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An efficient one-pot synthesis of tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl alkylcarbamodithioates via three-component reaction of maleic anhydride, CS₂, and primary amines in good yields is described.

Keywords Carbamodithioate; maleic anhydride; one-pot synthesis; primary amine

INTRODUCTION

Organic carbamodithioates have received much attention due to their interesting chemistry and wide utility as radical precursors and intermediates in organic synthesis.^{1–4} They also have a variety of applications in agriculture as pesticides, as well as in the rubber industry as vulcanization accelerators, and as antioxidants.^{5–7} Because they have strong metal-binding capacity, they can act as inhibitors of enzymes and have a profound effect on biological systems.^{8,9} Recently, a variety of reagents and catalysts including Mitsunobu's reagent,¹⁰ solid LiClO₄/*N*,*N*-dimethylformamide,¹¹ dimethylsulfoxide,¹² and Cs₂CO₃/tetrabutylammonium iodide¹³ have been used for the synthesis of carbamodithioates.

As part of our current studies on the development of new routes in approach to the synthesis of organosulfur compounds,^{14–19} we describe an efficient synthesis of functionalized carbamodithioates containing a cyclic anhydride moiety. Similar reactions of amines, carbon disulfide, and maleimides with dithiocarbamic acids have been reported.²⁰

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reaction of primary amines (1), carbon disulfide, and maleic anhydride (2) in MeCN at room temperature produced tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl alkylcarbamodithioates (3) in fairly good yields after purification (Scheme 1). Compounds 3a-3m are stable, and they are recovered unchanged after reflux in toluene for 12 h. The structures of compounds 3a-3m were determined by IR, ¹H NMR, and ¹³C NMR spectral data.

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Scheme 1 Formation of tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl alkylcarbamodithioates (3).

The mass spectra of these compounds displayed molecular ion peaks at appropriate m/z values. The ¹H NMR spectra of **3a–3m** exhibited characteristic ABX systems for the CH₂-CH moieties. The proton-decoupled ¹³C NMR spectra of **3a–3m** showed three distinct resonances for C=O and C=S groups. The reaction of aniline or diethylamine with CS₂ and maleic anhydride produced the corresponding carbamodithioate **3l** or **3m** in low yields.

Compounds 3c and 3k possess two stereogenic centers, and can exist as a mixture of two diastereoisomers. The NMR spectra of these compounds are consistent with the presence of two diastereoisomers (see the Experimental section). The methylene protons of the benzyl group in 3f-3i are diastereotopic and exhibit characteristic AB systems.

A tentative mechanism for this transformation is proposed in Scheme 2. It is conceivable that the initial event is the formation of a xanthate salt **4** from two equivalents of the amine and CS_2 . Nucleophilic attack of this salt on **2**, and subsequent elimination of RNH_2 , leads to carbamodithioates **3**.

$$2 \text{ RNH}_2 + \text{CS}_2 \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c} S \\ RHN \\ S \\ RHN \\ A \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{+2} 3$$

Scheme 2 A plausible mechanism for formation of carbamodithioates 3.

In conclusion, we have described a convenient route to tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl alkylcarbamodithioates from primary alkylamines, CS₂, and maleic anhydride. Mild conditions of dithiocarbonization, availability of the initial compounds, possibility of structural variations, and good preparative yields makes the developed synthesis of carbamodithioates a rather promising process.

EXPERIMENTAL

Maleic anhydride, CS₂, and amines **1** were obtained from Fluka and were used without further purification. Other procedural details are as follows: mp: Electrothermal-9100 apparatus; IR Spectra: Shimadzu IR-460 spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra: Bruker DRX-300 AVANCE instrument; in CDCl₃ at 300 and 75 MHz, respectively; δ in ppm, *J* in Hz; EI-MS (70 eV): Finnigan-MAT-8430 mass spectrometer, in *m*/*z*. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were performed with a Heraeus CHN-O-Rapid analyzer.

General Procedure for the Preparation of Compounds 3

A mixture of amine 1 (2 mmol) in CS_2 (1.2 mL) was stirred for 1 h, then a solution of maleic anhydride (0.20 g, 2 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) was added slowly. After completion of the reaction (1–2 h), as indicated by TLC (AcOEt/hexane, 2:1), the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by dry-flash chromatography using a 1:3 mixture of AcOEt/petroleum ether as eluent to afford pure dithiocarbamates **3**. Further purification was done by recrystallization from a mixture of CHCl₃/hexane.

