Oxidation of *N*-acyl-2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)anilines with ozone and hydrogen peroxide

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Treatment of the ozonization products from *N*-acetyl- or 2-methyl-*N*-trifluoroacetyl-6-(cyclopent-1-enyl)anilines with NaBH₄ gives 6-methyl-2-tetrahydropyranylaniline. When treated with Me₂S, the ozonization products yield the corresponding oxoaldehyde dimethyl acetals. The oxidation of *N*-acetyl-2-(cyclopent-1-enyl)- or -(cyclohex-1-enyl)anilines with H₂O₂ in HCOOH affords ω -(2-acetamidophenyl)-5-oxopentanoic or -6-oxohexanoic acid, respectively. The reaction of *N*-acetyl-2-(cyclopent-1-enyl)aniline with H₂O₂ in the presence of Na₂WO₄ and H₃PO₄ gives 3,1-benzooxazine in high yield.

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2-Acyl- or 2-(1-alkoxyalkyl)anilines find use in the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds. For example, benzooxazines¹ or indoles² are obtained from 2-acyl-, 2-(1-hydroxyalkyl)-, and 2-(1-methoxyalkyl)anilides. There is a great number of methods for the acylation of aromatic compounds; however, each method has its inherent limitations. Thus, the Friedel—Crafts acylation mostly occurs at the *para*-positions of anilines³ and is not acceptable for the synthesis of *ortho*-substituted derivatives. In the present work, a method for the synthesis of anilines with functionalized alkyl substituents in the *ortho*-position from 2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)anilines under mild conditions is proposed.

Results and Discussion

Ozonization of anilides 1^4 or 2 in MeOH followed by treatment with NaBH₄ gave tetrahydropyranylaniline 3 in good yield (Scheme 1). Obviously, an intermediate diol undergoes cyclodehydration into pyran.⁵

Treatment of the ozonization products from cyclopentenes 1 or 2 with Me₂S yields dimethyl acetals 4 and 5, respectively. The reactions of anilides 1 or 6⁶ with hydrogen peroxide in HCOOH at 40 °C gives oxo acids 7 and 8 in good yields. The oxidation of anilide 9 with H₂O₂ in H₃PO₄ in the presence of Na₂WO₄ affords 3,1-benzooxazine **10** in high yield, while its isomer **11** changes, under the same conditions, to epoxide **12** (Scheme 2).

The reaction mixture also contains its C(1')-epimer (~10%); unfortunately, it was not isolated in the individual state.

The structures of the compounds obtained were unambiguously determined from IR and ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra and elemental analysis data. Thus, the IR spectrum of aniline **3** shows absorption bands of the NH₂ stretching vibrations at 3368 and 3456 cm⁻¹. The mass spectrum of tetrahydropyranylaniline **3** contains a peak of a molecular ion with m/z 191. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **3** contains a signal at δ 4.4 (dd, J = 2.0 and 11.1 Hz) of the H(2[']) proton, which suggests its axial position (the assignment was done using selective homodecoupling). A signal of the equatorial H_e(6[']) proton appears at δ 4.1 (dd, J = 3.2 and 11.4 Hz), whereas a signal of the axial H_a(6[']) proton is shifted upfield (δ 3.6, ddd, J = 2.7, 11.1, and -11.4 Hz).

The mass spectra of benzooxazine **10** and epoxide **12** contain a molecular ion peak with m/z 217. The ¹³C NMR (JMOD) spectrum of benzooxazine **10** shows a signal of the C(4) atom at δ 90, which agrees with our previous data.⁷ The configuration of the substituent in compound **10** is indicated on the assumption that an intermediate epoxide is formed.⁸ In the ¹H NMR spectrum of epoxide **12**, the coupling constants of the H(2') proton are zero.

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Reagents and conditions: *i*. O₃ (1), NaBH₄ (2), MeOH, 0 °C; *ii*. O₃ (1), Me₂S (2), MeOH, 0 °C; *iii*. H₂O₂, Na₂WO₄, H₃PO₄, 20 °C; *iv*. H₂O₂, HCOOH, 40 °C.

