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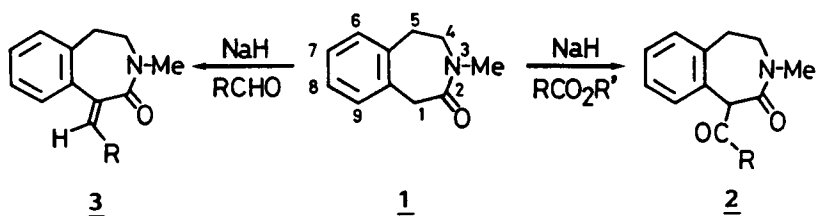
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3H-3-BENZAZEPIN-2-ONE IN THE PRESENCE OF SODIUM HYDRIDE[†]

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Synthetic studies of substituted 3-benzazepines have been achieved by many groups because of a variety of their pharmacological activities^{1,2} and also the skeletal features characteristic of isoquinoline alkaloids.³ In our continuous studies concerning the chemistry of benzolactams, the combination of tetrahydrofuran-N,N-dimethylformamide (THF-DMF) as solvents and sodium hydride (NaH) as base has been shown to work efficiently for C-monoalkylation of 1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3-methyl-3H-3-benzazepin-2-one.⁴ We were also interested in acylation reaction of benzolactams in the presence of NaH, and examined the solvent effects and reactivities to various ester groups in C-acylation of 1.



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d) R = C₆H₄-4-Cl

e) R = CHO
f) R = COCH₃
g) R = CO₂Et
h) R = COCO₂Et

First, the benzazepine 1 was treated with methyl benzoate (1.2 M) and NaH (2 M) in various solvent systems (TABLE I). 1,2-Dimethoxyethane (DME)

and toluene at their boiling point temperature gave 2a in good yields, as shown in TABLE I. Although DMF and dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) at 120° failed to give 2a, the mixed solvents with THF [THF-DMF (10:1) or THF-DMSO (10:1)] gave 2a in good yields. Increasing the amount of DMF or DMSO to 5:1 improved the yield. THF-DMF (5:1) gave a little better yield than that in DME, but needed the repeated extractions and washes to remove DMF.

TABLE I. Reaction of Benzolactam 1 with Methyl Benzoate^a

Solvent/bath temp.	Yield ^b	Solvent/bath temp.	Yield ^b
THF/85°	14%	DMSO/120°	<2%
benzene/99°	0%	THF-DMF(10:1)/85°	74%
toluene/127°	63%	THF-DMF(5:1)/85°	86%
dioxane/115°	16%	THF-DMSO(10:1)/85°	67%
DME/100°	84%	THF-DMSO(5:1)/85°	86%
DMF/120°	<1%		

a) Methyl benzoate (1.2 eq.), NaH (2 eq.) and 1 mmole of 1.

b) 2a/1+2a, averages of two or three runs.

Thus, the reaction of 1 with the appropriate ester (1.2 M) in the presence of NaH (2 M) was attempted in gently boiling DME for the times specified in TABLE II. The crude products, obtained from the reactions with the methyl benzoates, were found to be the keto-enol mixtures by their ¹H NMR spectra, which revealed two singlet peaks in almost 1:1 near at δ 10.5 and 5.6 due to the enol-OH and C₁-H. Treatment of these mixtures on silica gel TLC brought about the isomerization to the ketones (2a-d, 84-96%). No reaction took place between 1 and methyl 4-nitrobenzoate or methyl nicotinate, and 1 was quantitatively recovered. In the similar way, ethyl formate could give 2e (27%). Ethyl esters of acetic, propionic, butyric, isobutyric and valeric acid gave the intractable mixtures containing the unchanged starting azepine, self-condensed products of the reagent esters and compounds formed by further condensation of primary products. Substitution of t-butyl acetate for ethyl acetate resulted in the good

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formation of the 1-acetyl-3-benzazepinone (2f). However, other ^tbutyl esters turned out to be not practically good acylating reagents in DME or THF-DMF or toluene. Neither 2f nor 2a was obtained from the acylation reaction using the corresponding acid chlorides or anhydrides. The reactions with diethyl carbonate and diethyl oxalate proceeded smoothly to give 2g (85%) and 2h (90 %). 2h was isolated as a 6:5 mixture of the keto and enol forms.

