

NOVEL REACTIONS OF CARBON SUBOXIDE. IV. SYNTHESIS OF SOME  
N-HYDROXY-2-OXO-2H-1-BENZOPYRAN-3-CARBOXAMIDES

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*Summary: Some N-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-1-benzopyran-3-carboxamides have been prepared by reaction of carbon suboxide with 2-hydroxyaryloximes.*

As a part of investigations on the use of carbon suboxide in the synthesis of new heterocyclic compounds with potential biological activity<sup>1,2</sup>, we describe in this paper the synthesis of several N-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-1-benzopyran-3-carboxamides (3a-f), in one only step, starting from 2-hydroxyaryloximes (1a-f) (Scheme 1).

They are possibly formed through rapid rearrangement reactions of the derivatives which are obtained in a first step of the reaction of direct cycloaddition of carbon suboxide to 2-hydroxyaryloximes<sup>3</sup>.

The carboxamides (3a-f) are converted into the respective carboxylic acids (4a-f)<sup>4,8</sup> by hydrolysis. The results are presented in the Tables 1 and 2.

The structure of derivatives (3) was determined by analytical and spectroscopic data. In fact, they show a characteristic OH band between 3400 and 3200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\delta$ -lactonic C=O bands and bands of extranuclear amidic C=O, bonded in position 3 as from  $\delta$ -lactonic cycle, between 1820 and 1640  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ <sup>9</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra show a NH amidic signal between about  $\delta$  9 and  $\delta$  11, a signal between about  $\delta$  8.1 and  $\delta$

8.9 attributed to proton 4 and, moreover, the aromatic protons and the hydroxyl group signals. Finally, mass spectra, besides the molecular ion, show the base peak at ( $M^+$ -NHOH) and the peak at ( $M^+$ -CONHOH).

Table 1  
Preparation of compounds 3

Compound No	Molecular formula <sup>a</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	M.p. (°C)	I.R. (nujol) $\text{cm}^{-1}$ $\nu(\text{O-H})$	$\nu(\text{C=O})$	Mass data (m/e)
<u>3a</u>	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{NO}_4$	70	207	3300	1770, 1720, 1640	205 ( $M^+$ ), 173, 145
<u>3b</u>	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_5$	80	121	3400	1820, 1780, 1760	235 ( $M^+$ ), 203, 175
<u>3c</u>	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_5$	76	110	3400	1820, 1800, 1780, 1760, 1650	235 ( $M^+$ ), 203, 175
<u>3d</u>	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4$	69	135	3440	1770, 1760, 1730, 1700	219 ( $M^+$ ), 187, 159
<u>3e</u>	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{BrNO}_4$	88	136	3200	1790, 1770, 1730, 1700	283-285 ( $M^+$ ), 251-253, 223- 225
<u>3f</u>	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4$	67	120	3420	1790, 1760, 1720	219 ( $M^+$ ), 187, 159

a) All products gave satisfactory elemental analyses; b) isolated yield of pure material.

Representative Experimental Procedure: To a stirred solution of 2-hydroxyaryloxime (1) (0.016 moles) in dry diethyl ether (250 ml), carbon suboxide (2) (0.016 moles) was added during 2 hours at  $-70^\circ\text{C}$ . When the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours and then allowed to warm and left at room temperature for 3 days with stirring. The precipitate was filtered and crystallized from ethanol to give (3) as tablet shaped yellow crystals.

These products, after hydrolysis with 20% aqueous sodium hydroxide, furnished the acids (4).

