



Table I. Reactions of  $\alpha,N$ -Dilithio Sulfonamides,  $\text{LiR}^1\text{CHSO}_2\text{NR}^2\text{Li}$ , with Electrophiles

entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	electrophile	product	yield, <sup>a</sup> % (mp, °C)
1	H	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> I	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NHC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	73 (53–54.5)
2	H	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	PhCH <sub>2</sub> Br	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NHC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	82 (74–76)
3	H	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiCl	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiCH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NHC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	57 (79.5–81) <sup>b</sup>
4	H	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	<i>o</i> -ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO		87 (85–88) <sup>b</sup>
5	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>			97 (111–112)
6	H	CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<i>p</i> -ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN		63 (117–117.5)
7	H	CH <sub>2</sub> Ph	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCN		80 (76–78)
8	H	CH <sub>2</sub> Ph			91 (138–140)
9	CH <sub>3</sub>	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Ph <sub>2</sub> C=O		74 (151–153)
10	Ph	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> O		62 (79–81) <sup>b</sup>
11	H	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>			22 (165–167) <sup>c</sup>
12	<i>p</i> -ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO		97 <sup>d</sup>
13	<i>p</i> -ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	PhCHO		82 <sup>d</sup>

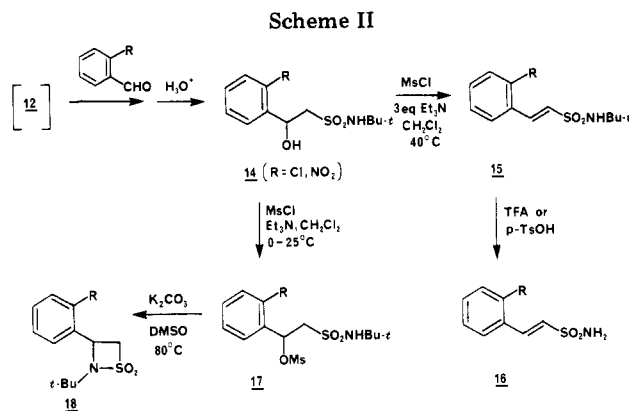
(ratio of diastereomers ~ 3.6:1)

<sup>a</sup> Yields are not optimized and refer to isolated products, which proved homogeneous by TLC and <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses. Satisfactory spectral (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, IR, MS) and physical (elemental analysis,  $\pm 0.3\%$ , or high-resolution MS) data were obtained for all new compounds. <sup>b</sup> Purified by flash chromatography (40% EtOAc-hexane). <sup>c</sup> Pure product was isolated by trituration of the crude reaction mixture with Et<sub>2</sub>O-hexane (1:1, v/v). This  $\beta$ -styrenesulfonamide presumably arose via lactonization of the initially formed alkoxide followed by elimination. <sup>d</sup> Yield of crude reaction mixture; see ref 11.

ment of 13 with *n*-butyllithium at 0 °C for 1 h.

In contrast to Corey's sulfinanilide dianion 1,  $\alpha,N$ -dilithio sulfonamides add to enolizable ketones in a highly efficient fashion (entry 8). This presumably is a reflection of the diminished basicity of sulfonamide dianions relative to their counterparts of one lower oxidation state.

The adducts from the reaction of these dianions with aryl aldehydes have proven useful as intermediates for the synthesis of  $\beta$ -styrenesulfonamides 15 (and 16) or 1,2-thiazetidins 1,1-dioxides 18 (Scheme II).<sup>8,9</sup> For example, the mesylate of  $\beta$ -hydroxy sulfonamide 14 was prepared (MsCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sup>10</sup> and could be converted to either of two products. First, by employing 1 equiv of methanesulfonyl chloride and excess triethylamine in refluxing dichloromethane, it was possible to convert alcohol 14 directly to the *trans*- $\beta$ -styrenesulfonamide 15 (63–97% yields) without isolation of the intermediate methanesulfonate ester 17. Alternatively, isolation of mesylate 17



and subsequent exposure to excess potassium carbonate (Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 80 °C) resulted in cyclization to give the 1,2-thiazetidin 1,1-dioxide 18 (53–78% yields).

