

## A Novel Reaction of Aryl N-Sulphonylamines, Addition to 1,4-Naphthoquinone.

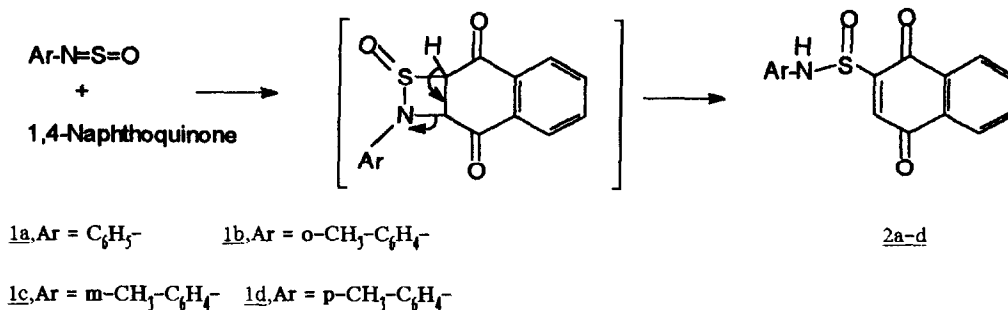
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*Abstract.* Aryl N-sulphonylamines react with 1,4-naphthoquinone to give 2-arylsulphomoyl-1,4-naphthoquinones

Aryl N-sulphonylamines have attracted interest as important synthetic intermediates<sup>1</sup>. This versatile heterocumulene undergoes a wide range of reactions. These reactions include (4+2) cycloadditions with 1,3-dienes where the N=S bond acts as a dienophile<sup>2-6</sup>, and reactions with strained alkenes where the N=S bond is a part of the diene. This second type of reaction is known only with a limited number of strained bicyclic alkenes<sup>7-9</sup>. Attempts to extend this reaction as a general approach to 1,2-thiazine oxides, by using a wide range of alkenes of various electron densities and steric properties have failed so far<sup>7,10,11</sup>. Other (4+2) cycloadditions of N-sulphonylamines are known with aromatic Schiff bases to give thiadiazine oxides<sup>12</sup>. Reactions with nitrones are believed to occur via a (3+2) cycloaddition<sup>13</sup>, in which the primary adduct ring opened eliminating SO<sub>2</sub>. Highly reactive sulphonyl sulphonylamines undergo (2+2) cycloaddition with enol ethers to yield 3-alkoxy-1,2-thiazetidine 1-oxide derivatives which are stable<sup>14</sup>. The reaction N-alkyl Schiff bases with N-sulphonylamines takes a different route than the N-aryl compounds<sup>12</sup>, this reaction is believed to occur via a (2+2) cycloaddition followed by the ring opening of the adduct.

In our attempts to extend the scope of the N-sulphonylamine reactions, we have studied the reactions between 1,4-naphthoquinone and aryl N-sulphonylamines. Reaction with 1,4-naphthoquinone is slower than the strained alkenes. When an equimolar mixture of phenyl N-sulphonylamine and 1,4-naphthoquinone in benzene is left at room temperature in the dark the solution turned into a deep red colour after 2-3 days. The product was isolated after chromatography and further purified by recrystallization, yield 62%, as red crystals, m.p. 186-9<sup>o</sup>. Mass spectrum of this product showed a molecular ion at 297 corresponds to an adduct. The presence of N-H, C=O and S=O functions were evident from the IR spectrum. The singlet peak at 6.43 in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C peak at 103.35 corresponds to one olefinic hydrogen and the attached carbon. All the spectral data<sup>15</sup> are in full agreement with the proposed structure 2a. Formation of the 2-arylsulphomoyl-1,4-naphthoquinones can be explained by the mechanism shown, (2+2) cycloaddition of the N=S bond and the olefinic bond of the 1,4-naphthoquinone forms a 1,2-thiazetidine-1-oxide intermediate which readily fragments with a 1,3-H shift.



This is a novel reaction of aryl N-sulphonylamines, and offers the first example of a reaction with an electron deficient, non strained alkene. Three other aryl N-sulphonylamines, also gave the similar adducts, 2b, yield 48%, m.pt 153-5°, 2c, yield 56%, m.pt 170-2°, and 2d, yield 68%, m.pt 190-1°

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- 2a. Anal calcd for. C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NSO<sub>2</sub>, C 64.63, H 3.73%; found, C 64.52, H 3.78%. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3360 (NH), 1675 (C=O), 1614 (C=O), 1597, 1574, 1515, 1450, 1350, 1295, 1124 (S=O), 990 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300MHz), 6.43 (1H s, C<sub>7</sub>-H), 7.22 (1H, d,d, τ=7.3, 8.0), 7.28 (2H, d, J=9.0), 7.42 (2H, d,d, J=7.5, 8.3) 7.58 (1H, bs, NH), 7.67 (1H, d,t, J=1.3, 7.7), 7.76 (1H, d,t, J=1.3, 7.7), 8.11 (1H, d,d, J=1.3, 7.5), 8.13 (1H, d,d, J=1.3, 7.5)., <sup>13</sup>C (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75MHz), 103.35 (C<sub>7</sub>), 122.59 (2xC), 125.61, 126.15, 126.52, 129.68 (2xC), 130.33, 132.35, 133.19, 134.92, 137.41, 144.69, 182.06 (C=O), 183.95 (C=O). MS, m/e, M<sup>+</sup> 297 (4), 249 (57, M<sup>+</sup>-SO), 220 (32, M<sup>+</sup>-Ph), 204 (18, M<sup>+</sup>-PhNH<sub>2</sub>), 193 (11), 165 (14), 144 (26), 104 (61), 77(100)

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