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#### Abstract

The behavior of 3,5 -dihalo derivatives of anthra[1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-one with respect to primary and secondary amines was studied. 5-Chloroanthra[1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-one undergoes amination particularly readily. The products of the reaction of isoxazoles with amines are the corresponding amino derivatives. The amination of 5 -chloroanthra $[1,9-c, d]$ isoxazol- $6-$ one in refluxing dimethylformamide (DMF) is accompanied by reductive cleavage of the isoxazole ring and the formation of 1-amino-4-arylaminoanthraquinones. Amination in the 5 position with substitution of a hydride ion takes place primarily in the reaction of 3-chloroanthra[1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-one with benzylamine of cyclohexylamine, whereas the chlorine in the 3 position is replaced by the action of morpholine or piperidine on the same substrate.


Little study has been devoted to the behavior of anthra [1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-ones with respect to nucleophilic reagents. Considering the ease of reduction of anthra[1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-one to 1 -aminoanthraquinone [1], we felt it would be interesting to examine the possibilities of the synthesis of various substituted isoxazolones (I), which are potential sources of valuable dyes of the anthraquinone series. We investigated the reaction of 3,5 -dihalo-substituted anthra [1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-ones (Ia-d) with primary and secondary amines. It was found that the amination of Ia-d is realized most successfully in dimethylformamide (DMF) when excess amine ( $1: 2-5$ ) or equimolar ratios of the reagents are used. The reaction proceeded very readily (Table 1) at room temperature or when the components were heated. The reaction also took place in methanol when amines that have high nucleophilicity (piperidine and morpholine) were used.

The amination of anthra [1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-ones with primary amines was examined in [2]. It was pointed out that a halogen in the 3 position, in contrast to a halogen in the 5 position, is replaced only in the presence of $\mathrm{AgNO}_{3}$. Under the conditions that we used (see the experimental section) in dimethylformamide (DMF) or methanol replacement of the halogen in both the 3 and 5 position by secondary amines (piperidine and morpholine) was easily accomplished without catalysts. Thus, when piperidine or morpholine is used, the position of the halogen predetermines the pathway of incorporation of the substituent. It was noted that chlorine in the 5 position has a somewhat greater tendency to undergo substitution, and the production of 5-arylaminoanthra[1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-ones (IIa-g) therefore becomes possible.

The higher tendency of the 5 position to undergo amination is probably explained by the following fact: Direct amination in the 5 position of Ib was observed in the amination of the 3 -chloro derivative (Ib) with primary amines, whereas the chlorine atom was not replaced.

Incorporation of the amine in the 3 position was observed in the amination of an isoxazole in which the 5 position was occupied by a p-tolylamino group (IIb). The reaction in this case was carried out in the presence of oxidizing agents, which are known to facilitate replacement of a hydride ion [3].

The high tendency of anthra[1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-ones to undergo nucleophilic substitution is probably explained by the formation of a stable (as a consequence of the development of aromatic character in the central ring of the anthrone) transition state, which may be additionally stabilized by an intramolecular hydrogen bond.

In [2] it was noted that the products of amination in the 3 position are unstable compounds that are inclined to undergo conversion with reduction of the heteroring and are therefore not isolated in free form, despite the ease with which they are formed.

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TABLE 1. Synthesis and Characteristics of Aminoanthra[1,9-c,d]-isoxazol-6-ones ${ }^{\text {a }}$

 IIIa,b were obtained by amination of Ib , IIIc-h were obtained by amination of Ic, and IIIi-o were obtained by amination of Id.
b The yield of IIIi obtained by oxidative alkylamination of IIb is presented in parentheses.

Compounds IIIa-o were isolated preparatively in high yields under the conditions that we used. We noted that these compounds are readily transformed in light or when they are heated in solvents, but they are not converted to 1 -amino-2-R-aminoanthraquinones. The problem of the structures of the products of the transformation of IIIa-o requires a special study (see scheme on following page).

