# Reactions of Formylchromone Derivatives. Part 1. Cycloadditions to 2- and 3-(Aryliminomethyl)chromones 

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The reactions of several 2-and 3-(aryliminomethyl)chromones with various chloroketens have been investigated. Whereas the 2 -substituted chromones gave 2-(4-oxoazetidin-2-yl)chromones, the 3 -substituted chromones yielded fused pyridone derivatives.

Chromones substituted in the 2 - or 3 -position by groups which conjugate with the 2,3 -double bond are capable of undergoing $[4+2]$ cycloaddition reactions with various dienophiles. Thus, 2 -styrylchromones react with maleic
iminomethyl)chromones [(1) and (2)] with various monoand di-chloroketens, generated in the presence of these anils by dehydrohalogenation of the corresponding acid chlorides.

(1)
$a ; R^{1}=R^{2}=H, R^{3}=\mathrm{OMe}$
b; $R^{1}=\mathrm{Me}, R^{2}=H, R^{3}=\mathrm{OMe}$
c; $R^{1}=R^{2}=H, R^{3}=C l$
$d ; R^{1}=H, R^{2}=M e, R^{3}=O M e$

(3)
$a ; R^{1}=R^{2}=H, R^{3}=O M e, R^{K}=C l$
b; $R^{1}=R^{2}=H, R^{3}=R^{4}=C l$
c; $R^{1}=\mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{R}^{2}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{R}^{3}=\mathrm{OMe}, R^{2}=\mathrm{Cl}$
d; $R^{1}=H, R^{2}=\mathrm{Me}, R^{3}=O M e, R^{h}=C l$
e, $R^{1}=R^{2}=H, R^{3}=M e, R^{L}=P h$

$a ; R^{1}=H, R^{2}=O M e$ (trans)
b; $R^{1}=H, R^{2}=O M e$ (cis)
$h ; R^{1}=C l, R^{2}=M e$
c; $R^{1}=H, R^{2}=C l$ (trans) $\quad j ; R^{1}=C l, R^{2}=\mathrm{NEt}_{2}$
$d ; R^{1}=H, R^{2}=C l(c i s)$
e; $R^{1}=C l, R=O M e$
f; $R^{1}=R^{2}=C l$
g; $R^{1}=\mathrm{Cl}, R^{2}=\mathrm{H}$

(7)

(6)
anhydride ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ and maleimide, ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ and 3-benzoylchromone yields a $\delta$-lactone with diphenylketen. ${ }^{3}$

The present paper describes the preparation of novel systems derived from the interaction of 3 - and 2 -(aryl-
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The 3 -(aryliminomethyl)chromones (1) (see Table 1) were readily obtained from 3 -formylchromones by interaction with the appropriate aromatic amines, and in the presence of dichloroketen or chloro(phenyl)keten they

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gave the 2 -aryl[1]benzopyrano $[3,2-c]$ pyridine $-3,10(2 H)$ diones (3) (see Table 2). These products presumably arise from the $[4+2]$ adducts (4) by dehydrohalogenation, but these intermediates were not isolated.
visualized to occur from the intermediate (6), by the well known nucleophilic attack at the chromone 2-position. On the other hand, formation of a pyridone from (7) would require nucleophilic attack at the chromone 3-

Table 1
3- and 2-(Aryliminomethyl)chromones (1) and (2)

| Compound * | Cryst. solvent | M.p. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Yield Found (\%) |  |  |  |  | Required (\%) |  |  | $\tau\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { yield } \\ & (\%) \end{aligned}$ | C | H | N | Formula | C | H | N | $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{s})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}(\mathrm{s})$ | ArH (m) |
| (la) | PhH-LP $\dagger$ | 153-155 | 60 | 72.9 | 5.1 | 5.0 | $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 73.1 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 1.23 | 1.33 | 3.24-2.18 |
| (lb) | PhH | 160-162 | 47 | 74.0 | 5.1 | 4.2 | $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 74.25 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 1.50 | 1.32 | $3.25-2.71$ |
| (lc) | PhH-LP | 131-133 | Quant. | 67.45 | 3.3 | 5.0 | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{ClNO}_{2}$ | 67.7 | 3.55 | 4.9 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 3.30-2.11 |
| (1d) | PhH-LP | 119-120 | 80 | 73.7 | 5.2 | 4.75 | $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 73.7 | 5.15 | 4.77 | 1.20 | 1.31 | $3.20-2.50$ |
| (2a) | EtOH | 147 | 78 | 72.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 73.1 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 1.65 | 3.11 | $3.10-2.16$ |
| (2b) | PhH | 204 | 83 | 67.6 | 3.4 | 4.8 | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{ClNO}_{2}$ | 67.7 | 3.55 | 4.9 | 1.58 | 3.01 | $2.70-2.13$ |
| (2c) | EtOH | 169-170 | 80 | 77.3 | 4.9 | 5.5 | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ | 77.1 | 4.45 | 5.6 | 1.61 | 3.05 | $2.69-1.66$ |
| (2d) | EtOH | 169 | 74 | 77.4 | 5.15 | 5.55 | $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ | 77.55 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 1.65 | 3.10 | 2.66-1.71 |
| (2e) | PhH | 193 | 72 | 58.7 | 3.0 | 4.0 | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{BrNO}_{2}$ | 58.55 | 3.0 | 4.25 | 1.75 | 3.14 | $2.89-2.26$ |
| (2f) | PhH | 177 | 59 | 77.5 | 4.6 | 4.1 | $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 77.4 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 1.71 | 3.12 | $3.01-2.29$ |
| (2g) | PhH | 155-156 | 58 | 75.3 | 6.4 | 8.4 | $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ | 75.0 | 6.3 | 8.75 | 1.72 | 3.36 | $3.25-2.37$ |
|  |  | $\nu_{\text {m }}$ | 1645 | 660 | $\mathrm{m}^{-1}$ (C | O). | $\dagger$ Light petrol | (b.p. | -10 | $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ |  |  |  |

