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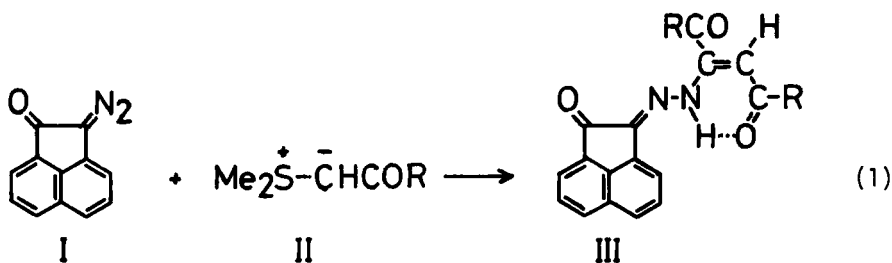
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We have recently shown² that the reactions of 2-diazoacenaphthenone (I) with olefins and with aryl isocyanates under mild conditions proceed via a 1,3-cycloaddition of the diazomethane moiety of I to the unsaturated bonds, followed by the elimination of nitrogen and concurrent recyclization to afford spiro-cyclopropanes and spiro-oxazolidinones respectively. Thus, in the cycloaddition reaction not involving the ketocarbene, I behaves exclusively as a 1,3-dipole. It thus was of interest to study the reaction of I with carbonyl-stabilized sulfonium and phosphonium ylides.



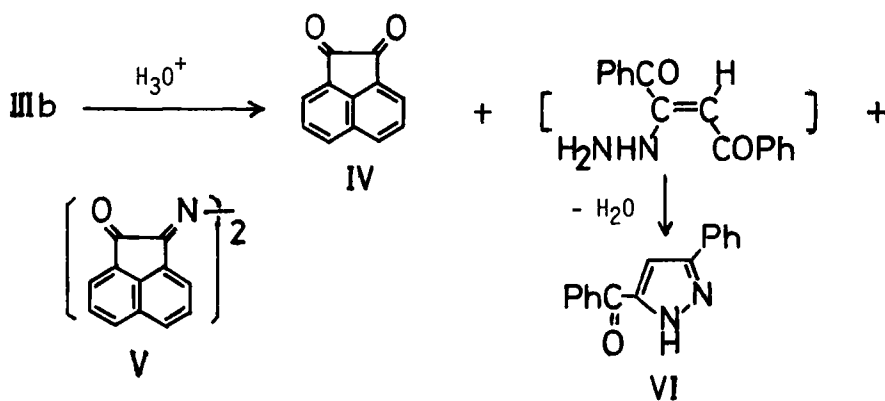
a: R = OEt; b: R = Ph; c: R = *p*-BrC₆H₄

Diazoketone I reacted with two moles of ethyl (dimethylsulfuranilidene)acetate (IIa) to give a product IIIa, mp 148-149^o, as green yellow needles in a 73% yield. Even when equimolar IIa was used, only a low yield

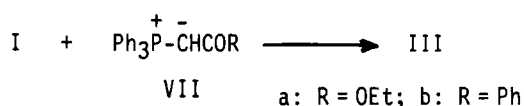
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of IIIa was obtained. The molecular formula of IIIa and its spectral data agreed with that of the compound derived from a 1:2 adduct of I and IIa with the elimination of two moles of dimethylsulfide. From these observations, IIIa was assumed to be acenaphthenequinone N-1,2-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)vinyl monohydrazone whose configuration can be reconciled only with that depicted in equation 1. Similarly, the reaction of I with dimethylsulfonium phenacylide (IIb) and *p*-bromophenacylide (IIc) afforded the corresponding hydrazone IIIb and IIIc in 65 and 67% yields, respectively.

Hydrolysis of IIIb with hydrochloric acid in tetrahydrofuran gave a mixture of acenaphthenequinone (IV) and acenaphthenequinoneketazine (V) and 3(5)-benzoyl-5(3)-phenylpyrazole (VI). The formation of IV and VI from IIIb supported strongly the proposed structure for IIIb as illustrated below, although ketazine V appeared to be formed by the condensation of IV



and acenaphthenequinone monohydrazone. Similarly, the reaction of diazoketone I with ethoxycarbonyltriphenylphosphonium methylide (VIIa) and triphenylphosphonium phenacylide (VIIb) afforded the corresponding hydrazones IIIa and IIIb, respectively.