We also observed that the amination of Ia by heating is accompanied by reduction of the heteroring; the corresponding 1-amino-4-arylaminoanthraquinones were isolated in preparative yields when the reaction of


Ia $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{Cl} ; \mathrm{I} \mathrm{bX}=\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{H}$; I c $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{Ph}$; Id $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{NH}-p-\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$; II a $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \quad \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}$; II b $\mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \quad \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H} ; \quad$ If $\mathrm{c} \mathrm{R}=m-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \quad \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}$; If $\mathrm{d} \mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}$; II e $\mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}$; II $\mathrm{R}=m-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}$; II g $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}$; II $\mathrm{h} \quad \mathrm{R}=\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5}, \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}$; II i, $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5} \quad \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$; II $\quad \mathrm{j} \quad \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \quad \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl} ; \quad$ III $\quad \mathrm{a} \quad \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{R}_{2}=\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5}$ iII $\quad$ b $\quad \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{R}_{2}=\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{O}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} ;$ III $\mathrm{c} \quad \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{R}_{2}=\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5} ;$ III $\mathrm{d} \quad \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$, $\mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{R}_{2}=\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{O}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} ; \quad$ III $\quad$ e $\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$; III f $\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{t}}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; \mathrm{II}$ g $\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; \mathrm{III} \mathrm{h} \quad \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$, $\mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; \quad$ III $\quad{ }^{\circ} \quad \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{R}_{2}=\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5}$; III j $\mathrm{Y}=p-\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{1} \mathrm{R}_{2}=\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{O}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} ; \quad$ II $\mathrm{k} \quad \mathrm{Y}=p-\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5} ; \quad$ III $1 \quad \mathrm{Y}=p-\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \quad \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{H}_{4} \quad \mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$; III In $\mathrm{Y}=p-\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}$; III $\mathrm{n} \mathrm{Y}=p-\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}$; II 0 $\mathrm{Y}=p-\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$

Ia with arylamines was carried out in refluxing DMF (see the experimental section). Moreover, the cyclization of 1-azido 4 -chloroanthraquinone to isoxazolone la and arylamination of the latter have been successfully combined; the final products in this case were also 1-amino-4-arylaminoanthraquinones (IVa-h).

The structures of the amination products were thus confirmed by their reduction. In addition, IIa,b were obtained by alternative synthesis by cyclization of the corresponding 1 -azidoanthraquinones and had identical characteristics. Absorption of a carbonyl group was observed in the IR spectra of Ic,d, Ia-j, and IIIa-o at $1670-1680 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and the band of a heterocyclic $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}$ bond was observed at $1620-1630 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra of KBr pellets of the compounds were recorded with a Specord $75-\mathrm{IR}$ spectrometer. The electronic spectra of solutions of the compounds in dioxane were recorded with a Specord UV-vis spectrophotometer. The course of the reaction in all cases was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on Silufol UV-254 plates.

Anthra[1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-ones Ia,b were synthesized by known methods [4].
Starting Isoxazolones (Ic,d). A 0.05 -mole sample of 1 -amino-4-arylamino-2-bromoanthraquinone was diazotized in 500 ml of acetic acid with 0.06 mole of freshly distilled amyl nitrite with stirring at room temperature. A 0.06 -mole sample of $\mathrm{NaN}_{3}$ was added to the filtered solution of the diazonium salt, and the mixture was allowed to stand for 30 min . It was then diluted with 1 liter of water, and the precipitated 1-azido-2-bromo-4-arylaminoanthraquinone was removed by filtration, dried, and refluxed in $100-120 \mathrm{ml}$ of toluene for $1.5-2 \mathrm{~h}$. This procedure gave Ic in $70 \%$ yield and Id in $72 \%$ yield. Recrystallization from toluene gave pure Ic with $\mathrm{mp} 212^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Found: $\mathrm{N} 7.5 \%$. Calculated: $\mathrm{N} 7.2 \%$. Recrystallization from toluene gave pure Id with mp $245^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Found: N $6.7 \%$. Calculated: N $6.9 \%$. The alternative synthesis of IIa,b was carried out similarly.

Anthra [1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-one Derivatives (IIa-g). A 0.01 -mole sample of 5 -chloroanthra[1,9-c,d] isoxazol-7-one was stirred with 0.02 mole of arylamine in DMF (see Table 1 for the temperature, time, and amount of solvent for this and the subsequent experiments). After the reaction mixtures were cooled to $0-5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, IIa-g were removed by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol.

