## Reactions of Z-isomers of alkylaromatic 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes with methyl- and arylglyoxals\*

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Reactions of the Z-isomers of alkylaromatic 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes (that contain the hydroxylamino group at the primary or secondary carbon atom) with methylglyoxal gave 6-acetyl-5,6-dihydro-4*H*-1,2,5-oxadiazines. Analogous reactions with arylglyoxals in the presence of trifluoroacetic acid afforded 6-aroyl-5,6-dihydro-4*H*-1,2,5-oxadiazines. It was found that phenylglyoxal in the absence of the acid yielded *N*-substituted  $\alpha$ -aroylnitrone which undergoes cyclization into the corresponding oxadiazine under the action of CF<sub>3</sub>COOH.

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Alkylaromatic 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes with the Z-configuration of the hydroxyimino group (syn-isomers) react with biacetyl to give 6-acetyl-5-hydroxy-5.6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5-oxadiazines and with alkyl aryl 1,2-diketones to give N-substituted  $\alpha$ -arovlnitrones or 6-arovl-5-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5-oxadiazines, or their tautomeric mixture.<sup>1</sup> The use of glyoxals ( $\alpha$ -oxo aldehydes) could be expected to afford 5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5oxadiazines because the formyl group of glyoxals and the aldonitrone group are more reactive than the oxo group of 1,2-diketones and oxo nitrones, respectively.<sup>2</sup> Data on 5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5-oxadiazines are very scarce<sup>3</sup> (which is confirmed by the modern Beilstein CrossFire information and search system) and their formation from 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes and glyoxals are of interest for both the synthesis of new functionalized derivatives of this series and the investigation of their reactivities.

1,2-Hydroxylamino oximes 1a-d react with methylglyoxal (2) at room temperature to give 6-acetyl-5-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-4*H*-1,2,5-oxadiazines 3a-d (Scheme 1).

The IR spectra of oxadiazines 3a-d contain a band at 1730-1736 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the C=O stretching vibrations in the isolated acetyl fragment and the UV spectra show a peak at 240-260 nm. This indicates that the chromophore system of the compounds obtained is similar to that of the starting hydroxylamino oximes 1a-d. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR

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spectra of compounds  $3\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{c}$ , the characteristic features are a singlet or a doublet (spin-spin coupling with the H(4) proton of the oxadiazine ring) for the H(6) proton of the heterocycle ( $\delta$  4.85–5.07) and a singlet for the protons of the acetyl group in position 6 ( $\delta$  2.27–2.45). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds **3b**–**d** show signals for only one isomer (most likely, it is the most stable *trans*-isomer). We cannot exclude the formation of the second isomer that undergoes *in situ* transformation *via* open structure **4** into the more stable isomer.

Reactions of arylglyoxals 5 with the Z-isomers of alkylaromatic 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes 1a-c in methanol in the presence of trifluoroacetic acid gave 6-aroyl-5hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5-oxadiazines **6a**-j (see Scheme 1). It should be noted that alkyl aryl 1,2-diketones, in contrast to arylglyoxals, react with the Z-isomers of alkylaromatic 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes to produce both  $\alpha$ -aroyl- $\alpha$ -methylnitrones and 6-aroyl-5-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5-oxadiazines and their tautomeric mixtures.<sup>1</sup> The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds 6e-j show signals for only one diastereomer of two, as for condensation products 3b-d obtained from methylglyoxal. In the IR spectra of oxadiazines 6a-j, the band of the carbonyl group conjugated with the benzene ring appears at 1661-1703 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the UV spectra show a peak at 248-261 (**6a**-c,e-j) and 280 nm (**6d**), which results from superposition of the absorption peaks due to the aryloxime chromophore and the 4-methoxybenzoyl group in position 6 of the heterocycle. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR

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Scheme 1

spectra of compounds 6a-j, the signal for the H(6) proton appears at  $\delta$  5.86-6.20.

