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4-(2-ARYLALKENYL)-3-CYANO-2H-1-BENZOPYRAN-2-ONES

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washed with pre-cooled (0°) ethanol (200 ml), and then hexane (500 ml) to remove 2-methylaniline and water, and dried in a dessicator under reduced pressure. To the solid in a 1 L flask was added 500 ml of freshly distilled tetrahydrofuran (dried over calcium hydride), and the whole stirred to give a heterogeneous suspension. Then solid sodium borohydride (10.0 g) was added during 15 minutes at 20° with vigorous stirring. Gas was slowly evolved, and the solid gradually dissolved. The mixture was kept well stirred at 20° for 10 hours. After rotary evaporation, the residue was poured into water (500 ml) and ice (ca 100 g). The whole was extracted twice with hexane (300 ml x 2) and the extract was washed with water (200 ml), and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate (20 g). The crude product was distilled under dry nitrogen to give 44.9 g (87%) of a colourless liquid bp. 203.5-205.0°, lit.⁷ bp. 207-208°. Proton NMR showed less than 2% of *o*-toluidine on the basis of the area ratio of the 2-methyl and N-methyl proton peaks. TLC (silica-gel, benzene:hexane = 1:9) also indicated a pure product.

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As a continuation of our investigation of the condensation of CH-acids containing a methyl group in γ -position with respect to the electron-acceptor group,^{1,2} we studied the condensation of 3-cyano-4-methylcoumarin (**1**) with aromatic aldehydes. Our initial experiments have shown that

TABLE 1. 4-(2-Arylalkenyl)-3-cyano-2H-1-benzopyran-2-ones (3)

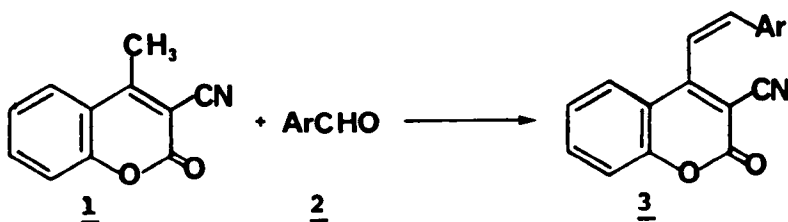
| Product | mp (°C) | Yield (%) | m/e | UV spectra (CH ₂ Cl ₂ , nm) |
|-----------|------------|--------------|-----|--|
| <u>3a</u> | 199-200 | 77 | 273 | 313, 350 |
| <u>3b</u> | 180-183 | 71 | 287 | 313, 358 |
| <u>3c</u> | 200-202 | 74 | 303 | 270, 358 |
| <u>3d</u> | 218-220 | 81 | 316 | 313, 510 |
| <u>3e</u> | 273-275 | 81 | 298 | 265, 340 |
| <u>3f</u> | 246-248 | 78 | 307 | 310, 350 |
| <u>3g</u> | 224-226 | 84 | 323 | 305, 358 |
| <u>3h</u> | 251-253 | 82 | 373 | 260 |
| <u>3i</u> | 203-205 | 79 | 317 | 295, 350 |
| <u>3j</u> | 270-272 | 73 | 274 | 310 |

TABLE 2. Elemental Analyses and ¹H nmr Data of 3

| Cmpd. | C | Elemental Analyses | | ¹ H nmr Data δ(DMSO-d ₆ , ^a TFA ^b) |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| | | H Calcd. (Found) | N | |
| <u>3a</u> | 79.12(78.99) | 4.02(4.22) | 5.12(4.98) | 7.50-8.25 m |
| <u>3b</u> | 79.38(79.20) | 4.52(4.71) | 4.87(4.74) | 2.40 s, 3H(CH ₃) 7.10-8.25 m, 1OH(2C ₆ H ₄ , CH=CH) |
| <u>3c</u> | 75.38(75.15) | 4.28(4.37) | 6.61(4.55) | 3.89 s, 3H(OCH ₃), 7.00-7.75 m, 1OH(C ₆ H ₄ , CH = CH) |
| <u>3d</u> | 75.87(75.69) | 5.05(5.23) | 8.85(8.50) | 3.50 s, 6H(2CH ₃), 7.60-8.25 m, 1OH(C ₆ H ₄ , CH= CH) (TFA) |
| <u>3e</u> | 76.51(76.39) | 3.35(3.47) | 9.31(9.24) | 7.50-8.50 m |
| <u>3f</u> | 70.24(70.06) | 3.25(3.38) | 4.55(4.42) | 7.00-8.25 m |
| <u>3g</u> | 81.65(81.78) | 4.02(3.97) | 4.33(4.21) | 7.00-8.25 m |
| <u>3h</u> | 83.57(83.72) | 4.01(4.21) | 3.75(3.50) | 7.50-8.75 |
| <u>3i</u> | 71.87(71.70) | 3.46(3.67) | 4.41(4.36) | Not soluble |
| <u>3j</u> | 74.45(74.30) | 3.65(3.83) | 10.22(10.09) | Not soluble |

^a 3c, 3f, 3h; ^b 3a, 3b, 3d, 3e, 3g

the conditions used previously (NaNH_2 in HMPT)¹ do not lead to the desired result. By changing to the use piperidine in chloroform with azeotropic removal of water, we obtained the products 3a-j. The yields and physical constants of these compounds are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.



- a) Ar = C_6H_5 b) Ar = $p\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ c) Ar = $p\text{-MeOC}_6\text{H}_4$ d) Ar = $p\text{-Me}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4$
 e) Ar = $p\text{-CNC}_6\text{H}_4$ f) Ar = $p\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4$ g) Ar = $1\text{-C}_{10}\text{H}_7$ h) Ar = $9\text{-C}_{14}\text{H}_9$
 i) Ar = $3,4(\text{OCH}_2\text{O})\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$ j) Ar = $4\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Melting points were determined on a Boetius hot stage microscope and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Specord 71-IR spectrophotometer, UV spectra on a Specord UV-VIS spectrophotometer, NMR spectra on Tesla BS 487C, 80 Hz, while mass spectra were performed on a JEOL D-300 at an ionization voltage of 70 eV.

4-(2-Arylakenyl)-3-cyano-2H-1-benzopyran-2-ones. General Procedure.- A mixture of 3-cyano-4-methyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-one (3.72 g, 0.02 mole),³ the aldehyde (0.02 mole), chloroform (20 ml) and piperidine (10 drops) was boiled for 7 hrs with azeotropic removal of water. After evaporation of chloroform, the solid residue was recrystallized from methylene chloride.

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