REACTION OF THIOLSULFINATES WITH TRIHALOACETIC ANHYDRIDES. II. ADDITION OF SULFENYL TRIHALOACETATES TO OLSFINS

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Abstract - Treatment of thiolsulfinates with trifluoro- or trichloroacetic anhydride at -2O'C in the presence of various olefins in carbon tetrachloride afforded the corresponding 8-
trifluoro- or trichloroacetoxy sulfides in good vields. The trifluoro- or trichloroacetoxy sulfides in good yields. β -trihaloacetoxy sulfides are considered to be resulted by the electrophilic addition of the sulfenyl trihaloacetates, formed
as transient intermediates, to olefins. The addition takes as transient intermediates, to olefins. place stereospecifically in <u>trans</u> manner and the regioselectivity for the addition with unsymmetrical olefins obeyed the Markownikoff orientation rule, except 3,3-dimethyl-l-butene which gave initially the anti-Markownikoff product 2 due to the steric hindrance, however the adduct $\mathfrak z$ is readily converted to the Markownikoff product ϵ 2 upon heating. Since the addition is highly regioselective and stereospecific, this is a very convenient procedure for the syntheses of β -trihaloacetoxy sulfides.

Thiolsulfinates¹ are thermally unstable organic sulfur compounds and are known to have complex modes of reactivities by the change of reagent and reaction condition. Therefore, although thiolsultinates can be readily prepared by oxidation of the disulfides and are considered to be excellent synthons for organic syntheses, fundamental chemical and physical properties of thiolsulfinates have not been explored in detail, due to the lability. However, if thiolsulfinates can be treated under mild reaction conditions with appropriate reagents without thermal decomposition and disproportionation, the compounds may be useful reagents for various synthetic applications.

We have found recently that the Pummerer-like reaction of thiol sulfinates with acetic anhydride in the presence of acetic acid afforded

unexpectedly the new rearranged products, a-acetylthio-sulfoxides in moderate yields.² However, in some cases treatment of thiolsulfinates with acetic anhydride gives the corresponding thiolsulfinates and disulfides as major products. This result, namely, whether the reaction gives the rearranged products *or* disproportionation products, seems to depend on the nature of the substituents in the thiolsulfinates and the temperature of the reaction. In order to carry out the rearrangement smoothly and to avoid formation of disproportionation products by thermolysis, trihaloacetic anhydrides which usually acylate the thiolsulfinate oxygen even at relatively low temperatures were used instead of acetic anhydride. However, the final products obtained in this reaction were composed of 1:l mixture of sulfinyl trihaloacetates and

disulfides which are undoubtedly formed via sulfenyl trihaloacetates as transient intermediates after the initial acylation of sulfinyl oxygen, in carbon tetrachloride as shown in the following scheme.

 R \bigcirc SR + (CX3CO)2O - R SSR·OCCX2]-2^{[RSOCX2}3] **ococx3 -**

Scheme 1. Mechanism for Formation of Sulfenyl Carboxylate

fieanwhile, when tne same reaction was carried out in the presence of olefins, the only products obtained was found to be the corresponding S-trihaloacetoxy sulfides which are formed undoubtedly by electrophilic 1,2 addition of sulfenyl trihaloacetates to olefins.³ This result is consistent with those obtained by Halvlik and Kharasch, 4 in which they found that the addition of 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfenyl acetate to cyclohexene afforded 2-acetoxycyclohexyl 2,4-dinitrophenyl sulfide. Similar additions of sulfenyl carboxylates to the olefins have also been carried $out^{3,5}$ attaining the analogous results to that of the addition of sulfenyl halides to olefins.⁶ Recently, Trost et a1.5b reported that **upon treatment of lead tetraacetate with a mixture of a disulflde and trifluoroacetic acid** in methylene chloride at 0° or -40°C olefins are converted to the corresponding @-trifluoroacetoxy sulfide. Although **Kharasch's and 'Frost's methods are convenient to prepare B-hydroxysulfides, our procedure using thiolsulfinates would have a certain advantage over those of Kharasch or 'frost since this reactlon proceeds** rapidly even at low temperature (-10°C) **and normally gives only one product in an excellent yield, while the treatment and work-up are so simple. The**

product can be **isolated by one distill**ation under reduced pressure after removal of the solvent. The resulting B-trihaloacetoxy sulfides readily afforded the corresponding S-hydroxysulfides upon treatment with such a base as aqueous sodium hydroxide.

