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Aromatic thiohydrazides react with the dimethyl ester of acetylenedicarboxylic acid and methyl propiolate in methanol at reflux to give 2-methoxycarbonyl-2-methoxycarbonylmethyl-and 2-methoxycarbonylmethyl-5-aryl-2,3-dihydro-1,3,4-thiadiazoles in 50-65% yield [1].

We have found that the reaction of 1-bromo-2-acylacetylenes (Ia) and (Ib) with an equivalent amount of thiobenzhydrazide in a protic solvent (methanol) at from -10 to -30°C gives 2-acylmethyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles (IIa) and (IIb) in 64-75% yield. In the presence of equivalent amounts of  $Et_3N$ , the product yields are increased to 73-90%.

$$\begin{array}{c}
R \\
C = 0 \\
C + H_2N - NH - C - Ph \\
C S \\
Br (Ia,b)
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
S - C - Ph \\
-HBr \\
R - CO - CH_2 - C
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
N - N \\
(IIa,b)
\end{array}$$

$$R = Ph (a), 2-thienyl (b).$$

The reaction of 1-bromo-2-acylacetylenes (Ia) and (Ib) with an equivalent amount of thiobenzhydrazide in absolute ether at from -10 to -30°C proceeds with the formation of the hydrobromide salts of 2-acylmethyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles (IIa) and (IIb) in 65-74% yield.

2-Acylmethyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles (IIa) and (IIb) are readily formed from the corresponding hydrobromide salts upon their recrystallization from acetone, methanol, ethanol, or aqueous ethanol.

The reaction of 1-bromo-2-acylacetylenes (Ia) and (Ib) with thiobenzhydrazide proceeds apparently by nucleophilic substitution of the bromine atom at the ethynyl carbon atom [2, 3].

## **EXPERIMENTAL**

The IR spectra were taken on a UR-75 spectrophotometer in KBr pellets. The PMR spectra were taken on a Tesla BS-487C spectrometer at 80 MHz. The  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum was taken on a Jeol FX-90Q spectrometer at 22.49 MHz. The mass spectra were taken on an MKh-1303 mass spectrometer with direct sample inlet into the ion source. The ionizing voltage was 30 eV.

2-Benzoylmethyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole (IIa). A solution of 1.05 g (5 mmoles) 1-bromo-2-benzoylacetylene (Ia) in 20 ml methanol was added slowly to a solution of 0.76 g (5 mmoles) thiobenzhydrazide in 10 ml methanol at -30°C. The mixture was slowly warmed to 0°C. The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with cold methanol, and dried in vacuum to give 1.05 g (75%) yellow crystalline (IIa), mp 175-177°C (from ethanol). IR spectrum ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 670 (C-S), 1400-1470 (ring vibrations), 1580-1605 (arom. C=C), 1680 (C=O), 3090 (C-H). PMR spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$ , ppm): 4.90 s (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.52-8.04 m (10H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

spectrum in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (
$$\delta$$
, ppm): 193.68 (C=0), 170.06 (CH<sub>2</sub>C $_N$ ), 161.88 (Ph-C $_N$ ), 40.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>),

127.86-134.19 (benzene ring CH). Mass spectrum: 280 (20) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 175 (50) [M-PhCO]<sup>+</sup>, 119 (30) [M-CH<sub>2</sub>COPh]<sup>+</sup>, 105 (100) [PhCO]<sup>+</sup>, 77 (40) [Ph]<sup>+</sup>. Found: C, 68.80; H, 4.40; N, 10.02; S, 11.45%. Calculated for  $C_{16}H_{12}N_2OS$ : C, 68.57; H, 4.29; N, 10.00; S, 11.42%.

The yield of 1,3,4-thiadiazole (IIa) under analogous conditions in the presence of an equimolar amount of triethylamine was 1.26 g (90%). When the ketone/thiobenzhydrazide ratio

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was 1:2, we obtained 0.99 g (71%) 1,3,4-thiadiazole (IIa) and 0.12 g (20%) 2,5-diphenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole as colorless crystals with mp 140-142°C (141-142°C [4]).