## SCHEME 1

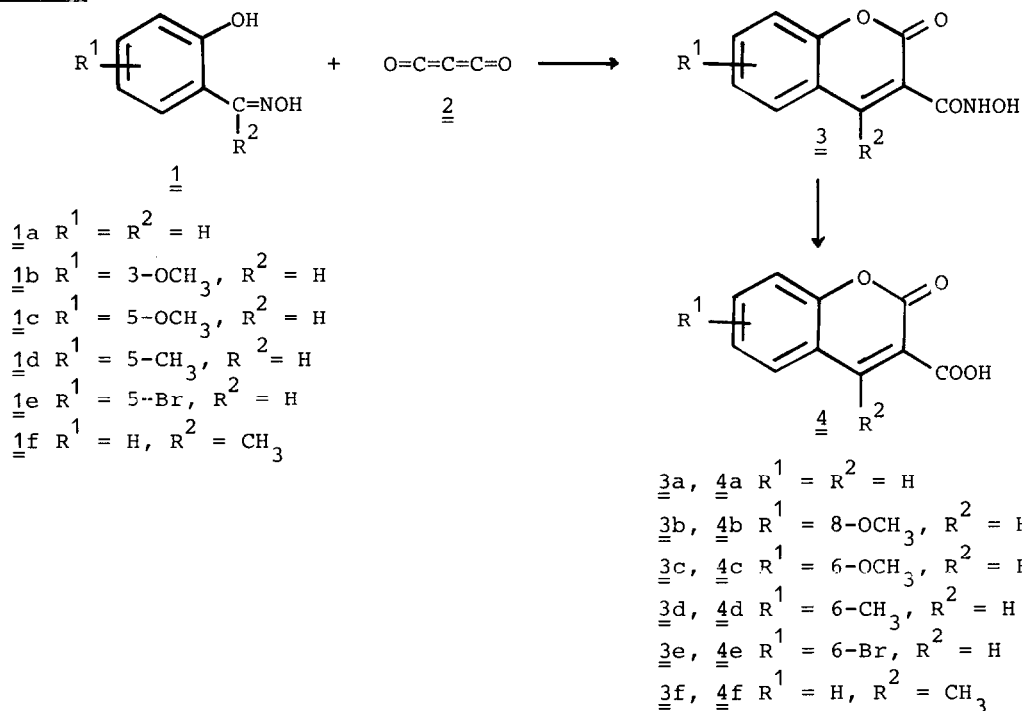


Table 2  
80 MHz- $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectral data of compounds 3,  $\delta$  ppm<sup>a</sup>

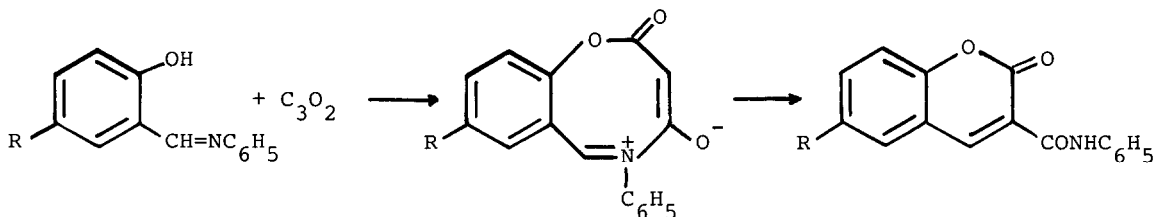
Compound No	$\text{R}^1$	$\text{R}^2$	Ar-H	OH	NH
<u>3a</u>			8.05-6.86 (m, 4H)	10.79 (s)	10.36 (s)
<u>3b</u>	3.80 (s, 3H)	8.15 (s, 1H)	7.42-6.58 (m, 3H)	9.12 (s)	9.80 (s)
<u>3c</u>	3.75 (s, 3H)	8.36 (s, 1H)	7.18-6.63 (m, 3H)	9.00 (s)	9.11 (s)
<u>3d</u>	3.75 (s, 3H)	8.64 (s, 1H)	7.36-6.80 (m, 3H)	5.11 (s)	9.48 (s)
<u>3e</u>		8.07 (s, 1H)	7.40-6.76 (m, 3H)	6.25 (s)	9.84 (s)
<u>3f</u>		3.63 (s, 3H)	7.63-6.80 (m, 4H)	4.16 (s)	10.98 (s)

a) 3a was measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 3b and 3c in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 3d, 3e and 3f in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$ .

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