The reaction of methyl methanethiolsulfinate with trifluoro- or trichloroacetic anhydride in the presence of various olefins was **carried out in carbon tetrachloride at -lO°C and after the usual work-up various adducts were obtained, as summarized** in Table 1. All the compounds were identified with NMR, IR and mass spectra, and by elemental analyses.

Inspection of the results reveals that all the olefins employed in this reaction afforded the corresponding 8-acetoxy sulfides in good yields. Meanwhile, l,l-diphenylethene gave directly methyl 2,2-diphenylvinyl sulfide⁷ which might be obtained by facile elimination of trifluoroacetic acid from the corresponding β -trifluoroacetoxy sulfide. trans-Stilbene also gave methyl 1,2-diphenyl-2-hydroxyethyl sulfide 9 as the major product together with a small amount of normal addition product 8, methyl 1,2-diphenyl-2-trifluoroacetoxyethyl sulfide 2. Cyclohexene and acenaphthylene yielded also the corresponding trans adducts 12, 10 which were identified from the H NMR coupling constants **(9.18 and 1,4** Hs8a'g **respectively) of the vicinal methine protons.**

Olefins	Adducts		$Yields$ $()$	$b.p.$ (m.p.) \degree C/mmHg
1-Octene	C_6H_{13} CHCH ₂ SMe ococr_3	$\frac{1}{\sim}$	$89^{a}(60)^{b}$	130-133/20.5
1-Octene	C_6H_{13} CHCH ₂ SMe α	\mathfrak{Z}	49 (63)	$144 - 147/4$
3,3-Dimethyl- 1-butene	t-BuCHCH ₂ OCCF ₃ SMe	٤	95 (87)	$104 - 107/24$
Styrene	PhCHCH ₂ SMe SMe	$\frac{4}{\sim}$	84 (87)	$63 - 66 / 16$
1,1-Diphenyl- ethene	$Ph_2C=CHSMe$	$\overset{5}{\sim}$	73 (90)	116-120/8
trans-2-Butene	OCOCF ₃ Me MeS'	$\frac{6}{2}$	87 (80)	70-75/19
cis-2-Butene	Ĥ Мe Me Me MeS ıH Н OCOCF ₃	\mathfrak{Z}	87 (68)	$67 - 70 / 30$
trans-Stilbene	Ph COCCF ₃ MeS н' Ph	$\frac{8}{2}$	(18)	$130 - 134^d / 20$
	Ph OН MeS ٠н \mathbf{H} Ph	ڲ	(70)	$(75.5 - 76.0)$
Acenaphthylene	MeS COCF ₃	10	$(47)^{\circ}$	Oil (Decomp.)
Cyclopentene	-SMe OCOCF ₃	끄	92 (74)	$90.5 - 91.0 / 28$
Cyclohexene	SMe ococr ₃	$\frac{12}{5}$	72 (87)	$70 - 75/8$
Norbornene	SMe ococr ₃	$\frac{13}{2}$	87(70)	113-117/18

Table 1. Reaction of Methyl Methanethiolsulfinate with Trihaloacetic Anhydrides in the Presence of Olefins.

a) Determined by vpc analysis. Some compounds were decomposed during the analysis. b) Isolated yields. c) Determined by $1H-NMR$. Dimethyl disulfide(30%) was obtained together with the adduct and the starting olefin was also recovered. d) Sublimation temperature.