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl *iso*-propylcarbamodithioate (3a). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.44 g (85%); mp 164–165°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3443, 1729, 1699, 1471, 1453, 1397, 1265, 1203. EI-MS: 233 (M⁺, 9), 191 (12), 187 (11), 133 (15), 100 (100), 43 (18); Anal. Calcd. for C₈H₁₁NO₃S₂ (233.2): C, 41.19; H, 4.75; N, 6.01%. Found: C, 41.43; H, 4.81; N, 6.07%. ¹H NMR: $\delta = 1.43$ (3H, d, ³*J* 6.9, Me), 1.46 (3H, d, ³*J* 6.9, Me), 3.08 (1H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 8.0, CH), 3.23 (1H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 3.65 (1H, br s, NH), 4.51 (1H, dd, ³*J* 8.0, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 5.23 (1H, sept, ³*J* 6.9, CH). ¹³C NMR: $\delta = 18.3$ (Me), 18.6 (Me), 36.6 (CH₂), 43.9 (CH), 50.8 (CHN), 175.4 (C=O), 176.0 (C=O), 201.4 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl ethylcarbamodithioate (3b). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.38 g (87%); mp 121–122°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3423, 2569, 1718, 1708, 1436, 1328, 1250, 1121. EI-MS: 219 (M⁺, 8), 191 (14), 173 (13), 133 (19), 86 (100), 29 (16); Anal. Calcd. for C₇H₉NO₃S₂ (219.2): C, 38.35; H, 4.14; N, 6.39%. Found: C, 38.62; H, 4.10; N, 6.48%. ¹H NMR: $\delta = 1.22$ (3H, t, ³J 7.2, Me), 3.1 (1H, dd, ²J 18.1, ³J 8.5, CH), 3.3 (1H, dd, ²J 18.1, ³J 3.6, CH), 4.07 (2H, q, ³J 7.2, CH₂), 4.42 (1H, dd, ³J 8.5, ³J 3.6, CH), 10.6 (1H, br s, NH). ¹³C NMR: $\delta = 12.2$ (Me), 36.8 (CH₂), 40.4 (CH₂), 45.7 (CH₂N), 175.7 (C=O), 175.8 (C=O), 200.4 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl *sec*-butylcarbamodithioate (3c). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.39 g (79%); mp 111–113°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max}/cm^{-1}): 3435, 2568, 1727, 1717, 1460, 1387, 1284, 1115. EI-MS: 247 (M⁺, 12), 201 (11), 191 (13), 133 (17), 114 (100), 57 (40); Anal. Calcd. for C₉H₁₃NO₃S₂ (247.3): C, 43.71; H, 5.30; N, 5.67%. Found: C, 43.52; H, 5.41; N, 5.70%. Major isomer (55%): ¹H NMR: δ = 0.89 (3H, t, ³*J* 7.3, Me), 1.42 (3H, d, ³*J* 6, Me), 1.83–1.85 (2H, m, CH₂), 3.07–3.10 (2H, m, CH₂), 4.28–4.30 (1H, m, CH), 5.06–5.08 (1H, m, CH). ¹³C NMR: δ = 11.4 (Me), 16.6 (Me), 25.6 (CH₂), 36.6 (CH₂), 43.8 (CH), 56.6 (CH-N), 175.5 (C=O), 176.1 (C=O), 205.1 (C=S). Minor isomer