Finally, preliminary studies have revealed a rather modest diastereoselectivity in the reaction of certain dilithio sulfonamides with aldehydes. Addition of propionaldehyde to a THF solution of the dianion of *N*-isopropyl-4-(chlorophenyl)methanesulfonamide (entry 12) at

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-78 °C gave, after aqueous workup, a mixture of diastereomers in a ratio of ca. 2:1 (threo/erythro).<sup>11</sup> When benzaldehyde was added in an identical manner to the dianion of *N-tert*-butyl-4-(chlorophenyl)methanesulfonamide (entry 13), the ratio of diastereomeric  $\beta$ -hydroxy sulfonamides obtained was ca. 3.6:1.

In summary,  $\alpha$ ,*N*-alkanesulfonamide dianions can be generated under mild conditions and treated with electrophiles to react chemoselectively on the carbon atom. This method permits the preparation of a wide variety of more highly substituted sulfonamides that might otherwise prove difficult to synthesize.

### Experimental Section

Melting points were determined on a Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 683 grating infrared spectrophotometer; characteristic or strong absorptions are reported in wavenumbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>) with an accuracy of  $\pm 5$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. Proton magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded at either 90 MHz on a Varian EM-390 or at 200 MHz on a Varian XL-200 instrument. Chemical shifts are reported as  $\delta$  values in parts per million (ppm) downfield relative to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0.0$  ppm). Low-resolution mass spectra (MS) were obtained on a Dupont 21-492 mass spectrometer.

Reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Tetrahydrofuran was distilled under nitrogen from sodium benzophenone ketyl immediately before use. In general, reagent-grade solvents and reagents were used directly or were purified according to standard procedures. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Whatman glass plates precoated with silica gel; visualization was achieved under ultraviolet light or with iodine vapor. Silica gel (230–400 mesh), obtained from the J. T. Baker Chemical Company, was used for flash column chromatographic separations.<sup>12</sup>

#### Preparation of Alkanesulfonamides. General Procedure.

A mechanically stirred solution of the primary amine (approximately 0.5 M) in dry THF under nitrogen is cooled to 0 °C and treated with the appropriate alkanesulfonyl chloride (0.5 equiv) in a dropwise manner. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature and is stirred for 2–12 h. Insoluble salts are separated by filtration and the filtrate is concentrated in vacuo. The residue is dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the organic layer washed with one portion of 5% aqueous HCl and then several small portions of water. Drying (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporation of the organic layer affords the crude alkanesulfonamide, which may be purified by recrystallization from a suitable solvent such as ether or petroleum ether.

The following procedures represent typical conditions for the formation of alkanesulfonamide dianions and their further reactions.

**Formation of the Dianion 12 of *N-tert*-Butylmethanesulfonamide (11) and Reaction with Methyl Iodide.** Lithium diisopropylamide was generated by the addition of 17.3 mL (27.7

mmol) of 1.6 M *n*-butyllithium in hexane to a solution of 4.30 mL (30.4 mmol) of diisopropylamine in 20 mL dry THF at -78 °C. After being stirred briefly at 0 °C, this solution was recooled to -78 °C and treated with 2.0 g (13 mmol) of *N-tert*-butylmethanesulfonamide in 24 mL of dry THF, added over a period of 10 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm -30 °C over a period of 45 min and was then recooled to -78 °C and treated with 1.1 mL (17 mmol) of methyl iodide, added in a fast stream. The solution was stirred at room temperature for approximately 12 h and was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with 5% aqueous HCl. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with three 20-mL portions of ether. The combined organic extracts were back-washed with several small portions of water and were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent in vacuo gave a yellow oil, which crystallized upon standing. Recrystallization from hexane afforded 1.6 g (73%) of *N-tert*-butylethanesulfonamide (13) as colorless plates: mp 53–54.5 °C; IR (KBr) 3300, 3000, 2950, 2890, 1315, 1135, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 90 MHz)  $\delta$  1.35 (t, 3 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 1.4 (s, 9 H), 3.0 (q, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 4.7 (br s, 1 H); MS, *m/e* (relative intensity) 150 (97, M<sup>+</sup> - 15), 136 (4, M<sup>+</sup> - 29), 86 (12), 58 (100), 57 (55). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S: C, 43.6; H, 9.2; N, 8.5. Found: C, 43.7; H, 9.1; N, 8.4.

