## **SYNTHESIS AND REACTIVITY OF 2-DIMETHYLAMIND-4-ALKENYL-1,3-DXAZIN-6-DNES**

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Abstract - The Vilsmeier-Haack reaction on 4-alkylideneisoxazolin-5-ones gives **2-dimethylamino-4-alkenyl-l,3-oxazin-6-ones. Depending on substitution pattern, from these**   $o$ xazinones,  $o$ -pyrones,  $2$ -pyridones and pyridines may be obtained. The results confirm the **thermal equilibrium between 2-dialkylamino-1,3-oxazin-6-ones, iminoketenes and vinylisocyanates.** 

**We recently reported on the synthesis and reactivity of 2\_dialkylamino- -1,3-oxazin-6-ones', and now report the synthesis and reactivity of L-dimethylamino-4-alkenyl-1,3-oxazin-6-ones 2, heterocycles which we have obtained by a**  Vilsmeier-Haack type reaction from 4-alkylideneisoxazolin-5-ones 1. The starting **isoxazolones la-h have been reported (see Table I) while compounds li,j were prepared according to known methods 2,3 (see Experimental).** 

As is well known for isoxazol-5-ones<sup>4</sup>, the 4-alkylideneisoxazol-5-ones may exist in CH and **NH tautomeric forms5.** 

When the Vilsmeier-Haack reaction is carried out on 4-alkylideneisoxazol-5-ones la-j, the **corresponding 2-dimethylamino-4-alkenyl-l,3-oxatin-6-ones 2a-j are readily obtained in good yields (Scheme I and Table I). The reaction path is analogous with that previously reported for the Vilsmeier-Haack reaction of isoxazol-5-ones'.** 

**On compound lg the reaction has been carried out in DMF solution (see Experimental). In this case, besides the oxazinone 29, the derivative 3 has been obtained. The structure of compound 3 was assigned on the basis of single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis and Figure I shows the molecular shape and numbering scheme.** 





Table I. 2-Dimethylamino-4-alkenyl-1,3-oxazin-6-ones 2 from 4-Alkylideneisoxazol-5-ones 1.



 $a_{Et_20-hexane.}$   $b_{Et_20}$ ,  $c_{CH_2Cl_2-Et_20}$ ,  $d_{hexane.}$  entries this reaction has been carried out at 80°C in DMF.

The structures of the new compounds are based on analytical and spectroscopic data as well as chemical behaviour. Indeed, catalytic hydrogenation of the unsaturated oxazinone 2b gives the same oxazinone 5 as is obtained by the Vilsmeier-Haack reaction of 4-isopropyl-3-phenylisoxazol-5-one 4<sup>6</sup> (Scheme II).

Scheme II



The structures of the E-isomer of the oxazinone 2h and of the Z-isomer of the oxazinone 2i were determined by X-ray diffraction analysis<sup>7</sup>. Pure E and Z isomers of the oxazinones 2h-j were obtained by silica gel column chromatography (see Table I).



Table II. Products from Vilsmeier-Haack Reaction of Oxazinones 2.

 $\frac{1}{2}$   $\epsilon_{t_2}$  0.  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\epsilon_{t_2}$  0.  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\epsilon_{t_2}$  0-hexane. Reaction solvent CC1<sub>4</sub>; 50% of unreacted start. mat.<br>was recovered. <sup>e</sup> Reaction solvent, DWF at 70 °C. <sup>f</sup>By <sup>1</sup>H-NMR.

When the oxazinones 2a-f react with the Vilsmeier reagent, formylation at C<sub>13</sub> of the **unsaturated side chain occurs to give aldehydooxarinones 6a-f. No reaction was observed in the case of the oxazinones 2h-j. The aldehydooxazinones 6b,c are formed as a mixture of E/Z isomers; the E/Z ratio has been determined by 'H NMR (Scheme I and Table** II). **From 2g compound 3 was obtained (Table** II).