(45%): ¹H NMR: $\delta = 0.89$ (3H, t, ³J 7.3, Me), 1.46 (3H, d, ³J 6.0, Me), 2.13–2.15 (2H, m, CH₂), 3.24–3.26 (2H, m, CH₂), 4.28–4.30 (1H, m, CH), 5.06–5.08 (1H, m, CH). ¹³C NMR: $\delta = 11.5$ (Me), 16.9 (Me), 25.7 (CH₂), 36,8 (CH₂), 43.9 (CH), 56.7 (CH-N), 175.5 (C=O), 176.1 (C=O), 205.1 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl *n*-butylcarbamodithioate (3d). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.41g (83%); mp 139–140°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max}/cm^{-1}): 3444, 2605, 1733, 1703, 1437, 1361, 1284, 1194. EI-MS: 247 (M⁺, 7), 201 (12), 191 (15), 133 (18), 114 (100), 57 (25), 43 (18); Anal. Calcd. for C₉H₁₃NO₃S₂ (247.2): C, 43.71; H, 5.30; N, 5.67%. Found: C, 43.01; H, 5.42; N, 5.59%. ¹H NMR: δ = 0.95 (3H, t, ³J 7.2, Me), 1.36–1.38 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.61–1.63 (2H, m, CH₂), 3.07 (1H, dd, ²J 18.0, ³J 8.7, CH), 3.3 (1H, dd, ²J 18.0, ³J 3.9, CH), 4.00 (1H, t, ³J 7.6, CH₂), 4.42 (1H, dd, ³J 8.7, ³J 3.9, CH), 10.98 (1H, br s, NH). ¹³C NMR: δ = 14.0 (Me), 20.4 (CH₂), 29.0 (CH₂), 36.9 (CH₂), 45.1 (CH), 45.6 (CH₂), 175.9 (C=O), 176.0 (C=O), 200.7 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl cyclohexylcarbamodithioate (3e). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.50 g (92%); mp 186–187°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3462, 2532, 1743, 1701, 1465, 1396, 1284, 1199. EI-MS: 273 (M⁺, 9), 192 (100), 174 (36), 140 (17), 81 (17), 55 (34), 41 (25); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅NO₃S₂ (273.3): C, 48.34; H, 5.53; N, 5.13%. Found: C, 48.01; H, 5.65; N, 5.23%. ¹H NMR: δ = 1.20–2.40 (10 H, m, 5 CH₂), 3.06 (1H, dd, ²J 18.0, ³J 8.3, CH), 3.23 (1H, dd, ²J 18.0, ³J 3.9, CH), 4.25 (1H, dd, ³J 8.3, ³J 3.9, CH), 4.8 (1H, br s, NH). ¹³C NMR: δ = 25.4 (CH₂), 26.3 (CH₂), 26.4 (CH₂), 27.7 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₂), 36.6 (CH₂), 43.7 (CH), 58.8 (CHN), 176.2 (C=O), 176.9 (C=O), 201.7 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl benzylcarbamodithioate (2f). Yellow crystals; yield: 0.49 g (92%); mp 139–140°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max}/cm^{-1}): 3404, 2560, 1706, 1688, 1425, 1349, 1174, 1107. EI- MS: 281 (M⁺, 11), 235 (7), 149 (21), 148 (70), 91 (100), 65 (18), 45 (8). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₁NO₃S₂ (281.3): C, 51.23; H, 3.94; N, 4.98%. Found: C, 51.4; H, 4.11; N, 5.09%. ¹H NMR: δ = 3.06 (1H, dd, ²*J* 18, ³*J* 8.0, CH), 3.32 (1H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 3.65 (1H, bs, NH), 4.46 (1H, dd, ³*J* 8.0, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 5.20 (2 H, ABq, $\nu \Delta_{AB}$ = 22 Hz, ²*J*_{AB} 14.2, CH₂), 7.30–7.42 (5H, m, CH-arom). ¹³C NMR: δ 36.6 (CH₂), 45.7 (CH), 48.2 (CH₂N), 128.6 (CH), 129.0 (2CH), 129.3 (2CH), 134.9(C), 174.4 (C=O), 175.8 (C=O), 200.4 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl 4-chlorobenzylcarbamodithioate (3g). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.38 g (60%); mp 139–140°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max}/cm^{-1}): 3481, 2598, 1742, 1721, 1492, 1346, 1203, 1089. EI-MS: 317 (M⁺², 6), 315 (M⁺, 20), 269 (8), 187 (11), 182 (68), 125 (100), 91 (10); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₀NO₃S₂Cl (315.7): C, 45.65; H, 3.51; N, 4.44%. Found: C, 45.23; H, 3.60; N, 4.52%. ¹H NMR: δ 3.10 (1H, dd, ²*J* 18, ³*J* 8.2, CH), 3.27 (1H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 4.44 (1H, dd, ³*J* 8.2, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 5.15 (2H, ABq, $\nu \Delta_{AB} = 7$ Hz, ²*J*_{AB} 10.1, CH₂) 7.28 (d, ³*J* 8.0, 2CH), 7.38 (2H, d, ³*J* 8.0, 2CH), 10.17 (1H, br s, NH). ¹³C NMR: δ = 36.5 (CH₂), 45.7 (CH), 47.5 (CH₂N), 129.1 (2CH), 130.9 (2CH), 133.3 (C), 134.5 (C), 175.7 (C=O), 175.8 (C=O), 200.2 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl 4-methylbenzylcarbamodithioate (3h). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.52 g (89%); mp 172–174°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3481, 2590, 1747, 1720, 1492, 1346, 1272, 1196. EI-MS: 295 (M⁺, 6), 249 (7), 162 (48), 105 (100), 91 (13); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₃NO₃S₂ (295.3): C, 52.87; H, 4.44; N, 4.74%. Found: C, 52.95; H, 4.29; N, 4.87%. ¹H NMR: δ = 2.33 (3 H, s, Me), 3.04 (1 H, dd, ²J 18.0, ³J 9.0, CH), 3.32 (1 H, dd, ²J 18.0, ³J 3.6, CH), 4.45 (1 H, dd, ³J 9.0, ³J 3.6, CH), 5.15 (2 H, ABq, $\nu\Delta_{AB}$ = 11 Hz, J_{AB} = 14.0, CH₂), 7.12 (2 H, d, ³J 7.8, 2 CH), 7.32 (2 H, d, ${}^{3}J$ 7.8, 2 CH). ${}^{13}C$ NMR: $\delta = 21.6$ (Me), 36.7 (CH₂), 45.7 (CH), 48.0 (CH₂N), 129.3 (2 CH), 129.6 (2 CH), 132.0 (C), 138.4 (C), 174.8 (C=O), 175.8 (C=O), 200.4 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl 4-methoxybenzylcarbamodithioate (3i). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.57 g (90%); mp 130–131°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3370, 2560, 1721, 1712, 1428, 1300, 1252, 1193. EI-MS: 311 (M⁺, 9), 265 (4), 178 (34), 121 (100), 91 (9.5), 77 (13.5); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₃NO₄S₂ (311.3): C, 50.15; H, 4.21; N, 5.16%. Found: C, 49.85; H, 4.30; N, 5.23%. ¹H NMR: δ 3.03 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 8.7, CH), 3.27 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 3.6, CH), 3.8 (3 H, s, Me), 4.43 (1 H, dd, ³*J* 8.7, ³*J* 3.6, CH), 5.14 (2 H, ABq, $\nu\Delta_{AB} = 16.0$ Hz, *J*_{AB} 14.2, CH₂), 6.84 (2 H, d, ³*J* 6.2, 2 CH), 7.4 (2 H, d, ³*J* 6.2, 2 CH). ¹³C NMR: δ 36.7 (CH₂), 45.8 (CH), 47.7 (CH₂), 55.6 (Me), 114.3 (2CH), 127.2 (CH), 131.0 (2CH), 159.8 (*C*-OMe), 175.0 (C=O), 175.8 (C=O), 200.5 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl (furan-2-yl)methylcarbamodithioate (3j). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.46 g (93%); mp 105–106°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3449, 2549, 1726, 1704, 1411, 1331, 1243, 1103. EI-MS: 271 (M⁺, 9), 25 (9), 187 (11), 139 (78), 81 (100), 45 (8), 29 (18); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₀H₉NO₄S₂ (271.3): C, 44.27; H, 3.34; N, 5.16%. Found: C, 44.54; H, 3.42; N, 5.22%. ¹H NMR: δ = 3.07 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 3.0, CH), 3.34 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 3.8, CH), 4.47 (1 H, dd, ³*J* 9.0, ³*J* 3.8, CH), 5.20 (2 H, ABq, $\nu \Delta_{AB}$ = 8 Hz, *J*_{AB} 14.2, CH₂), 6.32–7.35 (3 H, m, CH-furyl), 7.28 (1 H, br s, NH). ¹³C NMR: δ 36.7 (CH₂), 41.0 (CH), 45.7 (CH₂), 110.8 (CH), 110.9 (CH), 143.0 (CH), 147.9 (C), 175.3 (C=O), 175.4 (C=O), 199.8 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl 2-hydroxypropylcarbamodithioate (3k). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.46 g (93%); mp 157–159°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹): 3436, 3380, 2349, 1735, 1704, 1456, 1368, 1262, 1208, 1131. EI-MS: 249 (M⁺, 9), 231 (45), 203(8), 191 (10), 133 (17), 116 (100), 45 (28); Anal. Calcd. for C₈H₁₁NO₄S₂ (249.2): C, 38.55; H, 4.45; N, 5.62%. Found: C, 38.63; H, 4.52; N, 5.74%. Major isomer (80%): ¹H NMR: δ = 1.20 (3 H, d, ³*J* 6.0, Me), 3.15 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 19, ³*J* 6.3, CH), 3.27 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 19.0, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 3.34 (1 H, br s, OH), 3.77–3.80 (2 H, m, CH₂-N), 4.23–4.25 (1 H, m, CH-O), 4.60 (1 H, dd, ³*J* 6.3, ³*J* 3.9, CH). ¹³C NMR: δ = 21.7 (Me), 36.5 (CH₂), 46.8 (CH), 60.0 (CH₂), 63.4 (CH), 172.5 (C=O), 177.0 (C=O), 200.5 (C=S). Minor isomer (20%): ¹H NMR: δ = 1.16 (3 H, d, ³*J* 6.0, Me), 3.13 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 19.0, ³*J* 6.3, CH), 3.26 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 19.0, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 3.34 (1 H, br-s, OH), 3.86–3.90 (2 H, m, CH₂-N), 4.21–4.23 (1 H, m, CH-O), 4.55 (1 H, dd, ³*J* 6.3, ³*J* 3.9, CH), 4.87 (1 H, br s, NH). ¹³C NMR: δ = 21.6 (Me), 36.3 (CH₂), 46.7 (CH), 51.9 (CH₂), 63.3 (CH), 172.4 (C=O), 176.9 (C=O), 200.1 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl phenylcarbamodithioate (3l). Pale Yellow oil; yield: 0.06 g (11%); IR (KBr) (ν_{max}/cm^{-1}): 3400, 2535, 1710, 1660, 1425, 1347, 1160. EI- MS: 268 (M⁺¹, 10), 267 (M⁺, 8), 221 (9), 134 (100), 92 (23), 65 (16), 45 (8). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₁H₉NO₃S₂ (267.3): C, 49.43; H, 3.39; N, 5.24%. Found: C, 50.02; H, 4.04; N, 5.30%. ¹H NMR: δ = 3.32 (1 H, dd, ²J 8.0, ³J 3.5, CH), 3.52 (1 H, br s, NH), 4.24 (1 H, dd, ³J 5.5, ³J 3.5, CH), 4.64 (1 H, dd, ²J 8.0, ³J 5.5, CH), 7.22–7.54 (5 H, m, CH-arom). ¹³C NMR: δ 37.8 (CH₂), 43.5 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 129.5 (2CH), 129.8 (2CH), 135.0 (C), 173.4 (C=O), 175.9 (C=O), 200.1 (C=S).

