆H₁₁cyclo), 112.21 (C⁵), 127.73–132.18 (C_{arom}), 138.87 (C²), 156.79 (C⁶), 162.06 (C⁴). Found, %: C 78.45; H 7.55; N 6.58. C₂₈H₃₂N₂O₂. Calculated, %: C 78.47; H 7.53; N 6.54.

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3-Cyclohexyl-2-cyclohexylimino-6-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H***-1,3-oxazin-4-one (Vb**) was synthesized in a similar way. Yield 87%, mp 133–135°C (from hexane). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1702 (C⁴=O), 1660 (C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 2.12 s (3H, Me); 2.14 s (3H, Me); 1.09–1.81 m, 2.52–2.60 m, 3.60 m, and 4.70 m (22H, C₆H₁₁-*cyclo*); 7.02–7.19 m (8H, H_{arom}). Found, %: C 78.94; H 7.98; N 6.15. C₃₀H₃₆N₂O₂. Calculated, %: C 78.91; H 7.95; N 6.13.

2-*p*-Dimethylaminophenyl-5,6-diphenyl-4*H*-1,3oxazin-4-one (VIa). A solution of 2 mmol of furandione Ia and 2.00 mmol of *p*-dimethylaminobenzonitrile in 3 ml of Dowtherm A was heated for 20– 30 min at 140–145°C. The mixture was cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off. Yield 0.63 g (85%), mp 243–245°C (from isopropyl alcohol). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1660 (C⁴=O), 1621 (C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ , ppm: 3.12 s (6H, Me₂N), 6.78–8.08 m (14H, H_{arom}). Mass spectrum, *m*/*z* (*I*_{rel}, %): 368 (5) [*M*]⁺, 146 (100) [*p*-Me₂NC₆H₄C≡N]⁺, 105 (25) [PhCO]⁺, 77 (16) [Ph]⁺. Found, %: C 78.26; H 5.50; N 7.63. C₂₄H₂₀N₂O₂. Calculated, %: C 78.24; H 5.47; N 7.60.

2-*p*-Dimethylaminophenyl-6-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-6-phenyl-4*H*-1,3-oxazin-4-one (VIb) was synthesized in a similar way. Yield 94%, mp 204– 206°C (from isopropyl alcohol). IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1665 (C⁴=O), 1620 (C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ , ppm: 2.32 s (3H, Me), 2.42 s (3H, Me), 3.07 s (6H, Me₂N), 6.60–7.79 m (12H, H_{arom}). Found, %: C 78.75; H 6.12; N 7.10. C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₂. Calculated, %: C 78.76; H 6.10; N 7.06.

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