Maximum yields of the products (3) were obtained when sufficient base was present to generate the keten and accommodate the dehydrogenation of the intermediate.

Surprisingly, monochloroketen did not react with the 3 -(aryliminomethyl)chromones. This is reminiscent of its failure to react with cinnamylideneaniline, ${ }^{4}$ with which dichloroketen reacts ' normally.'

In contrast to the 3 -(aryliminomethyl)chromones, the 2 -substituted analogues (2) gave with both mono- and di-chloroketen $[2+2]$ adducts, namely the azetidinones (5) (Table 3). The reaction of monochloroketen with 2 -
position, which is unfavourable ${ }^{9}$ in comparison with azetidinone formation.

## EXPERIMENTAL

N.m.r. spectra were determined at 90 MHz with tetramethylsilane as internal reference. Mass spectra were recorded with an A.E.I. MS12 spectrometer, and i.r. spectra were determined for Nujol mulls.
3-(Aryliminomethyl)chromones (1a-d).-A solution of equimolar quantities ( 0.005 mol ) of 3 -formylchromone and the appropriate aniline and one crystal of toluene- $p$ sulphonic acid in dry benzene ( 100 ml ) was heated under reflux (Dean-Stark water trap) for $c a .30 \mathrm{~min}$. The solvent

Table 2
2-Aryl[1]benzopyrano[3,2-c]pyridine-3,10(2H)-diones (3)

| Compound * | M.p. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Yield <br> $(\%)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (3a) | 310 | 74 |
| (3b) | $330-332$ | 54 |
| (3c) | $279-280$ | 85 |
| (3d) | 318 | 72 |
| (3e) | $250-252$ | 21 |


| Found (\%) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | H | N |
| 64.3 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| 60.0 | 2.6 | 4.35 |
| 66.1 | 4.4 | 3.7 |
| 65.7 | 3.5 | 3.75 |
| 78.7 | 4.5 | 3.5 |


| Formula | Required (\%) |  |  | $\tau \dagger$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | C | H | N | $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{s})$ | $\mathrm{R}^{3}$ | ArH (m) |
| $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{ClNO}_{4}$ | 64.5 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 0.93 | 5.92 | 2.76-1.84 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 60.5 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 0.95 |  | 2.40-1.84 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{ClNO}_{4}$ | 66.1 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 1.63 | 5.92 | $2.75-2.30$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{ClNO}_{4}$ | 65.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 1.15 | 6.03 | 2.93-2.0 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 79.1 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 1.25 | 7.56 | $2.80-2.06$ |

$* \nu_{\max .} c a .1690$ and $1660 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) . \quad \dagger(3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{d})$ in $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{D}$; (3e) in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$.
( $p$-methoxyphenyliminomethyl)chromone (2a) yielded a 1:1 mixture of trans- and cis-azetidinones, separable by fractional crystallisation. Similarly, 2 - $(p$-chlorophenyliminomethyl)chromone ( 2 b ) reacted with monochloroketen to give the corresponding trans- and cis-azetidinones in the ratio $2: 1$, respectively. Duran and Ghosez ${ }^{5}$ found that benzylideneaniline and monochloroketen gave solely the trans-azetidinone.
The formation of pyridones (3) or azetidinones (5) is explained on the basis that zwitterionic intermediates [e.g. (6) and (7)] are involved in the cyclisation, in accord with earlier proposals ${ }^{5-8}$ of an ionic rather than a concerted pathway for the reaction of chloroketens with anils. Thus, formation of the pyridones (3) is readily

[^0]was evaporated off and the products were purified by crystallisation; see Table 1.

2-(Aryliminomethyl)chromones $(2 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{g})$.-A solution of equimolar quantities of 2 -formylchromone and the aniline derivative in dry toluene was heated at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min then cooled. The product was filtered off and crystallised (see Table 1).

2 -Aryl $[1]$ benzopyrano $[3,2-\mathrm{c}]$ pyridine- $3,10(2 \mathrm{H})$-diones (3a-e).-To a refluxing solution of the 3 -(aryliminomethyl)chromone ( 0.003 mol ) and triethylamine ( 0.009 mol ) in dry benzene ( 200 ml ) was added the appropriate acid chloride ( 0.006 mol ) in dry benzene, dropwise during the time specified in Table 2. The mixture was cooled and filtered, and the filtrate was retained. The residue was freed from triethylamine hydrochloride by slurrying with water, and

[^1]the resulting crude product was dried and combined with the product obtained by evaporation of the filtrate. Crystallisation from anisole gave the 2 -aryl[1]benzopyrano[3,2-c]-pyridine-3,10(2H)-diones (see Table 2).