Tetrahydro-2,5-dioxofuran-3-yl diethylcarbamodithioate (3m). Pale yellow crystals; yield: 0.10 g (20%); mp 118–119°C. IR (KBr) (ν_{max}/cm^{-1}): 3423, 2565, 1718, 1705, 1430, 1321, 1120. EI-MS: 247 (M⁺, 7), 219 (24), 190 (100), 176 (13), 116 (23), 29 (16); Anal. Calcd. for C₉H₁₃NO₃S₂ (247.3): C, 43.72; H, 5.29; N, 5.67%. Found: C, 42.90; H, 5.20; N, 5.72%. ¹H NMR: $\delta = 1.19$ (3 H, t, ³*J* 7.2, Me), 1.24 (3 H, t, ³*J* 7.2,

Me), 3.15 (1 H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 8.4, CH), 3.37 (1H, dd, ²*J* 18.0, ³*J* 3.6, CH), 3.77 (2 H, q, ³*J* 7.2, CH₂), 4.02 (2 H, q, ³*J* 7.2, CH₂), 5.25 (1 H, dd, ³*J* 8.4, ³*J* 3.6, CH). ¹³C NMR: δ = 13.2 (Me), 14.4 (Me) 36.4 (CH₂), 41.7 (CH₂), 43.2 (CH₂), 51.3 (CH), 171.3 (C=O), 171.4 (C=O), 193.8 (C=S).

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