Oxidative Alkylamination of Isoxazolone IIb. A 0.005 -mole sample of isoxazolone IIb was stirred for 5 $h$ in a solution of 10 ml of piperidine and 5 ml of DMF at room temperature in the presence of 4 g of pulverized $\mathrm{KNO}_{3}$, after which the reaction mixture was maintained under the usual conditions for 50 h . It was then diluted with water, and final product IIII was removed by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol-dioxane (10:1).

Anthra [1,9-c, d]isoxazol-6-one Derivatives (IIIa-d,i,j). A 0.02 -mole sample of isoxazolone Ib-d was refluxed with 0.05 mole of the amine (a tenfold excess of morpholine was used for the preparation of IIIb) in methanol, after which the mixture was cooled to $0-5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and the reaction products were removed by filtration
and recrystallized from ethanol-dioxane ( $10: 1$ ).
3,5-Diaminoanthra [1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-ones (IIIe-h,k-o). A 0.01 -mole sample of the isoxazolone ( Ib - d ) was stirred in DMF with 0.05 mole of the amine, after which the mixture was maintained at $0-5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $10-15$ $h$. The final products were removed by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol-dioxane (10:1).

Reductive Arylamination of 5 -Chloroanthra[1,9-c,d]isoxazol-6-one (Ia). A 0.01 -mole sample of Ia was refluxed with 0.015 mole of arylamine in $30-50 \mathrm{ml}$ of DMF for $1.5-2 \mathrm{~h}$, after which the mixture was cooled to $100-110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and treated with $20-30 \mathrm{ml}$ of water heated to $50-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The resulting suspension was cooled to $5-$ $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and filtered, and the reaction products were recrystallized from ethanol or acetic acid. This procedure gave 1-amino-4- ( R -phenylamino) anthraquinones $\mathrm{IVa}-\mathrm{h}$ in the following yields: $\mathrm{IVa}, \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}, 80 \% ; \mathrm{IVb}, \mathrm{R}=$ $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 95 \% ; \mathrm{IVc}, \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 89 \%$; $\mathrm{IVd}, \mathrm{R}=2,4-\mathrm{di}^{-} \mathrm{CH}_{3}, 71 \%$; $\mathrm{IVe}, \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{Br}, 97 \% ; \mathrm{IVg}, \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{o}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 80 \%$; IVh , $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{o}-\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}, 83 \%$.

Arylamination of 1-Azido-4-chloroanthraquinone. This process was carried out in complete analogy with the preceding procedure using an equimolar amount of 1-azido-4-chloroanthraquinone in place of isoxazolone IA. 1-Amino-4-arylaminoanthraquinones IVa-h were obtained in 70-80\% yields. Compounds IV had spectral characteristics that were similar to the literature values [5].

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## REACTION OF SULFOLENE OXIDES WITH ACYL

## CHLORIDES AND CHLORO ETHERS

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The reaction of sulfolene and 3-methylsulfolene oxides with acetyl chloride, benzoyl chloride, and chlorodimethyl and chloromethyl ethyl ethers was studied. It is shown that sulfolene oxides are rather stable in acidic media and undergo ring opening only when they are heated above $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under pressure. In the case of the unsymmetrical 3 -methylsulfolene oxide the oxide ring undergoes opening to a greater extent on the side of the carbon atom that bears the alkyl substituent.

The oxide rings of sulfolene oxides are exceptionally stable in acidic media, as one can judge from the method used to prepare them [1]. The aim of the present research was to study the reactions of sulfolene oxide (I) and 3-methylsulfolene oxide (II) with carboxylic acid chlorides and chloro ethers in the presence of acid catalysts and to establish the order of addition of the reagents to unsymmetrical oxide II.

Whereas the reactions of olefin and cyclo-olefin oxides with chlorine-containing reagents proceed rather readily [2], the reactions of sulfolene oxides I and II with acetyl chloride, benzoyl chloride, and chlorodimethyl and chloromethyl ethyl ethers could be realized only under pressure by heating above $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in absolute benzene. The characteristics of III-X and XVII are presented in Table 1.
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