**When a dioxane solution of the aldehydooxazinones 6a,d is heated under reflux, the rapid formation of the corresponding a-pyrone derivatives 7a,d is observed (Scheme** III **and Table**  1111. Scheme III







**Table III. Products of reaction of aldehydooxazinones 6.** 



a<sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C1<sub>2</sub>-Et<sub>2</sub>0. b<sub>Et<sub>2</sub>0-hexane. <sup>C</sup> Et<sub>2</sub>0. <sup>d</sup>Thermal cyclisation was achieved</sub></sub> after UV irradiation (see Experimental).

**The structure of compound** 7a **was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis and Figure 2 shows**  the molecular shape and numbering scheme. From compounds 6b,c,  $\alpha$ -pyrones 7b,c are also **obtained but, in this case, only one isomer reacts while the other is recovered unchanged and then isolated in the pure state. To the unreacted isomers the structure of E-isomers was assigned and therefore the same configuration must be assigned to 6e as no thermal reaction to 7e was observed.** 

7e was easily obtained after UV irradiation of a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of 6e (see Experimental, **Scheme** IV).

**Scheme Iv** 

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E - 6 \cdot \frac{h\nu}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ 2 - 6 \cdot \right] \xrightarrow{\triangle} 7 \cdot
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**We presume that E-6e isomerizes to Z-6e and this is then transformed to 7e. These**  reactions are very fast in refluxing dioxane but the  $\alpha$ -pyrone formation is also observed in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution at room temperature and may be followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (100% conversion in 24 h).

In our opinion the formation of  $\alpha$ -pyrones 7 implies cycloreversion to a ketene aldehyde **and subsequent electrocyclization as shown in Scheme** III.

The aldehydooxazinones E-6b,c,e, refluxed in dioxane-water solution, give the pyridine **derivatives Bb,c,e (Scheme V and Table** IV). **In view of the results previously reported on the reactivity of 2-dialkylamino-1,3-oxazin-6-ones bearing an electronwithdrawing group in position 5', this reaction must occur via isomerization and the intramolecular cyclisation of the enaminoaldehyde arising from the addition of water to the** 



**intermediate vinyl isocyanate as shown in Scheme V. The structure of compounds 8 is confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis of compound 8c. Figure** III **shows the molecular shape and the numbering scheme. Analytical and spectroscopic data agree with the reported structures.** 

Starting Material	Products $(X$ Yield)	mp.°C [bp, °C(mmHg)]	Eluant
$E-6c$	8c (65)	$116 - 117a$	$CH_2Cl_2$ -Et <sub>2</sub> 0 (10:1)
$E - 6e$	8e (60)	$109 - 110^{a}$	CH <sub>2</sub> C1 <sub>2</sub> -Et <sub>2</sub> 0 (20:1)

Table IV. Products from reaction with H<sub>2</sub>0 of E-Aldehydooxazinones **6b.c.e.** 

 $^{\mathrm{a}}$ Et<sub>2</sub>0-hexane.

**Scheme VI** 



 $z$  -2 h - j  $\stackrel{\triangle}{\longrightarrow}$  no reaction

The  $Z-6b$ , c, e compounds only give  $\alpha$ -pyrones when heated in dioxane-water solution. **As reported above the oxazinones Zh-j, bearing an ester group, do not react further with** 

**the Vilsmeier reagent. The E-isomers of these compounds give the pyridones 9h-j'when heated in a sealed tube in anhydrous dioxane (see Experimental). The formation of the pyridones 9, with retention of the ester functionality, clearly involves the electrocyclization of the intermediate vinyl isocyanate as shown in Scheme** VI. **Under the same experimental conditions the corresponding isomers Z-Eh-j do not react.** 

**When the oxazinones 2h-j are heated in dioxane-water solution, the new pyridones lOh-j, lacking the ester functions are formed. The structure of compounds 10 is confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis on compound 10h. Figure** IV **shows the molecular shape and the numbering scheme. The formation of pyridones 10 parallels the formation of pyridines 8 since they are formed by intramolecular cyclization of the enamino ester, arising from hydrolysis of the intermediate vinylisocyanate (Scheme VII). It is to be stressed that compunds E-2h-j afford pyridones lOh-j accompanied by a minor amount of pyridones 9h-j, whereas the corresponding Z-Lh-j produce only derivatives lOh-j. This differences in behaviour is in fair agreement with the thermal reactivity in absence of water (see Scheme** VI).

