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ABSTRACT

A simple and efficient method has been developed for the oxidation of various heterocycl-acylhydrazones **3** with iodobenzene diacetate (IBD) to heterocycl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles **4** in solid state. The reaction took place at room temperature within few minutes. The products were isolated by simple aqueous work-up in good yields.

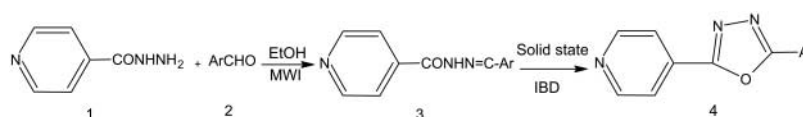
Key Words: Iodobenzene diacetate; 1,3,4-Oxadiazoles; Heterocycl-acylhydrazones; Solid state synthesis.

INTRODUCTION

Presently, there is a considerable interest in organohypervalent iodine reagents because of their versatile use in solid-state organic reactions

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(SSOR).^[1] These reagents are used in the synthesis of several heterocyclic compounds in liquid and solid state.^[2] Innumerable methods are reported in the literature for the oxidation of acyl hydrazones to 1,3,4-oxadiazoles such as oxidation with lead tetra acetate^[3] or electrochemical oxidation of *N*-acylhydrazones.^[4] The main drawback of these methods includes long reaction periods, high temperatures, and difficult work-up procedures. Keeping in view the importance of SSOR and biological activities of 1,3,4-oxadiazoles,^[5–8] we herein report, simple and efficient conversion of heterocyclyl acylhydrazones to heterocyclyl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles using IBD under solid-state conditions.



RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Conventional synthesis of isonicotinoyl hydrazones^[9] has been modified by treating isonicotinic acid hydrazide (**1**) with various aromatic aldehydes (**2**) and subjected to microwave irradiation in domestic microwave oven over a period ranging from 1 to 3 min. After work-up, the resulting hydrazones were triturated with IBD in a pestle and mortar at room temperature without any solvent. After 5 min, sudden exothermic reaction took place with the evolution of nitrogen gas. Completion of reaction is marked by the change of state from solid to semi-solid/liquid with characteristic smell of iodobenzene. All the synthesized compounds (**4a–4l**) were characterized by elemental analysis (CHN) and spectral (IR, ¹H NMR) data. Formation of hydrazones (**3a–3l**) were confirmed by previously reported melting points and the absence of primary amino group at $\sim 3350\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in IR spectra. IR spectral analysis of the final compounds (**4a–4l**) shows absorption band at ~ 1600 and $\sim 1200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to C=N and C–O–C functions, respectively. In ¹H NMR spectra, peak at δ 7.99–8.33 and 6.95–7.66 indicates the presence of pyridyl ring and phenyl ring, respectively. Elemental (CHN) analysis indicated that the calculated and observed values were within the acceptable limits ($\pm 0.4\%$).

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Melting points were determined in open capillaries using Buchi 530 apparatus and are uncorrected. The purity of the compounds was checked



Table 1. Physical constants for compounds **3a–3l**.

Compound number	Ar	Reaction period (min)	Yield (%)	M.p. (lit.) ^[9] (°C)
3a	C ₆ H ₅	2.0	80	162–164
3b	<i>o</i> -Cl–C ₆ H ₄	1.5	79	210–212
3c	<i>m</i> -NO ₂ –C ₆ H ₄	1.0	89	269–270 (269)
3d	<i>p</i> -NO ₂ –C ₆ H ₄	1.0	93	190–191 (190–191)
3e	<i>p</i> -CH ₃ –C ₆ H ₄	2.5	87	196–197
3f	<i>p</i> -OCH ₃ –C ₆ H ₄	2.5	91	162–163 (162)
3g	<i>o</i> -OH–C ₆ H ₄	3.0	87	265–266
3h	–CH=CH–C ₆ H ₅	2.5	72	199–201
3i	<i>p</i> -OH– <i>m</i> -OCH ₃ –C ₆ H ₃	3.0	96	200–202 (200–201)
3j	<i>p</i> -Cl–C ₆ H ₄	2.0	81	212–214
3k	<i>m</i> -CH ₃ –C ₆ H ₄	2.5	95	206–207
3l	<i>m</i> -Cl–C ₆ H ₄	2.0	89	221–223