 $\frac{2\text{-}(\text{Theno-2-yl})\text{methyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole (IIb).}}{0.76\text{ g }(5\text{ mmoles})\text{ thiobenzhydrazide and }1.08\text{ g }(5\text{ mmoles})\text{ 1-bromo-2-thenoylacetylene}}\\ \text{(Ib). The yield of (IIb) was }0.92\text{ g }(64\text{\%})\text{ as dark yellow crystals, mp }150\text{-}153^{\circ}\text{C }(\text{from ethanol}).}\\ \text{Under analogous conditions, }1.04\text{ g }(73\%)\text{ (IIb) was obtained in the presence of triethylamine.}\\ \text{IR spectrum }(\nu,\ \text{cm}^{-1})\text{: }695\text{ (C-S), }1410\text{-}1455\text{ (ring vibrations), }1580\text{-}1620\text{ (arom. C=C), }1660\text{ (C=O), }3100\text{ (C-H).}\\ \text{PMR spectrum in CDCl}_3\text{ }(\delta,\ \text{ppm})\text{: }4.80\text{ s.}(2\text{H, CH}_2)\text{,}$ 

7.46-7.94 m (8H, Ph, C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>3</sub>S). Mass spectrum: 286 (25) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 135 (50) [Ph-C] , 111 (100)

 $[C_4H_3S-CO]^+$ , 77 (60)  $[Ph]^+$ . Found: C, 58.93; H, 3.46; N, 9.90; S, 22.60%. Calculated for  $C_{14}H_{16}N_2OS_2$ : C, 58.74; H, 3.50; N, 9.79; S, 22.38%.

Hydrobromide Salt of 2-Benzoylmethyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole. A solution of 1.05 g (5 mmoles) 1-bromo-2-benzoylacetylene (Ia) in 20 ml absolute ether was slowly added to a solution of 0.76 g (5 mmoles) thiobenzhydrazide in 30 ml absolute ether at  $-30^{\circ}$ C. The mixture was slowly warmed to 20°C. The precipitate formed was filtered off, washed with absolute ether, and dried in vacuum to give 1.33 g (74%) of a yellow crystalline product, 114-116°C. IR spectrum ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 675 (C-S), 1405-1480 (ring vibrations), 1580-1605 (arom. C-C), 1675 (C-O), 2550-3130 (N<sup>+</sup>H). Found: C, 53.34; H, 3.42; Br, 22.56; N, 7.94; S, 8.61%. Calculated for  $C_{16}H_{12}N_2$  OS·HBr: C, 59.19; H, 3.60; Br, 22.16; N, 7.76; S, 8.86%.

The yield of this hydrobromide salt was  $1.26~\mathrm{g}$  (70%) under analogous conditions at  $-10~\mathrm{°C}$ .

In acetonitrile, 0.53 g (30%) hydrobromide salt and 0.31 g (24%) 2-benzoylmethyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole (IIa) were obtained at -30°C.

Hydrobromide Salt of 2-(Theno-2-y1)methyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole. This was obtained analogously from 1.08 g (5 mmoles) 1-bromo-2-thenoylacetylene (Ib) and 0.76 g (5 mmoles) thiobenzhydrazide. The product yield was 1.2 g (65%) as dark yellow crystals, mp 99-102°C. IR spectrum ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 680 (C-S), 1400-1470 (ring vibrations), 1570-1590 (arom. C=C), 1655 (C=O), 2560-3150 (N<sup>+</sup>H). Found: C, 45.90; H, 2.85; Br, 21.44; N, 7.63; S, 17.44%. Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>·HBR: C, 45.78; H, 3.00; Br, 21.80; N, 7.63; S, 17.44%.

Under analogous conditions, the product yield was 1.14 g (62%) at -10°C.

## CONCLUSIONS

The reactions of 1-bromo-2-acylacetylenes with thiobenzhydrazide at from -10 to -30 °C in ether, acetonitrile, methanol without catalyst, or methanol in the presence of triethylamine gave 2-acylmethyl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles and their hydrobromide salts.

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