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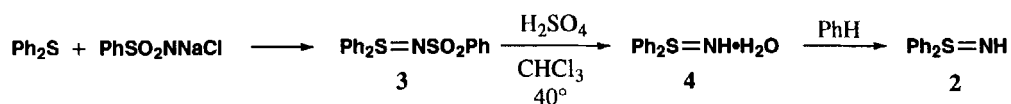
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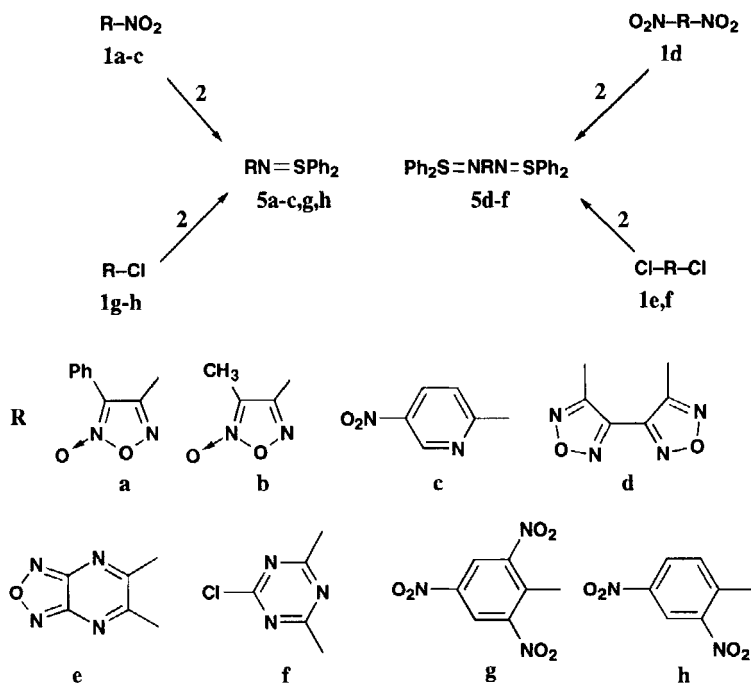
Sulfilimines are important intermediates for the synthesis of various heterocyclic compounds. The sensitivity of the S=N bond to both nucleophilic and electrophilic reagents make sulfilimines important reagents in organic synthesis.<sup>1,2</sup> Furthermore, some sulfilimine derivatives show herbicidal, bactericidal and pharmacological activity.<sup>1,3-6</sup> Heterocyclic sulfilimines could also find a similar utilization, should effective methods of their preparation be available. All known methods of synthesis of sulfilimines are based on condensation reactions of amines with activated dimethyl sulfide<sup>7-9</sup> or DMSO.<sup>3,10,14</sup> However, these methods are not always successful,<sup>15</sup> especially for the preparation of polysulfilimines.<sup>12</sup> The synthesis of sulfilimines by nucleophilic substitution of chloro or nitro groups by sulfilimino functions seems to be most convenient, especially in cases where chloro or nitro derivatives are more accessible than the corresponding amines. N-Unsubstituted sulfilimines may be used as nucleophilic reagents in these reactions. The synthesis of heterocyclic sulfilimines by this method could not be found in the literature.

We investigated the possible use of N-unsubstituted sulfilimines R<sub>2</sub>S=NH (R= Me, Ph) for the nucleophilic substitution of chloro or nitro groups in heterocycles. S,S-Dialkylsulfilimines are known to be unstable solids.<sup>16</sup> Therefore, we attempted to carry out the reaction of 3-nitro-4-phenylfuroxan (**1a**) with S,S-dimethylsulfilimine<sup>16</sup> in dichloromethane. However, the latter reagent was too unstable in solution and decomposition occurred before reaction with **1a**.

While S,S-diphenylsulfilimine (**2**) is a stable compound,<sup>22</sup> the known methods of its preparation are inconvenient because of high cost and difficult access to starting compounds.<sup>16-21</sup> We now report the development of a convenient procedure for the synthesis of **2** in good yield from commercially available materials: sodium N-chlorobenzensulfonamide (Chloroamine B) and diphenyl sulfide. First, S,S-diphenyl-N-phenylsulfonylsulfilimine (**3**) was prepared by the method of Tsujihara *et al.*<sup>26</sup> Then, the N-sulfonyl group was eliminated by sulfuric acid at 40° in chloroform. Finally, the S,S-diphenylsulfilimine hydrate (**4**) obtained was dehydrated by azeotropic distillation in benzene.



We have found that chloro- or nitroheterocycles [fuzans, furoxans, pyridines, pyrazines and 1,3,5-triazoles (**1a-f**)] give diphenylsulfilimino derivatives (**5a-f**) by treatment with **2**. If two chloro or nitro groups prone to substitution are present as in **1d-f**, bis-diphenylsulfilimines (**5d-f**) were formed. Unlike nitrofuroxans **1a,b**, mildly activated nitroheterocycles such as 4-methyl- and 4-phenyl-3-nitrofuzans do not react with **2**. This method also enabled us to obtain the aromatic sulfilimines **5g,h**. It should be pointed out that S,S-diphenylsulfilimine hydrate (**4**) does not react with 2,4-dinitrochlorobenzene (**1b**)<sup>17</sup> and, consequently, is a weaker nucleophile than **2**.