**Formation of the Dianion of *N-tert*-Butylethanesulfonamide (13) and Reaction with Benzophenone.** A solution of 4.0 g (24 mmol) of *N-tert*-butylethanesulfonamide in 81 mL of dry THF was cooled to -78 °C and treated with 32 mL (51 mmol) of 1.6 M *n*-butyllithium in hexane in a dropwise manner. The resulting clear yellow solution was allowed to warm to 0 °C (1 h) and was then recooled to -78 °C and treated with a solution of 4.8 g (26 mmol) of benzophenone in 40 mL dry THF, added over a period of about 15 min. During the addition of the benzophenone, the clear solution assumed a brilliant green color that gradually changed to yellow. After being stirred overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with 100 mL of 5% aqueous HCl. The water layer was extracted with two 50-mL portions of ether and one 50-mL portion of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to yield a white powder. Recrystallization from ether gave 6.2 g (74%) of *N-tert*-butyl-1-methyl-2,2-diphenyl-2-hydroxyethanesulfonamide as a colorless solid: mp 151–153 °C; IR (KBr) 3460, 3320, 2970, 1305, 1130, 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$  1.15 (s, 9 H), 1.55 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 2.83 (br s, 1 H), 4.27 (q, 1 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 5.30 (br s, 1 H), 7.20 (br t, 2 H, *J* = 8 Hz), 7.33 (br t, 4 H, *J* = 8 Hz), 7.57 (m, 4 H); MS, *m/e* (relative intensity) 348 (57, M + 1), 331 (66), 330 (100), 274 (79), 184 (38), 183 (94), 105 (94), 77 (61), 58 (79), 57 (60). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 65.68; H, 7.25; N, 4.03. Found: C, 65.81; H, 7.52; N, 3.92.

**Removal of the *tert*-Butyl Group from *N-tert*-Butylethanesulfonamide (13). Trifluoroacetic Acid Method.** *N-tert*-Butylethanesulfonamide (2.0 g, 12 mmol) was added to 40 mL of trifluoroacetic acid, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under a drying tube for 24 h. The trifluoroacetic acid was removed in vacuo to leave a yellow oil, which crystallized upon treatment with ether-hexane (1:1, v/v). Filtration and drying afforded 1.2 g (92%) ethanesulfonamide (10) as a white powder: mp 57–59 °C (lit.<sup>13</sup> mp 57–58 °C); IR (KBr) 3350, 3260, 2995, 2980, 2950, 1315, 1130, 900, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$  1.42 (t, 3 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 3.13 (q, 2 H, *J* = 7 Hz), 4.83 (br s, 2 H); MS, *m/e* (relative intensity) 110 (35, M + 1), 93 (10), 81 (75), 65 (16), 64 (33), 44 (100).

***trans*-2-Chloro- $\beta$ -styrenesulfonamide (16, R = Cl).** A solution of 13.3 g (45.6 mmol) of *N-tert*-butyl-2-(*o*-chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxyethanesulfonamide (14, R = Cl) and 19.3 mL (138 mmol) triethylamine in 123 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was cooled to 0 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere and treated with 5.3 mL (68 mmol) of methanesulfonyl chloride. The cold bath was removed and the resulting suspension was heated at reflux temperature for 1.5 h. Dichloromethane (100 mL) was added to the cooled solution, and the organic layer was washed with one portion of 5% aqueous HCl and three portions of water. Drying (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporation of the organic layer gave 12.1 g (97%) of the  $\beta$ -styrenesulfonamide 15 (R = Cl) as a light orange solid. Analysis by TLC showed a single spot, *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.58 (40% EtOAc-hexane).