Comparison with the literature data⁹ allowed us to conclude that the H(1') and H(2') atoms are *trans* to each other in this compound.

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Thus, the oxidation of *ortho*-(cycloalk-1-enyl)anilines can be used to obtain anilines with various oxygen-containing substituents.

Experimental

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 instrument (300.13 and 75.47 MHz) in CDCl₃ with Me₄Si as the internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a UR-20 spectrometer. The purity of the reaction products was checked on Silufol UV-254 plates. Mass spectra were recorded on a MX 1320 spectrometer (EI, 70 eV).

The products were purified using silica gel (Chemapol Co.) and NaBH₄ and Na₂WO₄ (both high-purity grade). High-purity solvents (CH₂Cl₂ and EtOAc) were distilled over P₂O₅. Commercial hydrogen peroxide was concentrated by removing water. Commercial methanol was distilled over Mg metal. Commercial formic acid was distilled.

2-(Cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-6-methyl-*N***-trifluoroacetylaniline** (2) was prepared by the reaction of 2-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-6methylaniline with trifluoroacetic anhydride.⁴ **6-Methyl-2-(tetrahydropyran-2-yl)aniline** (3). Ozone (10 mmol) was passed through a solution of compound 1 or 2 (10 mmol) in 10 mL of MeOH at 0-5 °C. The reaction mixture was kept at this temperature for 5 min, and NaBH₄ (0.6 g, 15.8 mmol) was added with stirring; the temperature was no higher than 10–15 °C. The reaction mixture was kept at ~20 °C for 18 h and diluted with a water—AcOH mixture (10 : 1). Then the reaction product was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the extracts were washed with 5% NaHCO₃ and with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent gave tetrahydropyran **3**; its physicochemical parameters are presented in Tables 1–3.

N-[2-(5,5-dimethoxypentanoyl)-6-methylphenyl]acetamide (4) and *N*-[2-(5,5-dimethoxypentanoyl)-6-methylphenyl]-2,2,2trifluoroacetamide (5). Ozone (6 mmol) was passed through a solution of compound 1 or 2 (6 mmol) in 10 mL of MeOH at 0-5 °C. The reaction mixture was kept at this temperature for 5 min, and Me₂S (0.5 g, 8 mmol) was added with stirring. The reaction mixture was kept for 48 h, and the solvent was evaporated to give the corresponding acetals 4 or 5 (see Table 1). The product was purified by column chromatography (short column, silica gel (3 g), CH₂Cl₂ as an eluent).

5-(2-Acetamido-3-methylphenyl)-5-oxopentanoic (7) and 6-(2-acetamidophenyl)-6-oxohexanoic (8) acids.¹² Hydrogen peroxide (8.82 mmol) as a 50% solution (0.6 g) was added at 40 °C to solutions of the corresponding amides 1 or 6 (2.32 mmol) in 0.6 mL of 90% HCOOH. The reaction mixture was kept at ~20 °C for 24 h. Product 8 precipitated in the form of crystals. In the case of compound 7, AcOEt (30 mL) was added, and the resulting solution was washed twice with water and dried with MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated, and the product was recrystallized from acetone.

N-Acetyl-2-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)aniline (9) and *N*-acetyl-2-(cyclopent-2-en-1-yl)aniline (11) were obtained according to the known procedures^{4,6} by the reaction of *ortho*-(cyclopent-1-en-