**Scheme** VII



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E-2 h-j \quad \frac{\triangle}{H_2 O} \quad 9 h-j + 10 h-j
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**Both reactions going 6melectrocyclisation of**  these reactions have been reported<sup>13</sup>. Our results are consistent with the hypothesis that **the initial stage of the thermal reactivity of the 2-dialkylamino-1,3-oxazin-6-ones is a to cr-pyrones 7 and pyridones 9 are thermally-induced conjugated heterocumulenes and relatively few examples of** 

**Starting Products mp."C Eluant Material (X Yleld) 'Z-2h 1Oh (75) z-21 101 (65) z-2.i 1Oj (60) E-2h 10h (65) 9h (5) E-21 101 (60) 91 (41 E-23 1o.j (701 9j (6) 164-1a6a -\_\_ 215-217"** --- **124-125b ---**  --- **CH<sub>2</sub>C1<sub>2</sub>-MeOH (30:1) 190-192c --\_ 159-160'**  CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1</sub>-MeOH (30:1)  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$ **174-176b**  CH<sub>2</sub>C1<sub>2</sub>-Et<sub>2</sub>0 (1:1)

Table V. Products from reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O of E- and Z-oxazinones 2h-j.

<sup>a</sup>
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CH_2Cl_2-Et_2O
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. <sup>b</sup> $Et_2O$ -hexane. <sup>c</sup> $Et_2O$ 

**cycloreversion reaction to an iminoketene followed by a [1.5]-shift of the dialkylamino group to form a vinylisocyanate. From both these intermediates, if an appropriate substituent is present at position of 5 of the oxazinone nucleus, easy transformation to the new heterocyclic systems is achieved. The photochemical behaviour of the 2-dimethylamino-1,3-oxazin-6-ones and 2-dimethylamino-4-alkenyl-l,3-oxazin-6-ones is also being studied.** 

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

**Melting and boiling points are uncorrected.** IR **spectra were determined with Perkin Elmer 298 instrument, in Nujol mull for solids and liquid film for oils. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-390 or on a Bruker WP8OSY spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Column chromatography was performed on Merck Kieselgel 60, 0.063-0.2 mn. Sodium sulfate was used as drying agent. Evaporation was carried out under vacuum in a rotary evaporator. Satisfactory combustion analysis (+ 0.3%) for C, H and N were obtained for all new compounds.** 

## **Isoxazolin-5-one li**

**A mixture of ethyl 3-morpholino-2-butenoate lo (25 mm011 and 3-methylisoxazol-5-one (20 mnol)(obtained from the corresponding morpholinium salt") in diethyl ether (80 mL) was stirred under reflux for 3h. The mixture was allowed to stand for 15 h and then filtered and**  washed with Et<sub>2</sub>0. The solid was treated with 4% HCl (80 mL) and the mixture extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>0 (2x50 mL). The organic layer was dried, filtered and evaporated to give pure li as an **oil 3.5 g (82% crude yield).** 

### **Isoxazolin-5-one lj**

Starting from methyl 3-aminobutenoate (40 mmol) and 3-propylisoxazol-5-one \* (30 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and working as reported for li, pure lj was obtained, 3.7 g (54%); mp 60-61°C from Et<sub>2</sub>0.