(11) The ratio of diastereomers was determined both by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz) and HPLC analyses of the crude reaction mixtures. In addition to the  $\beta$ -hydroxy sulfonamide isomers, approximately 10% of unreacted starting material was detected along with another, less polar, side product which was not identified. The stereochemical assignments were based largely on the coupling constant, *J*<sub>ab</sub>, following the precedent of Hauser et al.; (*J. Org. Chem.* 1965, 30, 2035) and House et al. (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1973, 95, 3310). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR data (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz) for entry 12 are as follows: major (threo) isomer  $\delta$  0.88 (3 H, t, *J* = 8 Hz), 1.09 (3 H, d, *J* = 8 Hz), 1.14 (3 H, d, *J* = 8 Hz), 1.28 (2 H, m), 3.42 (1 H, m), 3.61 (1 H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, -OH), 4.02 (1 H, d, *J* = 9 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 4.25 (1 H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, -NH), 4.40 (1 H, d t d, *J* = 2, 8, 9 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>), 7.22–7.40 (4 H, m); minor (erythro) isomer  $\delta$  0.92 (3 H, t, *J* = 8 Hz), 1.16 (3 H, d, *J* = 8 Hz), 1.23 (3 H, d, *J* = 8 Hz), 1.30 (2 H, m), 3.18 (1 H, d, *J* = 2 Hz, -OH), 3.43 (1 H, m), 4.03 (1 H, d, *J* = 6 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 4.25 (1 H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, -NH), 4.50 (1 H, unresolved multiplet, H<sub>b</sub>), 7.2–7.5 (4 H, m). The pure threo isomer (*R*<sub>f</sub> 0.26, 20% EtOAc-hexane) was isolated by flash chromatography and recrystallized from ether to give colorless needles, mp 122–124 °C. Pure erythro isomer (*R*<sub>f</sub> 0.29) was not isolated. The stereochemical assignments for entry 13 are somewhat more tentative as *J*<sub>ab</sub> was virtually the same, 10 Hz, for both diastereomers.

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Recrystallization from ether afforded 10.5 g of the pure product as a colorless solid: mp 85–88 °C; IR (KBr) 3480, 3250, 2980, 1320, 1290, 1140, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 90 MHz) δ 1.4 (s, 9 H), 4.85 (br s, 1 H), 6.9 (d; 1 H, *J* = 15 Hz), 7.3–7.7 (m, 4 H), 7.95 (d, 1 H, *J* = 15 Hz).

A mixture of 15 (R = Cl) (1.5 g, 5.5 mmol) and 300 mg of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate in 18 mL of xylenes was heated at reflux temperature for 4 h. As the reaction solution cooled to room temperature, a precipitate formed. This solid was filtered, washed with hexane, and dried. The yield of pure 16 was 1.1 g (96%) as a colorless solid: mp 125–127 °C (lit.<sup>6</sup> mp 124.5–126.5 °C); IR (KBr) 3320, 3240, 1620, 1330, 1140 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/Me<sub>2</sub>SO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 90 MHz) δ 7.2 (d, 1 H, *J* = 15 Hz), 7.3–7.6 (m, 3 H), 7.75 (m, 1 H), 7.8 (d, 1 H, *J* = 15 Hz).

**2-*tert*-Butyl-3-(*o*-nitrophenyl)-1,2-thiazetidone 1,1-Dioxide (18, R = NO<sub>2</sub>).** A solution of 1.5 g (5.1 mmol) of *N-tert*-butyl-2-(*o*-nitrophenyl)-2-hydroxyethanesulfonamide (14, R = NO<sub>2</sub>) (prepared by the addition of dianion 12 to *o*-nitrobenzaldehyde) and 1.40 mL (10.0 mmol) of triethylamine in 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was cooled to 0 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere and treated with 0.60 mL (7.8 mmol) of methanesulfonyl chloride. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then at room temperature for 5 h. Dichloromethane (50 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with two portions of 5% aqueous HCl and three portions of water. Drying (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporation of the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer afforded a yellow oil from which 1.6 g (82%) of pure methanesulfonate ester 17 (R = NO<sub>2</sub>), mp 136–138 °C dec, crystallized upon addition of ether; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>/Me<sub>2</sub>SO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 90 MHz) δ 1.35 (s, 9 H), 3.2 (s, 3 H), 3.7 (m, 2 H), 6.6 (br t, 1 H, *J* = 6 Hz), 6.8 (br s, 1 H), 7.6–8.2 (m, 4 H).

This mesylate (1.1 g, 2.9 mmol) was added to a well-stirred suspension of 1.2 g (8.7 mmol) of anhydrous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in 14 mL of dry Me<sub>2</sub>SO. The mixture was warmed to 80 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere for approximately 1 h, allowed to cool, and then poured into 25 mL of water, causing an immediate precipitate. This solid was collected by filtration, washed well with water and ether, and dried to give 440 mg (53%) of the 1,2-thiazetidone 1,1-dioxide 18 (R = NO<sub>2</sub>) as a white powder: mp 179–181 °C; IR

(KBr) 2490, 1525, 1350, 1300, 1190, 1140 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz) δ 1.25 (s, 9 H), 3.80 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2, 12 Hz), 4.69 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 4, 12 Hz), 5.05 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2, 4 Hz), 7.50 (br t, 1 H, *J* = 3 Hz), 7.73 (br t, 1 H, *J* = 3 Hz), 7.95 (br d, 1 H, *J* = 3 Hz), 8.23 (br d, 1 H, *J* = 3 Hz); MS, *m/e* (relative intensity) 285 (14, M + 1), 269 (38, M<sup>+</sup> - 15), 212 (14), 148 (27), 146 (53), 91 (15), 77 (54), 58 (100), 57 (80), 56 (45); exact mass calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S 284.0831, found 284.0873.