Com- pound	Yield (%)	Found Calculated (%)				Molecular formula	M.p.*/°C	IR, ν/cm^{-1}
		С	Н	F	N			
2	87	<u>62.44</u> 62.23	$\frac{5.25}{4.80}$	$\frac{21.16}{20.71}$	$\frac{5.20}{4.83}$	$C_{14}H_{14}F_3NO$	102—104	3200 (NH)
3**	67	<u>75.04</u> 75.39	<u>8.67</u> 8.90	_	<u>7.02</u> 7.33	C ₁₂ H ₁₇ NO	_	3368, 3456 (NH ₂)
4**	59	<u>65.00</u> 65.51	<u>7.98</u> 7.90	—	<u>4.63</u> 4.77	$\mathrm{C_{16}H_{23}NO_{4}}$	_	1740, 1665, 1640 (C=O)
5**	66	<u>54.89</u> 55.33	<u>5.60</u> 5.80	<u>16.02</u> 16.41	<u>4.09</u> 4.03	$C_{16}H_{20}F_{3}NO_{4}$	_	1750, 1660, 1630 (C=O)
7	62	<u>62.98</u> 63.87	<u>6.33</u> 6.51	—	<u>5.44</u> 5.32	$\mathrm{C}_{14}\mathrm{H}_{17}\mathrm{NO}_{4}$	145 (acetone)	1712, 1660, 1645 (C=O)
8	59	<u>63.53</u> 63.87	<u>6.42</u> 6.51	_	<u>5.21</u> 5.32	$C_{14}H_{17}NO_4$	155 (HCO ₂ H)	1716, 1664, 1640 (C=O)
9	95	$\frac{78.02}{77.58}$	<u>7.44</u> 7.51	_	<u>6.80</u> 6.96	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ NO	120 (C_6H_6)	3220 (NH)
10	83	<u>71.03</u> 71.87	<u>6.82</u> 6.96	—	<u>6.76</u> 6.45	$\mathrm{C}_{13}\mathrm{H}_{15}\mathrm{NO}_{2}$	143 (CH ₂ Cl ₂)	3600 (OH)
11	94	<u>77.23</u> 77.58	<u>7.35</u> 7.51	—	<u>6.72</u> 6.96	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ NO	132 (C ₆ H ₆)	3280 (NH)
12	45	<u>72.02</u> 71.87	<u>6.79</u> 6.96	—	<u>6.65</u> 6.45	$C_{13}H_{15}NO_2$	134—138 (Et ₂ O)	3280 (NH)

Table 1. Yields and physicochemical and spectral parameters of compounds 2–5 and 7–12

* Solvents used for recrystallization are given in parentheses.

** *R*_f 0.30 (CH₂Cl₂—MeOH, 95 : 5) for **3**, 0.50 (CHCl₃) for **4**, and 0.50 (CHCl₃) for **5**.

Com- pound	δ (<i>J</i> /Hz)						
2	1.83 (m, 2 H, CH ₂); 2.02 (s, 3 H, Me); 2.31–2.42 (m, 4 H, 2 CH ₂); 5.57 (m, 1 H, CH); 6.93 (t, 1 H, H(4), <i>J</i> = 7.8);						
	7.02 and 7.12 (both d, 1 H each, H(3), H(5), $J = 7.8$); 7.63 (br.s, 1 H, NH)						
3	$1.62-2.28 \text{ (m, 6 H, 3 CH_3)}; 2.21 \text{ (s, 3 H, Me)}; 3.57 \text{ (ddd, 1 H, H}_a(6'), J_1 = 2.7, J_2 = 11.1, J_3 = -11.4);$						
	4.12 (dd, 1 H, $H_{\rho}(6')$, $J_1 = 3.2$, $J_2 = 11.4$); 4.29 (br.s, 2 H, NH ₂); 4.35 (dd, 1 H, H(2'), $J_1 = 2.0$, $J_2 = 11.1$);						
	6.66 (t, 1 H, H(4), $J = 7.5$); 6.91 (d, 1 H, H(3), $J = 7.5$); 7.02 (d, 1 H, H(5), $J = 7.5$)						
4	$1.63 (m, 2 H, CH_2)$; $1.68 (m, 2 H, CH_2)$; $2.14 (c, 3 H, Me)$; $2.20 (s, 3 H, Me)$; $2.98 (t, 2 H, CH_2, J = 7.0)$;						
	3.30 (s, 6 H, 2 Me); 4.39 (t, 1 H, CH(OMe) ₂ , $J = 5.5$); 6.71–7.65 (m, 3 H, Ar); 8.19 (s, 1 H, NH)						
5	1.58-1.72 (m, 4 H, 2 CH ₂); 2.34 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.00 (t, 2 H, CH ₂ , $J = 7.0$); 3.34 (s, 6 H, 2 Me);						