## 2-Dimethylamino-4-alkenyl-l,3-oxazin-6-ones 2a-j from Isoxazolin-5-ones la-j. General **Procedure**

To a solution in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (80 mL, EtOH free) of dimethylformamide (11 mmol) and phosphorus **oxychloride (11 mmol), the isoxazolin-5-one 1 (10 rmnol) was added at room temperature under stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for the reported time (Table Il.**  After cooling, the reaction mixture was evaporated, ice-water (70 mL) added, and the mixture neutralized with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2x50 mL). The organic layer was dried, **filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography and by crystallization (see Table Il.** In the case **of the isoxazolin-5-one lg, the reaction was carried out in dimethylformamide at 80°C.** 

## **2-Dimethylamino-4-phenyl-5-isopropyl-l,3-oxazin-6-one 5 from oxazinone 2b**

The oxazinone 2b (1 mmol) was dissolved in AcOEt (30 mL) PtO<sub>2</sub> (40 mg) was added, and the **mixture hydrogenated under ordinary pressure and temperature. After 4h the catalyst was**  filtered off, the solvent evaporated, and the residue crystallized from Et<sub>2</sub>0-hexane to give **pure 5 (88%); mp 133-134°C.** 

# **E-Dimethylamino-4-phenyl-5-isopropyl-1,3-oxazin-6-one 5 from 3-Phenyl-4-isopropylisoxazolin-5-one 4**

**The 3-phenyl-4-isopropylisoxazolin-5-one 46 (1 rmaol) was reacted with dimethylformamide (2**  mmol) and phosphorus oxychloride (2 mmol) the Vilsmeier reagent (2 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (30 mL). **The mixture was stirred under reflux for 4h. Working up as previously described' gives compound 5 in 61% yield.** 

## **Aldehydooxazinones 6a-f from oxazinones 2a-f. General Procedure**

To CHC1<sub>3</sub> (EtOH free, 50 mL) were added dimethylformamide (4.5 mmol) and phosphorus oxychloride (4.5 mmol) and then the oxazinone 2 (3.5 mmol). The reaction was stirred under **reflux for the reported time (Table** 111. **Workup as described previously, column chromatography and crystallization give pure aldehydooxazinones 6 (Table** II). For 2f the **reaction was carried out in CC14; for 2g in CMF at 70°C.** 

**cr-Pyrones 7a-d and aldehydooxazinones E-6b,c from aldehydooxazinones 6a-d. General procedure**  A solution of the aldehydooxazinone 6 (1 mmol) in dioxane (25 mL) was heated under reflux **for the reported time (Table** III). **The residue from the solvent evaporation was purified by column chromatography and crystallized to obtaine derivatives 7 and unreacted** 

**aldehydooxazinones E-6b,c (Table** III).

#### **WPyrone 7e from E-6e**

A solution of the aldehydooxazinone E-6e (1 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was irradiated (pyrex **vessel) with a high pressure Hg lamp (Philips HPK 125W) for 30 min. The residue from the**  solvent evaporation was purified by column chromatography to give pure  $\alpha$ -pyrone 7e (Table III).

## **Pyridines 8b,c,e from aldehydooxazinones E-6b,c,e. General Procedure**

The aldehydooxazinone 6 (0.5 mmol) was dissolved in dioxane (15 mL), and then H<sub>2</sub>0 (5 mL) was **added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 3h. The residue from the SOlVent evaporation was purified by column chromatography to give pure compounds Bb,c,e (Table IV). 2-Pyridones 9h-j by thermal reaction of oxazinones E-2h-j. General Procedure** 

**The oxazinone 2 (300 mg) was dissolved in anhydrous dioxane (5 mL) and the reaction was carried out in a sealed tube at 115°C for 72h. After solvent evaporation, the residue was crystallized (for the crystallization solvents see Table V) to give pure 9h (67%), 9i (64%) and 9j (57%).** 

2-Pyridones 10h-j by reaction with H<sub>2</sub>0 of the oxazinone Z-2h-j. General Procedure

The oxazinone 2 (200 mg) was dissolved in dioxane (4 mL) and then H<sub>2</sub>0 (2 mL) was added. The **reaction was carried out at 110°C for 15h in a sealed tube. After solvent evaporation, the residue was crystallized to give pure pyridones lOh-j (Table V).** 

2-Pyridones 9h-j and 10h-j by reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O of the oxazinones E-2h-j. General Procedure **The reactions were carried out as described above and after 15h at 110°C pure pyridones 9h-j and lOh-j were obtained after columnu chromatography (Table V).** 