The structure of exo-2-ethylthio-endo-3-trifluoroacetoxynorbornane 13 was determined by comparing the 1 H NMR spectra with those of the corresponding chloride.^{8a} Electrophilic olefins, such as methyl acrylate, acrylonitrile ethyl vinyl ether, etc. did not give the adducts under the reaction condition employed. When the reactions were carried out in the

presence of such conjugated dienes as 1,3-butadiene, cyclopentadiene, furane and thiophene, neither 1,2- nor 1,4-addition products were obtained, only resulting in the formation of a tarry polymeric materials. No addition of methanesulfenyl trifluoroacetate to the C=N double bond of N-p-tolyl benzalimine was observed since trifluoroacetic anhydride reacts

faster with the imino nitrogen to give N-a-trifluoroacetoxybenzyl-N-p-tolyl trifluoroacetoamide than with methyl methanethiolsulfinate. Azobenzene did not react in this reaction system and was recovered quantitatively. Meanwhile, for further evidence to support the formation of methanesulfenyl trifluoroacetate in the reaction, anisole was added to the reaction mixture instead of the olefin. Indeed, anisole afforded methyl p-methoxyphenyl sulfide in this system in 80% yield, but toluene or biphenyl was unreactive under the present reaction condition.

These additions to olefins are shown to be highly regioselective and stereospecific. Styrene, l-octene and 1,1-diphenylethene gave only the Markownikoff addition products, while only 3,3-dimethyl-1-butene gave the anti-Markownikoff-addition product 3. cis- or trans-2-Butene provided either threo 6 or erythro 7 adduct as a sole product, respectively. The stereochemistry for the addition of methanesulfenyl trifluoroacetate to olefins was established by comparing the spectral data with that of the authentic product obtained by the addition of sulfenyl chlorides to olefins. Namely, threo-methyl 1methyl-2-chloropropyl sulfide, 4 prepared by addition of methanesulfenyl chloride to cis-2-butene, was treated with sodium trifluoroacetate in trifluoroacetic acid at room temperature to afford the corresponding 8-trifluoroacetoxy sulfide $2.$ Since this replacement of chloride by trifluoroacetate ion proceeds with complete retention of the configuration due to the neighboring group participation **of** sulfenyl group, the threo isomer 2 of the 8-trifluoroacetoxy sulfide was obtained in 84% chemical yield. The spectral analyses of the adduct of methanesulfenyl trifluoroacetate to cis-2-butene agreed well with those of threo-methyl 1-methyl-Z-trifluoroacetoxypropyl sulfide 7 , while the erythro-isomer & was also characterized similarly by comparing the spectra of authentic erythro-methyl 1-methyl-2trifluoroacetoxypropyl sulfide 6. Accordingly, the addition of sulfenyl trihaloacetates to olefins proceeds stereospecifically in trans manner analogously to that of sulfenyl chlorides to olefins as shown below.

Similarly, most of other thiolsulfinates having either alkyl or aryl substituents such as methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, phenyl benzyl derivatives, reacted with trifluoroacetic anhydride in the presence of 1-octene to give the corresponding alkyl or aryl Z-trifluoroacetoxyacetyl sulfides in excellent yields except tert-butyl 2-methyl-2-propanethiolsulfinate which did not give the expected adduct but a number of unidentified products. The results are shown in Tables 2 and 4.

All the additions of sulfenyl trihaloacetates to olefins in carbon tetrachloride solution at -20°C yielded only the Markownikoff oriented products except in case of 3,3-dimethyl-1-butene as shown in Table 2.

Methanesulfenyl chloride adds to cis or trans-2-butene to give either threoor <u>erythro</u>-methyl l-methyl-2-chloro-
propyl sulfide, respectively.⁴

Table 2. Reaction of Thiolsulfinates, $R^1s(0)$ -S R^1 , with Trifluoroacetic Anhydride in the Presence of Terminal Olefins $R^2CH=CH_2$.

a) M=Markownikoff orientation; aM=anti-Markownikoff orientation.
b) Determined by vpc analysis. c) Isolated yields. b) Determined by vpc analysis. d) Diphenyl disulfide(12%) or dibenzyl disulfide(18%) was obtained together with 16 or 17, respectively. e) Sublimation temperature. together with 16 or 17 , respectively.

The orientation is independent of the steric effect of alkyl residues of thiolsulfinates, whereas the bulky substituents in olefins have a dramatic effect on the orientation of addition. Namely, when 3-methyl-I-butene was treated with methanesulfenyl trifluoroacetate only the Markownikoff adduct was resulted, while 3,3-dimethyl-1-butene gave only the anti-Markownikoff adduct 3.