Table 2. ¹H NMR spectra of compounds 2–5 and 9–12 (CDCl₃) and 7 and 8 (DMSO-d₆)

7.70 (d, 1 H, H(5'), J = 8.0); 10.51 (s, 1 H, NH) 7 2.50–2.58 (m, 2 H, CH₂); 2.74 (s, 3 H, Me); 2.88 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.02 (t, 2 H, CH₂, J = 7.4); 3.60 (t, 2 H, CH₂, J = 7.1); 7.91 (t, 1 H, H(5'), J = 7.6); 8.01 (d, 2 H, H(4'), H(6'), J = 7.6); 10.20 (s, 1 H, COOH)

4.37 (t, 1 H, CH(OMe)₂, J = 5.5); 7.25 (t, 1 H, H(4'), J = 7.6); 7.42 (d, 1 H, H(3'), J = 7.8);

8 1.10–1.21 (m, 4 H, 2 CH₂); 1.57 (s, 3 H, Me); 1.80 (t, 2 H, CH₂, J = 6.6); 2.64 (t, 2 H, CH₂, J = 6.6); 6.71 (t, 1 H, H(4'), J = 7.8); 7.10 (t, 1 H, H(5'), J = 7.8); 7.45 (d, 1 H, H(6'), J = 8.4); 7.80 (d, 1 H, H(3'), J = 8.4); 10.65 (s, 1 H, COOH)

9 1.89–2.01 (m, 2 H, CH₂); 2.04 (s, 3 H, Me); 2.40–2.53 (m, 2 H, CH₂); 2.51–2.64 (m, 2 H, CH₂); 5.80 (br.s, 1 H, C=CH); 6.97 (t, 1 H, H(5), *J* = 7.7); 7.10 (m, 2 H, H(4), H(6)); 7.55 (d, 1 H, H(3), *J* = 8.0); 8.03 (br.s, 1 H, NH)

10 $1.70-2.01 \text{ (m, 2 H, CH}_2\text{); } 2.03 \text{ (s, 3 H, Me); } 2.08-2.21 \text{ (m, 2 H, CH}_2\text{); } 2.35-2.50 \text{ (m, 2 H, CH}_2\text{); } 2.73 \text{ (br.s, 1 H, OH); } 4.11 \text{ (d, 1 H, CH, } J = 4.6\text{); } 6.96 \text{ (d, 1 H, Ar, } J = 7.6\text{); } 7.10-7.33 \text{ (m, 3 H, Ar)}$

12 1.41–1.83 (m, 4 H, 2 CH₂); 2.11 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.20 (m, 1 H, H(1')); 3.52 and 3.59 (both s, 1 H each, H(3'), H(2')); 6.90–7.20 (m, 4 H, Ar); 8.13 (s, 1 H, NH)