In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds **3a** and **6a**–**d**, the methylene protons in position 4 of the heterocycle are diastereotopic: one of them reveals itself at room temperature as a broadened singlet, while the other, as a doublet or a doublet of doublets. Broadening of the signal for the former proton can be explained by slow (on the time scale of the NMR experiment) inversion of the N atom of the ring hydroxylamino group (position 5 of the heterocycle) and a larger difference between the chemical shifts for the exchanged protons of two stereoisomers. The high energy barrier of the N atom to inversion is probably due to intramolecular hydrogen bonding between the OH proton of the ring hydroxylamino group and the carbonyl O atom.<sup>4</sup> Indeed, the spectrum of compound 6c recorded in deuterated acetone at -50 °C shows signals for two stereoisomers in the ratio  $\sim 3$ : 1; the methylene protons of the major stereoisomer appear as an AB system (J = 19.2 Hz) at  $\delta$  4.17 and 4.74, while the methylene protons of the minor stereoisomer appear as an AB system (J = 18.8 Hz) at  $\delta$  3.97 and 4.03.

The reactions of 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes 1 with arylglyoxals 5 could be assumed to proceed through intermediate *N*-substituted  $\alpha$ -aroylnitrones 7, which undergo *in situ* cyclization into oxadiazines 6. Indeed, a reaction of 1,2-hydroxylamino oxime 1a with phenylglyoxal 5 (Ar = Ph) in the absence of an acid gave the corresponding  $\alpha$ -aroylnitrone 7a, which was transformed into oxadiazine 6a upon addition of trifluoroacetic acid. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6a in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> contains no signals for  $\alpha$ -aroylnitrone **7a**, while the spectrum of  $\alpha$ -aroylnitrone **7a** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> exhibits no signals for oxadiazine **6a**. This allows these compounds to be regarded as isomers rather than tautomers.

To summarize, we obtained new functionalized 5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5-oxadiazines by condensation of alkylaromatic 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes with the Z-configuration of the hydroxyimino group (*syn*-isomers) with methyl- and arylglyoxals.

## **Experimental**

The course of the reactions was monitored and the purity of the products was checked by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates with CHCl<sub>3</sub>—MeOH (9 : 1) as an eluent; spots were visualized under UV light. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC-200 (200.13 and 50.3 MHz, respectively) and Bruker AM-400 spectrometers (400.13 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, and (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO with the signals for the residual protons of the solvents as the internal standards ( $\delta$  7.24, 2.50, and 2.05, respectively). IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vector 22 spectrometer (pellets with KBr). UV spectra were recorded on a Hewlett-Packard 8453 spectrophotometer in 96% EtOH.

The starting 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes 1a-d were prepared according to known procedures<sup>5-7</sup> and arylglyoxals were synthesized by the Riley reaction.<sup>8</sup> The melting points of arylglyoxal hydrates are identical with the literature data.<sup>9</sup>

**Condensation of 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes 1a-d with methylglyoxal 2 (general procedure).** A solution of hydroxylamino oxime **1a-d** (2.0 mmol) and aqueous 40% methylglyoxal **2** (0.54 g, 3.0 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was kept at ~20 °C for 3 days. The precipitate of product **3a-d** that formed was filtered off and washed with MeOH. The filtrate was concentrated and

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the residue was treated with ether to give an additional crop of the condensation product.

**6-Acetyl-5-hydroxy-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (3a).** Yield 50%, m.p. 136 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 59.79; H, 5.43; N, 12.66. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 59.99; H, 5.49; N, 12.72. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (loge): 244 (4.00). IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1732 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 2.27 (s, 3 H, Ac); 3.94 (d, 1 H, H(4), *J* = 17.6 Hz); 4.27 (br.s, 1 H, H(4)); 5.07 (s, 1 H, H(6)); 7.40–7.50, 7.60–7.70 (both m, 5 H, Ar); 9.00 (br.s, 1 H, OH).