Schmid et al. 10 and Hogg et al. 11 reported that the addition of pchlorobenzenesulfenyl chloride to such olefins as 1-butene, 3-methyl-lbutene, 3,3-dimethyl-1-butene gave predominantly the acducts of anti-Markownikoff orientation in all cases. However, these adducts were found to isomerize slowly at 25°C to the Markownikoff orientation products. Meanwhile, although methyl 3,3-dimethyl-1-trifluoroacetoxy-2-butyl sulfide 3 is stable at room temperature, it isomerized completely *to* the Markownikoff adouct 22 upon heating at 100°C for overnight. Furthermore, a series of adducts obtained from sulfenyl trifluoroacetates and monoalkyl-substituted ethylenes were found as a mixture of both the Markownikoff and the anti-Markownikoff β -trifluoroacetoxy

sulfides as shown in Table 3, when the adducts were analyzed by NMR spectrum before distillation. Upon heating the *mixtures* for 0.S to 8 hrs at 70°C, the mixtures completely changed to the sole isomeric Markownikoff product. The structures of anti-Markownikoff products were confirmed on the basis of the 1 H-NMR spectra. The ratio of Markownikoff products of which NMR spectra show the methine proton signals at 5.00 to 5.14 ppm and anti-Markownikoff products of which NMR spectra show the methylene proton signals at 4.31 to 4.65 ppm was easily determined since both the signals which are attributable to the protons at the carbon adjacent to the trlfluoroacetoxy group were clearly distinguishable from the others. Accordingly, it was concluded that the initial product obtained at low temperatures in a short reaction time is a kinetically controlled, anti-Markownikoff adduct which isomerized to the thermodynamically controlled, Markownikoff adduct at higher temperature or/and in a prolonged reaction time.

These observations suggest that the mechanism of addition of trihaloacetates to olefin resembles that of sulfenyl chlorides to olefins proposea

Table 3. Kinetically Controlled Products for Addition of Sulfenyl Trifluoroacetates
 $R^1S-OCOCF_3$, to Terminal Olefins, $R^2CH=CH_2$, in CCl₄ at -20°C.

R^1	R^2	Adducts ^a $M(8)$ $\overline{AM(8)}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ H & Chemical Shifts (ppm) ^b		
Me	Et	18 47 23 53	23 1.26 (t, 3H, J 6.9 Hz), 1.50-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.18 \sim (s, 3H), 2.28-2.51(m, 1H), 4.31 and 4.61(AB) part of ABX pattern, each 1H, Jah 11.1, Jay 7.0 and $J_{\rm bx}$ 6.3 Hz).		
Me	$i-Pr$	19,23 24 77	24 1.15(d, 6H, J 6.5Hz), 1.81-2.33(m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), $2.33-2.96(m, 1H)$, $4.51(d, 2H, J, 7.3)$ Hz .		
Et	i-Pr	20 15 25 85	25 1.02(d, 6H, J 6.7 Hz), 1.22(t, 3H, J 7.5 Hz), \sim 1.81-2.40(m, 1H), 2.40-3.13(m, 1H), 2.65(q, 2H J 7.5 Hz), 4.31 and 4.65 (AB part of ABX, pattern, each 1H, J_{ab} 11.0, J_{ax} /.8 and J_{bx} 7.0 Hz).		
$i-Pr$ $i-Pr$		21 14 26 86	26 0.99 (d, 6H, J 7.2 Hz), 1.26 (d, 6H, J 7.0 Hz), $1.70-2.48(m, 1H)$, $2.64-3.85(m, 2H)$, 4.34 and 4.61 (AB part of ABX pattern, each 1H, J _{ah} 10.5, J_{AX} 8.6 and J_{DX} 6.3 Hz).		
Me	t-Bu	220 3 100	22 1.05(s, 9H), 2.13(s, 3H), 2.61, 2.82 and 5.00 \sim (ABX, each iH, J _{ab} 14.1, J _{ax} 11.1 and J _{bx} 2.5 Hz).		

a) M=Markownikoff orientation; aM= anti-Markownikoff orientation. b) In CCl₄

by Hogg et al. 11 as shown in the following scheme.