In summary, a simple procedure for the synthesis of **2**, mild reaction conditions and high yields of products **5** make this method a useful contribution to the synthesis of heterocyclic sulfilimines.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

The melting points are determined on a Boetius apparatus and are uncorrected. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained on an AM-300 Bruker at 75.5 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution with TMS as internal standard, δ ppm. The IR spectra were recorded on a Specord spectrometer in KBr tablets. Microanalyses were carried out by the Analytical Laboratory of the Institute.

**S,S-Diphenyl-N-phenylsulfonylsulfilimine (3).**- Diphenyl sulfide (18 mL, 0.1 mol) and Chloroamine-B (sodium N-chlorobenzensulfonamide) (35 g, 0.11 mol) were dissolved in 200 mL of methanol. To this solution, acetic acid (5.0 mL) in 25 mL of methanol was added dropwise at 20-30°. The mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 1 hr and was then poured into a cold solution of NaOH (5g) in 450 mL of water. The resulting precipitate formed was collected, washed with water, and dried to yield 32.2 g (83%) of **3** a colorless solid, mp. 126-128°. IR: 945 (S=N) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

*Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 69.88; H, 4.89; N, 4.53; S, 10.36

Found: C, 69.62; H, 4.84; N, 4.21; S, 10.11

**TABLE 1.** Preparation and Spectral Data of Diphenylsulfilimines (**5**)

Cmpd	Time	Yield(%)	mp. (°C)	IR ν <sub>S=N</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>5a</b>	5 hrs	74	144-146	960
<b>5b</b>	5 hrs	70	138-140	980
<b>5c</b>	45 min	69	152-154	960
<b>5d</b>	3.5 hrs	90	249-251	980
<b>5e</b>	30 min	95	229-231	980
<b>5f</b>	3 hrs	68	249-253	980
<b>5g</b>	15 min	85	136-137	950
<b>5h</b>	48 hrs	87	133-134	940

**TABLE 2.** Elemental Analysis of Diphenylsulfilimines (**5**)

Cmpd	Formula	Calcd				Found			
		C	H	N	S	C	H	N	S
<b>5a</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	66.48	4.16	11.63	8.86	66.51	4.15	11.41	8.83
<b>5b</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	60.20	4.35	14.05	10.70	60.13	4.59	13.51	10.91
<b>5c</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	63.16	4.02	13.00	9.91	62.98	3.70	13.08	10.05
<b>5d</b>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	62.69	3.73	15.67	11.94	62.70	3.90	15.25	12.00
<b>5e</b>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>6</sub> OS <sub>2</sub>	64.62	3.85	16.15	12.31	64.57	3.84	16.14	12.40
<b>5f</b>	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>20</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	63.10	3.89	13.63	12.46	62.99	3.82	13.12	12.23
<b>5g</b>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S	52.43	2.91	13.59	7.77	52.52	3.00	13.68	7.76
<b>5h</b>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	58.86	3.54	14.44	8.72	58.80	3.46	14.56	8.72

a) *Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>Cl (%): Cl 6.91; found Cl 6.78.

**S,S-Diphenylsulfilimine (2).**- To conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (70 mL) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (60 mL) at 30° was added S,S-diphenyl-N-phenylsulfonylsulfilimine (**3**) (122 g, 65 mmol) under vigorous stirring at such a rate that the reaction temperature did not rise above 40°. The mixture was then refluxed for 1 hr, cooled to room temperature, and poured into 600 mL of ice water. After separation of the chloroform layer, the aqueous layer was washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (4 x 100 mL), and made alkaline (pH 10-11) with 20%

NaOH. The precipitate of  $\text{Ph}_2\text{S}=\text{NH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**4**) was collected by suction, dried and dissolved in 60 mL of hot benzene. After filtration of inorganic salts and removal of water by azeotropic distillation with benzene, **2** was crystallized from hexane to yield 10.4 g (80%), mp. 59-61°, lit.<sup>22</sup> mp. 58-60°.

**Sulfilimines 5a-h. General Procedure.**- To a stirred solution of **1a-h** (1 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL), **2** (0.6 g, 3 mmol for **1a-c,g,h** (or 1.2 g, 6 mmol for **1d-f**) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL) was added at room temperature. The reaction times are shown in Table 1. At the end of the reaction,<sup>23</sup> the mixture was washed with a 5% solution of acetic acid and water (2 x 5 mL) and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column;  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was used as eluent. The yields, elemental analysis data and spectral characteristics are given in Tables 1, 2 and 3.

TABLE 3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Data of Compounds **5**<sup>a</sup>

Cmpd	Chemical shifts, $\delta$ (ppm)
<b>5a</b>	124.64, 126.90, 136.80, 129.46 ( <u>Ph</u> -C), 111.56 ( <u>C</u> -Ph), 161.87 (C-N), 136.80, 126.95, 129.61, 128.23 (Ph-S).
<b>5b</b>	7.32 (Me), 111.16 ( <u>C</u> -Me), 162.86 (C-N), 127.31, 129.72, 132.05, 136.71 (Ph).
<b>5c</b>	113.63, 131.54, 135.02, 145.96, 168.59 (Py), 127.55, 129.80, 131.96, 136.39 (Ph).
<b>5g</b>	118.31, 124.44, 143.98, 148.79 (Ph-N), 127.72, 131.25, 133.83, 137.97 (Ph-S).
<b>5h</b>	117.80, 127.69, 135.58, 141.13, 155.44 (Ph-N), 127.17, 130.41, 132.82, 136.56 (Ph-S).

a) Disulfilimines **5d-f** are practically insoluble in water and organic solvents.

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