**6-Acetyl-5-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (3b).** Yield 55%, m.p. 145 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 61.89; H, 6.19; N, 12.08.  $C_{12}H_{14}N_2O_3$ . Calculated (%): C, 61.52; H, 6.02; N, 11.96. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (loge): 242 (3.99). IR (KBr),  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 1736 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.35 (d, 3 H, C(4)Me, J = 7.2 Hz); 2.45 (s, 3 H, Ac); 4.20 (dq, 1 H, H(4), J = 1.6 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz); 4.85 (d, 1 H, H(6), J = 1.6 Hz); 5.97 (s, 1 H, OH); 7.37–7.44, 7.54–7.60 (both m, 5 H, Ar).

**6-Acetyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-4-methyl-5,6-di-hydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (3c).** Yield 41%, m.p. 142 °C (decomp., from AcOEt). Found (%): C, 53.67; H, 4.87; Cl, 12.96; N, 10.25.  $C_{12}H_{13}CIN_2O_3$ . Calculated (%): C, 53.64; H, 4.88; Cl, 13.20; N, 10.43. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (loge): 250 (4.04). IR (KBr),  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 1734 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO),  $\delta$ : 1.36 (d, 3 H, C(4)Me, J = 7.2 Hz); 2.30 (s, 3 H, Ac); 4.23 (dq, 1 H, H(4), J = 2.0 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz); 5.03 (d, 1 H, H(6), J = 2.0 Hz); 7.44–7.48, 7.67–7.71 (both m, 4 H, Ar); 8.10 (s, 1 H, OH).

**2-Acetyl-1-hydroxy-1,9,10,10a-tetrahydro-2***H***-3-oxa-1,4-diazaphenanthrene (3d).** Yield 61%, m.p. 164 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 63.15; H, 5.68; N, 11.37.  $C_{13}H_{14}N_2O_3$ . Calculated (%): C, 63.40; H, 5.73; N, 11.38. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (log $\varepsilon$ ): 257 (4.04), 287 sh (3.69), 298 (3.55). IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1732 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.75–1.90 (m, 1 H, H(10)); 2.26 (s, 3 H, Ac); 2.92 (m, 2 H, H(9)); 3.90 (br.s, 1 H, H(10a)); 4.80–5.30 (br.s, 1 H, H(2)); 7.20–7.37 (m, 3 H, Ar); 7.86 (m, 1 H, Ar); 8.73 (br.s, 1 H, OH) (the signal for one of the H(10) protons coincides with the signal for the protons of the acetyl group).

Condensation of 1,2-hydroxylamino oximes 1a—c with arylglyoxals 5 (general procedure). Arylglyoxal 5 (2.0 mmol) was added to a warm solution of hydroxylamino oxime 1a—c (2.0 mmol) in MeOH (5—8 mL). Then trifluoroacetic acid (0.3 mL) was added and the mixture was kept for two days. The precipitate of condensation products 6a—j that formed was filtered off, washed with MeOH, and dried. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was treated with ether to give an additional crop of the condensation product.

**6-Benzoyl-5-hydroxy-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6a).** Yield 62%, m.p. 120–121 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 68.06; H, 5.03; N, 9.91. C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 68.07; H, 5.00; N, 9.92. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (loge): 250 (3.97). IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1700 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO), δ: 4.11 (dd, 1 H, H(4), *J* = 18.4 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz); 4.22–4.39 (br.s, 1 H, H(4)); 5.95 (dd, 1 H, H(6), *J* = 1.2 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz); 7.40–7.74, 8.12–8.18 (both m, 10 H, Ar); 8.35 (br.s, 1 H, OH).

**6-(4-Bromobenzoyl)-5-hydroxy-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6b).** Yield 76%, m.p. 146 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 53.19; H, 3.60; Br, 22.19; N, 7.53.