Scheme 2. Mechanism for Formation of
Markownikoff Adduct.

Although the attack of trifluoroacetate anion on the episulfonium ion is sterically favored at the secondary carbon, thus resulting in the predominant formation of anti-Markownikoff products, tri-fluoroacetate anion eventually migrates to the adjacent position, resulting in the formation of the tnermodynamically more stable Markownikoff products.

Meanwhile, monothiocarbonate Soxides have been found as another good source of sulfenyl trihaloacetates. Treatment of dibenzyl monothiocarbonate S-oxide with trifluoroacetic anhydride in chloroform at -20°C in the presence of 1-octene afforded benzyl 2-trifluoroacetoxy-1-octyl sulfide 1 quantitatively together with benzyl tri-fluoroacetate (96%) which was formed by decarboxylation of monobenzylcarbonic and trifluoroacetic anhydride. (Scheme 3)^{**}

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Scheme 3. Formation of Phenylmethane-
sulfenyl Trifluoroacetate from Dibenzyl Monothiocarbonate S-Oxide.

This procedure is convenient for the synthesis of the adducts of phenylmethanesulfenyl trifluoroacetate to olefins, because no dibenzyl disulfide is formed together with the desired compounds.

***Since both column chromatography

and distillation are not adequate for the separation of the adducts from the mixture containing dibenxyl disulfiae because of the similarity in tne physical properties of the two compounds, the purification at the adducts is difficult in the presence or the disulfide.

Experimental

All m.ps and b.ps are uncorrected. ${}^{1}H$ NMR spectra were obtained with either a Hitachi R-24A or a Hitachi Perkin Elmer R-20 nigh resolution spectrometer using TMS as an internal standara. IR spectra, unless otherwise noted, were determined as a soln in CC14 on a Hitachi 265-50 Infrared Spectrophotometer. Synthesis of B-Trihaloacetoxy Sulfides A typical procedure is as follows. To a soln of a mixture of ethyl ethanethiolsulfinate(366 mg, 2.65 mmol) and l -octene(2ml) in CCl4(lml) at -20° C was added trifluoroacetic anhydride
(840 mg, 4.0 mmol). After the mixt- $(840 \text{ mg}, 4.0 \text{ mmol}).$ ure was allowed to stana until the temp rose to room temp, the solvent and excess oi 1-octene were removed in vacua. Vacuum distillation afforded ethyl 2-trifluoroacetoxyoctyl sulfide **l** 1.37 g, 91%; b.p. $146-150$ °C at 35 mmHg. The results ot elementai analysis and the chemical shift in NMR spectra of other B-trihaloacetoxy sulfides prepared by the same method were described in the following Table 4.(cf. see also Table 1 and 2). Addition of Methanesulfenyl Ch1oride

to trans- or cis-2-Butene trans-2 Butene was cooled with a dry iceacetone bath ana then compressed in the vessel sealed with a rubber cap. Into a soln of excess lipuified olefin in $CCl_4(4 \text{ ml})$ at -20°C was poured methanesulfenyl chloride(3.31 g, 40.1 mmol). After the mixture was stirred for 2 hr at room temp, the solvent and excess of the olefin were evaporated
in vacuo. Vacuum distillation at 70 Vacuum distillation at 70°C and 31 mmHg afforded <u>erythro</u>-methyl-2-chloropropyl sulfide(3.88 g, 70%): 'H-NMR(CC14) 6 l.O4(d, 3H, J 7.2Hz), 1,63(a, 3H,J 6.9Hz), 2.11(s, 3H), 2.71 $(dq, 1H, J 7.2 and 6.2Hz)$, 3.99 $(dq, 2)$ lH, J 6.9 and 6.2Hz); IR(neat) 1442, 1378, 640 cm-l.