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**Registry No.** 10, 1520-70-3; 13, 89556-99-0; 14 (R = Cl), 89557-00-6; 14 (R = NO<sub>2</sub>), 89557-01-7; 15 (R = Cl), 89557-02-8; 16 (R = Cl), 89557-03-9; 17 (R = NO<sub>2</sub>), 89557-04-0; 18 (R = NO<sub>2</sub>), 89557-05-1; CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 2512-23-4; CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph, 3989-45-5; CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NH(c-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 19299-40-2; PhCH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 51270-35-0; *p*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 85952-21-2; PhCH<sub>2</sub>Br, 100-39-0; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiCl, 75-77-4; *o*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO, 89-98-5; CH<sub>3</sub>I, 74-88-4; *p*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN, 623-03-0; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHCN, 78-82-0; Ph<sub>2</sub>C=O, 119-61-9; CH<sub>2</sub>O, 50-00-0; PhCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 89557-07-3; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiCH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph, 89557-08-4; (2-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>S)-CHO, 98-03-3; (2-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>S)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NH(c-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 89557-09-5; *p*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>COCH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 89557-10-8; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHCOCH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>Ph, 89557-11-9; PhCH(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)-SO<sub>2</sub>NHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 89557-12-0; *trans*-2-HO<sub>2</sub>CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH=CHSO<sub>2</sub>NHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 89557-13-1; 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH[SO<sub>2</sub>NHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (isomer 1), 89557-14-2; 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH[SO<sub>2</sub>NHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (isomer 2), 89557-15-3; 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH[SO<sub>2</sub>NHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CHPhOH (isomer 1), 89557-16-4; 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH[SO<sub>2</sub>NHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CHPhOH (isomer 2), 89557-17-5; Ph<sub>2</sub>C(OH)CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)SO<sub>2</sub>NHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 89557-06-2; *o*-O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO, 552-89-6; *o*-OHCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, 4122-56-9; CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHO, 123-38-6; PhCHO, 100-52-7; CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 23705-43-3; lithium diisopropylamide, 4111-54-0; butyllithium, 109-72-8; cyclohexanone, 108-94-1; *N*-benzyl-1-hydroxycyclohexanemethanesulfonamide, 89557-18-6.

## Cyclization Reactions of Hydrazones Induced by Isocyanates. Syntheses of 1,3,4-Thiadiazoline and 1,2,4-Triazoline Derivatives

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Cyclization reactions of various hydrazones (1, 6, 10, and 13) were found to be induced by isocyanates under mild conditions and to afford 1,3,4-thiadiazolines 3 and 11 and 1,2,4-triazolines 9, 14, and 18 in excellent yields. The cyclization reactions via inter- and intramolecular double additions were studied by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy. The syntheses of 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-Δ<sup>2</sup>-1,2,4-triazolines 14 and 18 and derived fused heterocycles such as 1*H*,5*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-*a*][1,2,4]triazole-1,3(2*H*)-diones 16 and 2,3-dihydro-3-thioxo-1*H*,5*H*-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-*a*][1,2,4]triazol-1-ones 19 and 20 were achieved in high yields. The bicyclic structures of 16, 19, and 20 were confirmed by a single-crystal X-ray structure determination of 16a.

The cycloaddition reactions of carbon–nitrogen double-bond systems with isocyanates are of great use for the syntheses of heterocyclic compounds.<sup>1</sup> In spite of considerable nucleophilicity of hydrazones, their cycloadditions to isocyanates have been studied only in a few limited cases.<sup>2</sup> The utility of hydrazones<sup>3–7</sup> as synthons

for various heterocycles prompted us to investigate the behavior of hydrazones toward isocyanates. We found a new type of cyclization reactions of hydrazones 1, 6, 10, and 13 induced by isocyanates. These reactions are characterized as a kind of inter- and intramolecular double additions. Thus, hydrazone derivatives reacted with iso-

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