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EXPERIMENTAL

All the melting points are uncorrected. The NMR spectra were determined at 60 MHz with a Hitachi R-20 NMR spectrometer using TMS as an internal reference. The mass spectra were obtained on a Hitachi RMS-4 mass spectrometer using a direct inlet and an ionization energy at 70 eV. The IR spectra were measured as KBr pellets.

Reaction of Diazoketone I with Carbonyl-stabilized Ylide II. The procedure used is illustrated with the reaction of I with ethyl (dimethylsulfuranilidene)acetate (IIa).

A solution of ylide IIa was prepared by the following procedure. To a stirred suspension of dimethylethoxycarbonylsulfonium bromide (3.5 g, 1.5×10^{-2} mol) in 50 ml of THF, sodium hydride (1.0 g, 2×10^{-2} mol) was added a 50% mineral oil dispersion in one portion. After the mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 6 hr, it was filtered to remove the sodium bromide, thus giving a yellow solution of IIa.

The solution of IIa was added to a solution of diazoketone I³ (1.16 g, 6×10^{-3} mol) in 30 ml of THF at -60° , and the mixture was warmed to room temperature and then stirred for 1.5 hr. The mixture was evaporated in vacuo to leave a residue, which was triturated with ethanol to give 1.6 g (73%) of greenish yellow crystals, mp $137-140^{\circ}$. Recrystallization from petroleum ether (bp $80-110^{\circ}$) afforded pure hydrazone IIIa, mp $148-149^{\circ}$, as greenish yellow needles.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}N_2O_5$: C, 65.56; H, 4.95; N, 7.65.

Found: C, 65.83; H, 4.87; N, 7.59.

Mass spectrum m/e : 366 (M^+). IR cm^{-1} : 3140 (NH), 1745, 1695, 1680 (C=O).

NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ : 1.32, 1.45 (each 3H, t, CH_3), 4.35, 4.45 (each 2H, q, CH_2), 5.28 (1H, s, =CH), 7.5-8.2 (6H, m, aromatic protons), 14.47 (1H, broad, NH).

Similarly, I reacted with 2.5 equivalents of ylides IIb and IIc, generated from the corresponding bromide⁴ and sodium hydride, to give the hydra-

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zones IIIb and IIIc in 65 and 67% yields respectively.

IIIb: mp 182-183^o, orange needles.

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₁₈N₂O₃: C, 78.12; H, 4.22; N, 6.51.

Found: C, 78.17; H, 4.22; N, 6.53.

Mass spectrum m/e: 430 (M⁺). IR cm⁻¹: 1690, 1670 (C=O). NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 6.34 (1H, s, =CH), 7.3-8.3 (16H, m, aromatic protons), 15.77 (1H, broad, NH).

IIIc: mp 252-253^o, greenish yellow needles. IR cm⁻¹: 1698, 1690 (C=O).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₁₆N₂O₃Br₂: C, 57.14; H, 2.72; N, 4.76.

Found: C, 57.38; H, 2.55; N, 4.84.

Hydrolysis of IIIb. After IIIb (0.3 g) was refluxed with conc. HCl (5 ml) in 20 ml of THF for 1 hr, the mixture was evaporated in vacuo to leave a residue. The residue was triturated with conc. HCl (15 ml), and filtration afforded 70 mg of yellow crystals, which were found to be a mixture of acenaphthenequinone (IV) and acenaphthenequinoneketazine (V) by the IR spectrum.

The filtrate was poured into water to give 60 mg of colorless crystals, mp 168-170^o. Recrystallization from petroleum ether (bp 80-110^o) afforded 3(5)-benzoyl-5(3)-phenylpyrazole (VI), mp 170-171^o, lit.⁵ mp 169.5-170.5^o, identical with an authentic sample.⁵

Reaction of I with triphenylphosphonium phenacylide (VIIb). After a solution of I (0.67 g, 3.45 x 10⁻³ mol) and ylide VIIb⁶ (1.4g, 3.7 x 10⁻³ mol) in 50 ml of benzene was refluxed for 10 hr, the mixture was evaporated in vacuo to leave a residue. The residue was extracted with 20 ml of carbon tetrachloride to leave 0.29 g of unreacted I. The extract was evaporated in vacuo and then a solution of the residue was chromatographed on silica gel to give 0.4 g of I and 0.44 g (29.6%) of IIIb.

Similarly, I (0.75 g, 3.75 x 10⁻³ mol) reacted with ethoxycarbonyltriphenylphosphonium methylide (VIIa)⁷ (1.55g, 4.58 x 10⁻³ mol) to afford 0.35 g of I and 0.1 g (7%) of IIIa.

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