Similarly, the addition of methane-
sulfenyl chloride to <u>cis</u>-2-butene afforded the <u>threo</u>-isomer; /5%, b.p. 71.5-72.0°C at 34 mmBg; lH-NMR(CC14f 6 1.28td, 3H, J 6.9Hz), 1.49(d, 3H, J 6.7Hz), 2.17(s, 3H), 2.96(dq, lH, J 6.9 and 3.6 Hz), 4.22(dq, lH, J 6.7 and 3.6Hz) : IR(neat) 1445, 1380, 645 cm⁻¹.
Reaction of erythro- or three-Methyl
<u>I-Methyl 1-Methyl-2-chloropropyl</u>

Sulfide A soln of the <u>erythr</u>o-chlorosulfide(36 mg, 0.26 mmol) and sodium trifluoroacetate(47 mg, 0.34 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid(0.5 ml) was
stirred for a day at room temp. After stirred for a day at room temp. After NaCl precipitated was filtrated off, the solvent was removed in vacuo. The yie1d(96%) of erythro-methyl 1methyl-2-trifluoroacetoxypropyl

sulfide \oint was determined by vpc analysis; 1H-NMR(CCl4) 0 1.30(d, 3H, J 7.7 Hz), 1.46(d, 3H, J 6.8Hz), 2.12(s, 3H), 2.28 (dq, 1H, J 7.7 and 5.8Hz), 5.16(dq, lH, J 6.8 and 5.8Hz); IR(neat) 1780, 1220, 1165 cm-l. The three-chlorosulfide was also treated with sodium trifluoroacetate in similar manner and the corresponding threo-trifiuoroacetoxy sulfide *J* was obtained in 84% yield: lH-NMR(CCl4) 6 1.28(d, 3H, J 7.1Hz), 1.41(d, 3H, J 6.6Hz), 2.15(s, 3H), 2.86(dq, lH, J 7.1 and 5.1Hz), 7.1 and 5.1Hz), 5.22(dq, 1H, J 6.6 and
5.1Hz); IR(neat) 1780, 1222, 1165 cm⁻¹. IR(neat) 1780, 1222, 1165 cm⁻⁺. Reaction of O-Benzyl S-Benzyl Mono-Thlocarbonate S-Oxide with Trifluoroacetic Anhydride in the Presence of 1-Octene To a soln of the S-oxide(236 mg , 0.86 mmol) and 1-octene(1 ml) in $CCl_4(1 \text{ ml})$ and $CHCl_3(1 \text{ ml})$ at $-20^{\circ}C$ was added trifluoroacetic anhydride(273 mg, 1.3 mmol). After stirring was continued until the temp of the mixture rose to room temp, the solvents and excess of l-octene were evaporated in vacua. Vacuum distillation afforded benxyl trifluoroacetate(93 mg, 53%), b.p. 115-125°C at 40 mmHg and benzyl 2-trifluoroacetoxyoctyl sulfide $17(262)$ mg, 88% , b.p. 160-165°C at 3 mmHg. The yields determined by vpc analysis were 96 and lOO%, respect'vely. Benzyl trifluoroacetate: f H-NMR(CC14) 6 5.33(s, 2H), 7.14(s, 5H); IR(neat) 1775, 1210, 1135 cm⁻¹. Benzyl trifluoroacetoxy sulfide 7: 1H-NMR(CC14) 6 O.66-1.96(m, 13H), 2.59(d, 2H, J 6.7 Hz), 3.69(s, 2H), 4.99(m,lH), 7.27(s, 5H); IR(neat) 1780, 1225, 1160 cm-l. Hydrolysis of Methyl 2-Trifluoroacetoxy Sulfide 1 The mixture of the sulfide 1 205 mg. 6.75 mmol) and 10% aqueous NaOH soln(5 ml) was heated at lOO*C for a day. The soln was extracted with ether and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na2SO4. After the solvent was removed in vacua, vacuum distillation at 124-127°C and 22 mmHg gave methyl 2-hydroxyoctyl sulfide(ll4 **mg,** 86%); lH-NMR(CC14) 6 0.75-1.79(m, 13H), 2.15(s, 3H), 2.36, 2.73 and 3.60 (ABX, each $1H$, J_{ab} 13.3, J_{ax} 7.5 and $J_{\rm bx}$ 4.4Hz), 2.67-2.51(br, \downarrow H); IR(neat) $3420, 2925, 2855, 1040 \text{ cm}^{-1}.$

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 $\mathbf{c})$ a) In CCl₄(ppm).
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