## **X-ray Structure Oetermination.**

**All single crystal X-ray measurements were performed on a Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer. The**  used radiation was graphite monochramated MoKa,  $\lambda = 0.71069\text{\AA}$ . The structures were solved by **direct methods (program MULTAN14). The refinements were made by minimizing the function**   $\sum_{w}(|F_{e}|F_{e}|)^{2}$  with weights w=41<sub>0</sub>/[ $\sigma^{2}(1_{0})+0.00041^{2}$ <sub>0</sub>]. Crystal data and some details of data **COlleCtiOn and of full-matrix least-squares refinement are given in Table VII.** 

**(A) oxazinone 3 (XR-1). Single crystals of XR-1 suitable for X-ray difraction study were grown from methylene chloride. The compound co-crystallizes with the solvent and the crystal**  formula is C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.1/6CH<sub>2</sub>C1<sub>2</sub> with formula weight 365.6. The molecules, essentially by **means of** eleCtrOStatiC **interactions involving the nitrogen atoms, the oxygen atom bonded to the oxatine ring and the carbon atoms of the dimethylimido group, make layers parallel to**  the c axis. Between couple of layers, around a 3 crystallographic point, a hole is formed **that include solvent. Such a structure is quite stable a do not change by changing the** 

**solvent. The interaction between the solvent and the layers is responsible of the colour of the crystals. For example crystals obtained by pure methylene chloride are dark red by reflected light and emerald green by transmitted light, but the crystals obtained from technical acetone (cell parameters a=l8.162(2), c=29.870(4)A), are orange. The solvent**  cavity do not have any outlet **and the solvent is strictly kept in it, so that crystals are stable for months. In spite of the solvent disorder, the refinement of the structure do not give any problem, solvent coordinates and thermal parameters included; only a hydrogen atom of a methyl group was fixed in calculated position; the final difference Fourier map do not**  show any deviations greater than 0.3eA<sup>-3</sup>.

**The quite distorted planes through the indene and the oxazine groups form a dihedral angle of 77.19(41° due to the steric interactions among the substituents at the rings. In spite of**  this, the bond between these two groups is only 1.486(3)A, showing a noticeable electronic **interaction between the two system. The molecule is shown in Figure 1.** 

**(B)**  $\alpha$ -Pyrone 7a (XR-2).  $C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_3$ , F.w. 310.4. Colourless crystals were obtained from CH<sub>2</sub>C1<sub>2</sub> The molecule is shown in Figure 2.

**(C) Pyridine 8e (XR-3).** C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O, F.w. 302.4. Colourless crystals were obtained from CH<sub>2</sub>C1<sub>2</sub> **The molecule is shown in Figure 3.** 

**(D) Pyridone 10h (XR-4). Single crystals were obtained from methylene chloride that**  co-crystallizes; the crystal formula is C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>.</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with formula weight 341.2. **Crystals quickly loss solvent with complete destruction of the structure.** In a **first attempt to collect data, we had a loss of 65% of check reflection intensity in about a day. A second collection was performed on a fresh crystal sealed in a glass capillary, without loss of intensity. The solvent is ordered but presents high thermal parameters. Because of this and/or the missing of absorption correction (the crystal was quite anisotropic), the final**  difference Fourier map presents a peak of 0.45e<sup>2</sup><sup>-3</sup> near a chlorine atom. The crystal **structure shows molecule coupled through a crystallographic center of symmetry by strong hydrogen bonds involving N(l) and O(l9) of pyridone. The hydrogen atoms is clearly bonded to N(1). The distance N(l)-H(l) . ..0(191 are in fact 0.87(31 and 1.92(31A respectively; the angle at H(l) is 173(3)". A second, weaker hydrogen bond binds the solvent to the oxygen atoms of the carbonylamino group. The molecule is shown in Figure 4.** 

**Tables of observed and calculated structure amplitudes and anisotropic thermal parameters are available on request (T.P.).** 







 $Fig.3$ ORTEP of 8e



Fig.4 ORTEP of 10h







 $a$  Exchange with  $D_2$ 0.

**b** *c* **4**:*l* **mixture** of the stereoisomers.

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