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 53.20; H, 3.63; Br, 22.12; N, 7.76. UV (EtOH, saturated solution (the concentration not measured)),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$ : 260. IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1677 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO), δ: 4.14 (dd, 1 H, H(4), *J* = 18.4 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz); 4.25–4.38 (br.s, 1 H, H(4)); 5.86 (br.s, 1 H, H(6)); 7.41–7.46, 7.69–7.75, 8.07–8.12 (all m, 9 H, Ar); 8.25 (br.s, 1 H, OH).

**6-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-5-hydroxy-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6c).** Yield 68%, m.p. 144 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 60.30; H, 4.10; Cl, 10.95; N, 8.77. C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 60.67; H, 4.14; Cl, 11.19; N, 8.84. UV (EtOH, saturated solution (the concentration not measured)),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$ : 256. IR (KBr),  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 1698 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO), δ: 4.14 (dd, 1 H, H(4), *J* = 18.4 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz); 4.24–4.39 (br.s, 1 H, H(4)); 5.87 (br.s, 1 H, H(6)); 7.41–7.46, 7.55–7.59, 7.69–7.73, 8.15–8.19 (all m, 9 H, Ar); 8.29 (br.s, 1 H, OH).

**5-Hydroxy-6-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6d).** Yield 58%, m.p. 134 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 65.38; H, 5.13; N, 9.01. C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 65.37; H, 5.16; N, 8.97. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (loge): 221 (4.29), 280 (4.28). IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1661 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO),  $\delta$ : 3.90 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.12 (d, 1 H, H(4), J = 18.5 Hz); 4.18–4.35 (br.s, 1 H, H(4)); 5.86 (s, 1 H, H(6)); 7.02–7.06, 7.41–7.45, 7.69–7.73, 8.13–8.17 (all m, 9 H, Ar); 8.15–8.30 (br.s, 1 H, OH).

**6-Benzoyl-5-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6e).** Yield 56.5%, m.p. 139 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 69.20; H, 5.46; N, 9.48. C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 68.90; H, 5.44; N, 9.45. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (loge): 248 (4.31). IR (KBr),  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 1703 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO), δ: 1.51 (d, 3 H, C(4)Me, *J* = 7.6 Hz); 4.32 (dq, 1 H, H(4), *J* = 1.6 Hz, *J* = 7.6 Hz); 6.01 (d, 1 H, H(6), *J* = 1.6 Hz); 7.42–7.46, 7.49–7.55, 7.61–7.66, 7.67–7.71, 8.11–8.15 (all m, 10 H, Ar); 7.99 (s, 1 H, OH).

**6-(4-Bromobenzoyl)-5-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenyl-5,6-di-hydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6f).** Yield 76%, m.p. 162 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 54.41; H, 4.02; Br, 21.30; N, 7.20.  $C_{17}H_{15}BrN_2O_3$ . Calculated (%): C, 54.42; H, 4.03; Br, 21.30; N, 7.47. UV (EtOH, saturated solution),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$ : 260. IR (KBr),  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 1701 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 1.39 (d, 3 H, C(4)Me, J = 7.2 Hz); 4.13 (q, 1 H, H(4), J = 7.2 Hz); 6.09 (s, 1 H, H(6)); 7.40–7.49, 7.55–7.65, 7.70–7.80, 7.89–7.98 (all m, 9 H, Ar); 8.89 (s, 1 H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>),  $\delta$ : 19.18 (4-Me); 55.80 (C(4)); 84.77 (C(6)); 126.27 (d); 128.15 (s); 129.35, 130.44, 131.60, 132.05 (all d); 134.08, 134.32 (both s); 158,65 (C=N); 191.26 (C=O).

**6-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-5-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenyl-5,6-di-hydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6g).** Yield 54%, m.p. 148 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 61.63; H, 4.51; Cl, 10.85; N, 8.49.  $C_{17}H_{15}ClN_2O_3$ . Calculated (%): C, 61.73; H, 4.57; Cl, 10.72; N, 8.47. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$  (loge): 256 (4.04). IR (KBr),  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 1702 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO),  $\delta$ : 1.51 (d, 3 H, C(4)Me, J = 7.2 Hz); 4.32 (dq, 1 H, H(4), J = 1.6 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz); 5.88 (d, 1 H, H(6), J = 1.6 Hz); 7.42–7.49, 7.54–7.61, 7.66–7.72, 8.12–8.17 (all m, 9 H, Ar); 8.05 (br.s, 1 H, OH).