Com- pound	δ (<i>J</i> /Hz)	$[M]^+, m/z$
2	18.2 (Me); 23.5, 33.9, 35.4 (3 CH ₂); 117.6 (CF ₃); 124.5 (C(4)); 128.6 (C(2)); 130.5 (C(6)); 131.2 (C(3)): 132.6 (C(5)): 132.7 (C(2)): 139.1 (C(1)): 141.9 (C(1)): 154.7 (C=0)	_
3	131.2 (C(3)), 132.0 (C(3)), 132.7 (C(2)), 139.1 (C(1)), 141.9 (C(1)), 134.7 (C(-0)) 17.1 (Me); 23.4, 25.6, 29.3 (C(5')), (C(4')), (C(3')); 68.5 (C(6')); 79.8 (C(2')); 117.2 (C(5)); 122.5 (C(3)): 124.7 (C(4)): 125.3 (C(2)): 129.4 (C(6)): 143.1 (C(1)))	191
4	18.8, 20.9 (2 Me); 19.9, 31.6, 40.5 (3 CH ₂); 52.8 (OMe) ₂ ; 104.1 (CH(OMe) ₂); 125.3 (C(5')); 126.4 (C(6')); 131.7 (C(3')); 134.7 (C(1')); 134.9 (C(4')); 135.9 (C(2')); 169.7 (NHC=O); 204.3 (PbC=O)	—
5	18.7 (Me); 19.2, 31.6, 39.8 (3 CH ₂); 52.7 (OMe) ₂ ; 104.1 (CH(OMe) ₂); 116.0 (q, CF ₃ , $J = 280$); 126.8 (C(5')); 127.3 (C(6')); 130.8 (C(3')); 132.4 (C(1')); 135.7 (C(4')); 135.9 (C(2')); 155.0 (a, C=0, $J = 37$); 203.8 (PbC=0)	_
7	15.5.6 (q, $C=0$, $y=37$), 205.8 (THC=0) 17.7, 22.7 (2 Me), 19.0, 39.5, 32.7 (3 CH ₂); 124.8 (C(5 [°])), 125.6 (C(6 [°])), 132.5 (C(3 [°])), 132.8 (C(1 [°])), 134.7 (C(4 [°])), 137.4 (C(2 [°])); 168.3 (NHC=0); 174.0 (COOH); 202.7 (PhC=O)	263
8	24.6 (Me); 23.4, 24.0, 33.5, 39.2 (4 CH ₂); 120.8 (C(3')); 122.9 (C(5')); 124.5 (C(1')); 130.5 (C(6')); 133.7 (C(4')); 138.9 (C(2')); 168.7 (NC=O); 174.4 (COOH); 204.3 (PhC=O)	263
9	24.4 (Me); 23.2, 33.7, 36.4 (3 CH ₂); 121.7 (C(6)); 124.0 (C(4)); 127.3 (C(2')); 127.6 (C(3)); 128.7 (C(1)): 130.1 (C(5)): 134.4 (C(2)): 140.6 (C(1)): 168.2 (C=O)	—
10	21.5 (Me); 20.5, 31.6, 34.7 (3 CH ₂); 75.9 (CHOH); 90.0 (C(4)); 123.5 (C(4a)); 123.6 (C(6)); 125.1 (C(7)); 125.8 (C(8)); 129.1 (C(5)); 139.1 (C(8a)); 160.3 (C(2))	217
12	24.5 (Me); 24.0, 27.3 (2 CH ₂); 46.4 (C(1')); 58.5, 60.0 (C(2'), C((3')); 122.8 (C(6)); 124.4 (C(4)); 127.8 (C(5)); 130.0 (C(2)); 130.9 (C(3)); 136.7 (C(1)); 169.1 (C=O)	217

Table 3. ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds 2-5, 9, 10, and 12 (CDCl₃) and 7 and 8 (DMSO-d₆) and mass spectra of compounds 3, 7, 8, 10, and 12

1-yl)aniline¹⁰ or *ortho*-(cyclopent-2-en-1-yl)aniline¹¹ (1.6 g, 10 mmol) with Ac_2O (1.3 g, 13 mmol). The products were recrystallized from benzene.

2-Methylspiro[4*H*-benzo[d][1,3]oxazine-4,1'-cyclopentan]-2'-ol (10) and *N*-acetyl-2-(2,3-epoxycyclopent-1-yl)aniline (12). The known procedure⁸ was modified. A 50% solution of H_2O_2 (0.34 g, 4.98 mmol) was added to a mixture of amide 9 (or 11) (0.5 g, 2.48 mmol), a solution of Na_2WO_4 (50 mg, 0.17 mmol) in 0.2 mL of water, and a drop of conc. H_3PO_4 in 5 mL of MeOH. The reaction mixture was kept at 30 °C for 24 h, dissolved in 50 mL of CH₂Cl₂, washed with saturated solutions of Na_2CO_3 and $Na_2S_2O_3$ and with water, and dried with MgSO₄. After CH₂Cl₂ was evaporated, benzooxazine 10 began to crystallize on the flask walls. The crystals were recrystallized from Et₂O. Compound 12 was isolated by chromatography on silica gel in benzene.

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