Table 2. Physical constants of compounds **4a–4l**.^a

Compound number	Ar	Yield (%)	M.p. (°C)
4a	C ₆ H ₅	87	152–154
4b	<i>o</i> -Cl–C ₆ H ₄	88	102–104
4c	<i>m</i> -NO ₂ –C ₆ H ₄	81	123–124
4d	<i>p</i> -NO ₂ –C ₆ H ₄	80	203–205
4e	<i>p</i> -CH ₃ –C ₆ H ₄	81	134–135
4f	<i>p</i> -OCH ₃ –C ₆ H ₄	82	184–185
4g	<i>o</i> -OH–C ₆ H ₄	84	230–233
4h	–CH=CH–C ₆ H ₅	86	151–153
4i	<i>p</i> -OH– <i>m</i> -OCH ₃ –C ₆ H ₃	93	222–224
4j	<i>p</i> -Cl–C ₆ H ₄	92	174–175
4k	<i>m</i> -CH ₃ –C ₆ H ₄	90	124–125
4l	<i>m</i> -Cl–C ₆ H ₄	86	142–144

^aAll new compounds show satisfactory C, H, N analysis.



by TLC using silica gel-coated Al plates (Merck). Microwave irradiations were carried out in domestic microwave oven (LG Electronics, model MG-605AP, 2450 MHz, 900 W). IR spectra were recorded using KBr pellets on a Jasco IR Repot-100 infrared spectrophotometer (ν_{\max} in cm^{-1}); ^1H NMR spectra on Bruker DRX300 spectrometer using TMS as internal standard

Table 3. IR and ^1H NMR spectral data of compounds **4a–4l**.

Compound number	IR (KBr) (cm^{-1})		^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ (ppm)
	C=N	C–O–C	
4a	1,620	1,210	7.31–7.42 (m, 5H, Ar-H) 8.02–8.14 (m, 4H, Py)
4b	1,600	1,180	7.27–7.35 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 8.12–8.22 (m, 4H, Py)
4c	1,650	1,190	7.49–7.57 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 8.06–8.15 (m, 4H, Py)
4d	1,640	1,210	7.57–7.66 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 8.11–8.21 (m, 4H, Py) 2.46 (s, 3H, CH_3)
4e	1,590	1,200	7.26–7.38 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 8.02–8.16 (m, 4H, Py) 3.91 (s, 3H, OCH_3)
4f	1,610	1,220	7.04–7.26 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 7.99–8.12 (m, 4H, Py) 5.25 (br s, 1H, OH)
4g	1,640	1,200	6.82–6.95 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 8.10–8.21 (m, 4H, Py) 6.65 (s, 2H, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$)
4h	1,650	1,200	7.24–7.36 (m, 5H, Ar-H) 8.02–8.11 (m, 4H, Py) 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH_3)
4i	1,640	1,220	5.71 (br s, 1H, OH) 6.95–7.21 (m, 3H, Ar-H) 8.12–8.21 (m, 4H, Py)
4j	1,610	1,180	7.25–7.32 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 8.02–8.14 (m, 4H, Py) 2.48 (s, 3H, CH_3)
4k	1,620	1,190	7.17–7.26 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 8.21–8.30 (m, 4H, Py)
4l	1,600	1,200	7.27–7.33 (m, 4H, Ar-H) 8.01–8.12 (m, 4H, Py)



(chemical shifts in δ , ppm), and elemental analysis on a Carla Erba 1108 elemental analyzer.

Heterocycl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles 3: general procedure. Isonicotinic acid hydrazide **1** (5 mmol), corresponding benzaldehyde **2** (5 mmol) in ethanol with a few drops of glacial acetic acid were subjected to microwave irradiation at 60% power output (540 W) for the period indicated in Table 1. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was kept in the refrigerator overnight. The resultant product was filtered, washed with water, and recrystallized from ethanol to afford **3** (Table 1).

Oxidation of heterocycl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles 3 to heterocycl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles 4: general procedure. A mixture of appropriate heterocycl-1,3,4-oxadiazole **3** (2 mmol) and IBD (2.4 mmol) was ground by pestle and mortar at room temperature. After 5 min, evolution of nitrogen gas occurred. The solid was diluted with water, filtered and recrystallized from ethanol to afford **4**. Characterization data is given in Tables 2 and 3.

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