**6-Benzoyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-4-methyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6h).** Yield 61%, m.p. 149 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 61.42; H, 4.83; Cl, 10.47; N, 8.50.  $C_{17}H_{15}ClN_2O_3$ . Calculated (%): C, 61.73; **6-(4-Bromobenzoyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-4methyl-5,6-dihydro-4***H***-1,2,5-oxadiazine (6i).** Yield 97%, m.p. 156 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 50.07; H, 3.50; Br, 19.52; N, 6.73. C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 49.84; H, 3.44; Br, 19.51; N, 6.84. UV (EtOH, saturated solution),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$ : 261. IR (KBr),  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 1692 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO),  $\delta$ : 1.52 (d, 3 H, C(4)Me, J = 7.2 Hz); 4.32 (dq, 1 H, H(4), J = 1.8 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz); 6.01 (s, 1 H, H(6), J = 1.8 Hz); 7.46–7.50, 7.70–7.75, 8.03–8.07 (all m, 8 H, Ar); 8.13 (s, 1 H, OH).

**6-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-hydroxy-4methyl-5,6-dihydro-4***H***-<b>1,2,5-oxadiazine (6j).** Yield 91%, m.p. 153 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 55.90; H, 3.49; Cl, 19.10; N, 7.73.  $C_{17}H_{14}Cl_2N_2O_3$ . Calculated (%): C, 55.91; H, 3.86; Cl, 19.42; N, 7.67. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}$ /nm (logɛ): 258 (4.46). IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1700 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO),  $\delta$ : 1.52 (d, 3 H, C(4)Me, *J* = 7.2 Hz); 4.32 (dq, 1 H, H(4), *J* = 1.6 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz); 6.00 (d, 1 H, H(6), *J* = 1.6 Hz); 7.46–7.50, 7.54–7.59, 7.70–7.74, 8.11–8.15 (all m, 8 H, Ar); 8.10 (s, 1 H, OH).

*N*-(**α**-Benzoylmethylidene)-*N*-[2-(*Z*)-hydroxyimino-2-phenylethyl]amine *N*-oxide (7a). A suspension of hydroxylamino oxime 1a (498 mg, 2 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was heated to complete homogenization and cooled. Phenylglyoxal hydrate (456 mg, 2 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was kept for a day. The yellow precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with MeOH, and dried. The yield of compound 7a was 0.40 g (47%), yellow plates, m.p. 115 °C (decomp., from MeOH). Found (%): C, 67.92; H, 4.99; N, 9.96. C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 68.07; H, 5.00; N, 9.92. UV (EtOH),  $\lambda_{max}/nm$ (loge): 246 (4.29), 274 sh (3.75), 322 (3.91). IR (KBr), v/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1661 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>), δ: 5.45 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 7.30–8.10 (m, 10 H, Ar); 8.48 (s, 1 H, CH=N); 12.20 (s, 1 H, OH). The colorless crystals that formed in the mother liquor on storage were filtered off to give oxadiazine **6a** (0.10 g, 12%).

**Transformation of nitrone 7a into oxadiazine 6a.** A solution of  $CF_3COOH$  (20 drops) in MeOH (1 mL) was added to a suspension of nitrone **7a** (282 mg, 1 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL).

The mixture was stirred at ~20 °C for 1 h until the yellow solution became colorless. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with MeOH, and dried. The yield was 0.20 g (71%), m.p. 120–121 °C (decomp.). The IR spectrum of the compound obtained was identical with the IR spectrum of oxadiazine **6a** obtained by condensation of hydroxylamino oxime **1a** with phenylglyoxal in the presence of CF<sub>3</sub>COOH.

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