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Stereospecificity of ¹³C Shielding Constants in the ¹³C NMR Spectra of 3-Substituted Propynal Oximes

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It was shown previously that some NMR parameters of aldehyde and ketone oximes are stereospecific. Direct ¹³C–¹H [1] and ¹³C–¹³C [2], geminal and vicinal ¹⁵N–¹H, and geminal ¹⁵N–¹³C coupling constants [3, 4] change in going from their *E* isomers to *Z* isomers. In addition, aldehyde oximes are characterized by stereospecific shielding constant of the oxime proton [5], and the shielding constant of the ¹³C nucleus in the α -position with respect to the C=N bond in ketone oximes depends on their configuration [6].

We were the first to reveal that the shielding constants of the ¹³C nuclei at both triple and double bonds of newly synthesized aldehyde oximes **I–VI** in which the triple bond is conjugated with the C=N bond are considerably different for the *E* and *Z* isomers.

$$R - \overset{V}{C} \equiv \overset{\beta}{C} - \overset{\alpha}{\overset{}} \overset{H}{\overset{}}_{N \sim OH}$$

$$I - VI$$

I, R = SiMe₃; II, R = SiEt₃; III, R = GeEt₃; IV, R = GePh₃; V, R = t-Bu; VI, R = Ph.

The chemical shifts of the ¹³C nuclei in the oxime fragment and at the triple bond in the spectra of compounds **I–VI** are as follows (C^{α} , C^{β} , and C^{γ} , respectively), δ_{C} , ppm: (*E*)-**I**: 134.40, 96.30, 101.55; (*Z*)-**I**: 130.34, 92.87, 108.49; (*E*)-**II**: 133.89, 97.36, 98.70; (*Z*)-**II**: 129.79, 94.29, 105.61; (*E*)-**III**: 134.31, 97.24, 100.34; (*Z*)-**III**: 130.21, 94.02, 107.55; (*E*)-**IV**: 134.50, 98.85, 96.60; (*Z*)-**IV**: 129.72, 95.17, 103.51; (*E*)-**V**: 135.49, 71.84, 104.57; (*Z*)-**V**: 131.16, 68.73, 111.45; (*E*)-**VI**: 134.06, 81.95, 94.00; (*Z*)-**VI**: 130.07, 79.00, 100.04. The signals were assigned to the *E* and *Z* isomers of aldehyde oximes **I–VI** on the basis of the following considerations. First, the oxime proton in the *E* isomers of **I–VI** appears in the ¹H NMR spectra in a much weaker field than the corresponding proton of the *Z* isomer [5]: its chemical shift ranges from δ 7.3 to 7.5 ppm for the *E* isomers and from δ 6.7 to 6.9 ppm for the *Z* isomers. Second, the direct coupling constant ¹³C–¹H for the oxime carbon nuclei increases by 10–15 Hz in going from *E* to *Z* configuration [1]: ¹*J*_{C^αH} = 174–175 and 188–189 Hz for (*E*)-**I**–(*E*)-**VI** and (*Z*)-**I**–(*Z*)-**VI**, respectively.

The above data show that the chemical shifts of the oxime carbon nucleus (C^{α}) and carbon nuclei at the triple bond (C^{β} , C^{γ}) change in a regular mode in going from the E isomers of aldehyde oximes I-VI to their Z isomers. The chemical shifts of C^{α} and C^{β} regularly decrease by 4-5 and 3-4 ppm, respectively, while the chemical shift of C^{γ} increases by ~7 ppm. Lower chemical shifts of the carbon nuclei in the α -position with respect to the C=N bond (C^{β} in **I**–VI) in the Z isomers as compared to E isomers were observed previously for aldehyde and ketone oximes having alkyl or aryl groups [6, 7]. However, shielding constants of the oxime carbon nucleus (C^{α}) and C^{γ} (which is remote from the C=N bond) are related to steric configuration only in the series of oximes having a triple bond. Unusually upfield position of the C^{α} signal (δ_{C} 130– 135 ppm) in the spectra of aldehyde oximes I-VI relative to analogous oximes with an alkyl group $(\delta_{C^{\alpha}} 145 - 160 \text{ ppm [6]})$ should be noted. Obviously, conjugation between the triple $C \equiv C$ bond and double

C=N bond enhances the shielding constant of C^{α} by 10–15 ppm [8].

Considerable differences in the chemical shifts of C^{α} , C^{β} , and C^{γ} in the *E* and *Z* isomers of aldehyde oximes **I–VI** are likely to result from different polarizations of the triple bond in those isomers. These differences may be used for both assignment of configuration of α , β -acetylenic aldehyde and ketone oximes and studying their electronic structure by ¹³C NMR spectroscopy.

(E,Z)-3-Trimethylsilylprop-2-ynal oxime (I). A mixture of 0.38 g (3 mmol) of 3-trimethylsilylprop-2-ynal, 0.21 g (3 mmol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride, 0.25 g (3 mmol) of sodium hydrogen carbonate, and 9 ml of methanol was stirred for 8 h using a magnetic stirrer. The mixture was then diluted with water until it became homogeneous and extracted with diethyl ether. The extracts were combined and dried over MgSO₄, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using acetonitrile-methanol (10:1) as eluent. Yield 0.27 g (63%), yellow viscous oily material. IR spectrum (film), v, cm⁻¹: 3260 (OH); 2150, 2140 (C=C); 1670 (C=N); 1235 (Me₃Si). Found, %: C 50.87; H 7.68; N 9.82; Si 19.94. C₆H₁₁NOSi. Calculated, %: C 51.02; H 7.85; N 9.91; Si 19.88.

Aldehyde oximes **II–VI** were synthesized in a similar way (yield 60–84%).

The IR spectra were recorded on a Specord 75IR spectrometer. The ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DPX-400 instrument at 100.61 MHz using CDCl₃ as solvent (c = 5-10 wt %) and HMDS as internal reference.

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