 TABLE II. Reaction of 1 with Various Carbonyl Compounds in DME

Entry	Reaction time (hr)	Products <u>2</u> and <u>3</u>	
		yield(%)	mp.(°C)(solvent)
<u>2a</u> : C ₆ H ₅ CO ₂ Me	4.0	90	180-187(acetone)
<u>2b</u> : 3,4-OCH ₂ O-C ₆ H ₃ CO ₂ Me	4.0	87	163-164(acetone)
<u>2c</u> : 2,3-(CH ₃ O) ₂ C ₆ H ₃ CO ₂ Me	8.5	84	130-132(acetone)
<u>2d</u> : 4-ClC ₆ H ₄ CO ₂ Me	6.0	96	157-160(acetone)
<u>2e</u> : HCO ₂ Et	2.5	27	thick oil
<u>2f</u> : CH ₃ CO ₂ ^t Bu	5.5	85	106-108(benzene-ether)
<u>2g</u> : CO(OEt) ₂	4.0	87	174-176(AcOEt)
<u>2h</u> : (CO ₂ Et) ₂	0.5	90	106-107(ether)
<u>3a</u> : C ₆ H ₅ CHO	4.0	37	146-147(acetone-ether)
<u>3b</u> : 3,4-OCH ₂ O-C ₆ H ₃ CHO	8.0	30	162-163(acetone-ether)

In addition, the reaction of 1 with an aldehyde was also attempted using benzaldehyde and 3,4-methylenedioxybenzaldehyde. The products (3a,b) were assigned to have the benzylidene double bond cis to the amide group, since in ¹H NMR analysis of 3b irradiation of the olefinic proton signal at δ 6.55 caused Nuclear Overhauser enhancement at the signal due to C₉-H (δ 7.40 as well as C₂, -H (δ 7.10) and C₆, -H (δ 6.98). Main by-products were the corresponding benzyl alcohols formed by the competitive Cannizzaro reaction. Michael type addition of 1 to methyl acrylate, methyl cinnamate⁵ and β-nitrostyrene failed.⁶

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

THF, benzene, toluene, DME and dioxane were dried over sodium through reflux. DMF and DMSO were treated with P_2O_5 and CaH_2 , respectively, and distilled under reduced pressure before use. IR spectra were obtained as nujol mulls on a Hitachi Perkin-Elmer Model 125 spectrophotometer, unless otherwise noted. UV spectra were recorded a Hitachi 124 spectrophotometer. 1H NMR spectra were determined in $CDCl_3$ solution with Me_4Si as internal standard ($\delta=0$) on a 90 MHz Hitachi R-22 spectrometer, and 4 the irradiation study was carried out on a Bruker MSL 400 spectrometer. High resolution mass spectral analysis (HR-MS) was obtained on a JEOL JMS D300 spectrometer at 70 eV under electron impact condition. Melting points were taken on a Laboratory Devices MEL-TEMP and are uncorrected. Preparative TLC was run on Merck Kieselgel 60 PF₂₅₄ (No. 7749).

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Esters or Aromatic Aldehydes.- A stirred suspension of 3-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-3-benzazepin-2-one⁴ (1) (175 mg, 1 mmol), the appropriate ester or aldehyde (1.2 mmol) and sodium hydride (96 mg containing 50% oil, 2 mmol) in dry solvent (2 ml) was heated to gentle reflux under an atmosphere of nitrogen for the appropriate number of hours in TABLE II. The mixture was evaporated at room temperature, diluted with water (10 ml), acidified with 0.5N HCl to pH 5, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml \times 2, or \times 5 times for the reaction using DMF or DMSO). The extracts were washed with water (10 ml \times 1, or 5), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was crystallized from the appropriate solvent (Table II), or purified by silica gel TLC developing with 1-3% MeOH- CH_2Cl_2 and extracting with MeOH- CH_2Cl_2 (1:2).

2a: IR: 1675, 1650, 1595, 1583 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR: δ 2.97 (3H, s, NCH_3), 3.0-3.3 (3H, m, C_5-H_2 and C_4-H), 3.7-4.3 (1H, m, C_4-H), 5.60 (1H, s, C_1-H), 6.9-7.3 (4H, m, $C_{6,7,8,9}-H$), 7.3-7.7 (3H, m, $C_{3',4',5'}-H$), 8.1-8.3 (2H, m, $C_{2',6'}-H$).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{17}NO_2$; C, 77.39; H, 6.13; N, 5.01

Found; C, 77.46; H, 6.27; N, 5.14

2b: 1660, 1645, 1603, 1580 cm^{-1} ; δ 2.99 (3H, s, NCH_3), 3.0-3.3 (3H, m, C_5-H_2 and C_4-H), 3.7-4.3 (1H, m, C_4-H), 5.52 (1H, s, C_1-H), 6.04 (2H, s,

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OCH₂O), 6.87 (1H, d, J=8.1 Hz, C₅-H), 6.9-7.3 (4H, m, C_{6,7,8,9}-H), 7.63 (1H, d, J=1.8 Hz, C₂-H), 7.97 (1H, dd, J=8.1, 1.8 Hz, C₆-H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NO₄; C, 70.57; H, 5.30; N, 4.33

Found; C, 70.34; H, 5.17; N, 4.25

2c: 1700, 1645, 1580 cm⁻¹; δ 2.96 (3H, s, NCH₃), 2.8-3.4 (3H, m, C₅-H₂ and C₄-H), 3.7-4.2 (1H, m, C₄-H), 3.85, 3.90 (each 3H, s, 2 CH₃O), 5.52 (1H, s, C₁-H), 6.8-7.2 (7H, m, Ar-Hs).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₄; C, 70.78; H, 6.24; N, 4.13

