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## Direct Amination of 5-Halo-3-phenyl-2,1-benzisoxazoles

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2,1-Benzisoxazoles are multipurpose synthons [1], therefore their functionalization, in particular, an introduction of an amino group, extends the bank of initial compounds for the combinatorial chemistry. A convenient procedure for preparation of 5-R-3-aryl-2,1-benzisox-azoles consists in the reaction of 4-substituted arenas with arylacetonitriles in alcohol in the presence of excess alkali [2]. The attempts to build up the target structures from initial compounds containing an amino group meet some difficulties. A direct amination of alkylbenzenes and aryl halides conjugate with sulfonation occurs in a system hydroxylamine sulfate—concn. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>—vanadium(V)

oxide (catalyst) [3]. We established that under these conditions 5-halo-3-phenyl-2,1-benzisoxazoles **IIIa** and **IIIb** obtained from 4-halonitrobenzenes **Ia** and **Ib** and a phenylacetonitrile (**II**) were converted into 3-(4-aminophenyl)-5-halo-2,1-benzisoxazoles **IVa** and **IVb**.

The method we developed for the synthesis of 5-R-3-aryl-2,1-benzisoxazoles amino derivatives is advantageous compared to the other procedures for it is a simple preparative process giving a high yield of the target product.

3-(4-Aminophenyl)-5-chloro-2,1-benzisoxazole (IVa). To a solution of 5 mg (0.026 mmol) of vanadium(V) oxide in 20 ml of hot concn. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was aded 0.4 g (4.35 mmol) of hydroxylamine sulfate, the mixture was heated to 120°C, then 1 g (4.35 mmol) of compound IIIa was added thereto. The reaction mixture was heated for 6 h at 120°C, then cooled and poured into 300 ml of water. The separated precipitate was filtered off, dried, and recrystallized from 50 ml of a mixture 2-propanolbenzene, 3:1. Yield 0.9 g (85%), brown lustrous plates, mp >310°C. IR spectrum, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3504, 3376 (NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 8.15 d (1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 7.92 d (2H,  $H^{2'}$ ,  $H^{6'}$ ), 7.74 d (1H,  $H^{7}$ ), 7.38 d.d (1H,  $H^{6}$ ), 6.94 d (2H,  $H^{3'}$ ,  $H^{5'}$ ), 6.3 br.s (2H, NH<sub>2</sub>). Mass spectrum, m/z ( $I_{rel}$ , %): 244  $[M]^+$  (100), 209  $[M-C1]^+$  (97), 181 (58), 154 (20), 92 (27), 77 (19), 65 (72). Found, %: C 63.57; H 3.35; N 11.14. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated, %: C 63.82; H 3.71; N 11.45. *M* 244.67.

**3-(4-Aminophenyl)-5-bromo-2,1-benzisoxazole (IVb)** was prepared similarly to compound **IVa**. Yield 81%, mp >310°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 8.29 d (1H, H<sup>4</sup>), 7.86 d (2H, H<sup>2</sup>', H<sup>6</sup>'), 7.61 d (1H, H<sup>7</sup>), 7.46 d.d (1H, H<sup>6</sup>), 6.83 d (2H, H<sup>3</sup>', H<sup>5</sup>'), 5.3 br.s (2H, NH<sub>2</sub>). Mass spectrum, m/z ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 288 [M]+ (54), 209 [M – Br]+ (95), 181 (63), 166 (65), 154 (31), 92 (49), 77 (100),

65 (82). Found, %: C 53.79; H 3.15; N 9.54.  $C_{13}H_9BrN_2O$ . Calculated, %: C 54.01; H 3.14; N 9.69. M 289.12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were registered on a spectrometer Bruker AC-300 (300.13 MHz) from solutions in DMSO- $d_6$ , internal reference TMS. IR spectra were recorded on a Specord M-80 from mulls in mineral oil. Elemental analysis was carried out on a CHN-1 analyzer (Czechia). Mass spectra were obtained on a device MKh-1310, ionizing electrons energy 70 eV.

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