1-Aryl-3-chloro-4-(4-oxochromen-2-yl)azetidin-2-ones (5a-

1-Aryl-3,3-dichloro-4-(4-oxochromen-2-yl) azetidin-2-ones ( $5 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{j}$ ).-To a refluxing solution of the 2 -(aryliminomethyl)chromone ( 0.005 mol ) and triethylamine ( 0.01 mol ) in dry benzene ( 100 ml ) was added dichloroacetyl chloride ( 0.01 mol ) in dry benzene ( 25 ml ) dropwise over 45 min . The

Table 3
1-Aryl-3-chloro- and 3,3-dichloro-4-(4-oxochromen-2-yl)azetidin-2-ones (5)

|  |  |  | Found (\%) |  |  |  | Required (\%) |  |  | $\tau\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compound * | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M. } \\ & \left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yield } \\ & \text { (\%) } \end{aligned}$ | C | H | N | Formula | C | H | N | $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}(\mathrm{s})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}(\mathrm{d}$ | ArH (m) |
| (5a) (trans) | 185-187 | 37 | 64.6 | 4.1 | 3.9 | $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{ClNO}_{4}$ | 64.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 6.22 \\ & (\mathrm{OMe}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.72(\mathrm{q}, \\ & J, 2 \mathrm{~Hz}) \end{aligned}$ | 3.33 | 1.79 | 3.15-2.16 |
| (5b) (cis) | 176-177 | 35 | 63.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{ClNO}_{4}$ | 64.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 6.22 \\ & (\mathrm{OMe}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.66(\mathrm{q}, \\ & J 5 \mathrm{~Hz}) \end{aligned}$ | 3.56 | 1.73 | 3.18-2.25 |
| (5c) (trans) | 203-204 | 30 | 60.4 | 3.2 | 3.6 | $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 60.0 | 3.1 | 3.9 |  | 4.41 (dd) | 3.27 | 1.95 | 2.69-2.24 |
| (5d) (cis) | 188-189 | 28 | 59.8 | 3.0 | 3.8 | $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 60.0 | 3.1 | 3.9 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4.07(\mathrm{q}, \\ & J 5 \mathrm{~Hz}) \end{aligned}$ | 3.43 | 1.99 | 2.59-2.15 |
| (5e) | 176-177 | 93 | 58.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 | $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ | 58.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 6.18(\mathrm{~s}, \\ & \text { OMe) } \end{aligned}$ | 4.66 (s) | 3.56 | 1.73 | 3.16-2.26 |
| (5f) | 166-167 | 76 | 54.5 | 2.4 | 3.55 | $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{Cl}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 54.8 | 2.55 | 3.55 |  | 4.50 (s) | 3.48 | 1.69 | 2.61-2.00 |
| (5g) | 134 | 55 | 60.4 | 3.3 | 3.9 | $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 60.0 | 3.1 | 3.9 |  | 4.58 (s) | 3.59 | 1.85 | 2.86-2.20 |
| (5h) | 159-160 | 82 | 61.1 | 3.8 | 3.5 | $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{13}^{1} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 61.0 | 3.5 | 3.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 7.72(\mathrm{~s}, \\ & \mathrm{Me}) \end{aligned}$ | 4.55 (s) | 3.60 | 1.88 | 2.94-2.24 |
| (5i) | 169 | 60 | 49.6 |  | 2.9 | $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{BrCl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 49.2 | 2.3 | 3.2 |  | 4.60 (s) | 3.59 | 1.81 | 2.78-2.27 |
| (5j) | 148-149 | 67 | 61.2 |  | 6.2 | $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 61.2 | 4.7 | 6.5 | $8.85(\mathrm{t})$, $6.69(\mathrm{q})$, <br> ( $\mathrm{NEt}_{2}$ ) | 4.66 (s) | 3.58 | 1.83 | 3.44-2.20 |

d).-To a refluxing solution of the 2 -(aryliminomethyl)chromone (2) ( 0.006 mol ) and triethylamine ( 0.012 mol ) in dry benzene ( 100 ml ) was added chloroacetyl chloride ( 0.012 mol ) in dry benzene ( 25 ml ) dropwise over 30 min . The mixture was cooled and filtered and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue ${ }^{*}$ was triturated with ethanol, and the resulting solid was crystallised to give the trans-1-aryl-3-chloro-4-(4-oxochromen-2-yl)azetidin-2-one (5a or c). When the mother liquor from crystallisation was appropriately concentrated the cis-isomer ( 5 b or d) was obtained (see Table 3).
mixture was cooled and filtered and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was triturated with ethanol and the resulting solid was crystallised to give the 1-aryl-3,3-dichloro-4-(4-oxochromen-2-yl)azetidin-2-ones (see Table 3).

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