Found; C, 70.93; H, 6.21; N, 4.13

2d: 1680, 1645, 1600, 1578 cm⁻¹; δ 2.98 (3H, s, NCH₃), 2.9-3.2 (3H, m, C₅-H₂ and C₄-H), 3.7-4.2 (1H, m, C₄-H), 5.55 (1H, s, C₁-H), 6.9-7.3 (4H, m, C_{6,7,8,9}-H), 7.44, 8.16 (each 2H, AB type J=8.7 Hz, C₃,₅- and C₂,₆-H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NO₂Cl; C, 68.88; H, 5.14; N, 4.46; Cl, 11.30

Found; C, 69.01; H, 5.23; N, 4.55; Cl, 11.26

2e: (neat) 2900-2200, 1695, 1635, 1600, 1575 cm⁻¹; δ 2.99 (3H, s, NCH₃), 2.95-3.20 (2H, m, C₅-H), 3.45-3.70 (2H, m, C₄-H), 6.95-8.30 (4H, m, C_{6,7,8,9}-H), 7.37 (1H, d, J=10.1 Hz, C₁-H), 14.93 (1H, d, J=10.1 Hz, CHO).
HR-MS, m/z 203.0952 (C₁₂H₁₃O₂N requires 203.0946).

2f: 1715, 1640 cm⁻¹; δ 2.19 (3H, s, COCH₃), 2.9-3.9 (4H, m, C_{5,4}-H), 3.05 (3H, s, NCH₃), 4.75 (1H, s, C₁-H), 6.9-7.3 (4H, m, C_{6,7,8,9}-H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₂; C, 71.86; H, 6.96; N, 6.45

Found; C, 71.81; H, 6.89; N, 6.41

2g: 1732, 1660 cm⁻¹; δ 1.26 (3H, t, J=7.3 Hz, CH₃CH₂), 3.06 (3H, s, NCH₃), 3.0-4.1 (4H, m, C_{5,4}-H), 4.23 (2H, q, J=7.3 Hz, CH₃CH₂), 4.78 (1H, s, C₁-H), 7.19 (4H, br s, C_{6,7,8,9}-H).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NO₃; C, 67.99; H, 6.93; N, 5.66

Found; C, 67.88; H, 6.67; N, 5.49

2h: 3100, 1715, 1645, 1620 cm⁻¹; 6:5 intensities of keto form [δ 1.35 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz, CH₃CH₂), 3.07 (3H, s, NCH₃), 2.9-3.3, 3.3-3.7 (each 2H, m,

$C_{5,4}$ -H), 4.37 (2H, q, $J=7.0$ Hz, $\underline{CH_3CH_2}$), 6.06 (1H, s, C_1 -H), 6.9-7.35 (4H, m, $C_{6,7,8,9}$ -H) and enol form [δ 0.95 (3H, t, $J=7.0$ Hz, $\underline{CH_3CH_2}$), 2.97 (3H, s, NCH_3), 2.95-3.3, 3.3-3.65 (each 2H, m, $C_{5,4}$ -H), 4.00 (2H, q, $J=7.0$ Hz, $\underline{CH_3CH_2}$), 6.9-7.35 (4H, m, $C_{6,7,8,9}$ -H), 14.61 (1H, br s, enol OH)].

Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{17}NO_4$; C, 65.44; H, 6.22; N, 5.09

Found; C, 65.19; H, 6.27; N, 4.92

3a: 1640, 1600, 1570 cm^{-1} ; UV λ_{max} (MeOH) 274 nm (ϵ 22,600); δ 3.15 (3H, s, NCH_3), 3.0-3.25 (4H, m, $C_{5,4}$ -H), 6.65 (1H, s, olefinic H), 7.0-7.6 (9H, m, Ar-H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{17}NO$; C, 82.10; H, 6.51; N, 5.32

Found; C, 82.01; H, 6.72; N, 5.33

3b: 1640, 1600, 1580 cm^{-1} ; λ_{max} (MeOH) 311 nm (ϵ 15,500) and 284 nm (ϵ 13,300); δ 3.0-3.25, (4H, m, $C_{5,4}$ -H), 3.14 (3H, s, NCH_3), 5.95 (2H, s, OCH_2O), 6.55 (1H, s, olefinic H), 6.76 (1H, d, $J=8.1$ Hz, C_5 -H), 6.98 (1H, dd, $J=8.1, 1.5$ Hz, C_6 -H), 7.10 (1H, d, $J=1.5$ Hz, C_2 -H), 7.1-7.3 (3H, m, $C_{6,7,8}$ -H), 7.35-7.45 (1H, m, C_9 -H).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{17}NO_3$; C, 74.25; H, 5.58; N, 4.56

Found; C, 74.31; H, 5.47; N, 4.48

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