Synthesis of carbamoylamidoximes

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A convenient procedure was developed for the synthesis of carbamoylamidoximes by the reaction of N(S)-substituted monothiooxamides with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in pyridine.

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Amidoximes are widely used in the synthesis of complex-forming agents, 1 drugs, 2 and pesticides. 3

The properties of a wide range of amidoximes have been studied.⁴ However, the synthetic potential of the amidoxime fragment directly bonded to the amide group remains unknown primarily because of the absence of a convenient procedure for the preparation of carbamoylamidoximes. At the same time, the latter may be of great interest in the design of complex-forming agents and various amide-containing heterocyclic structures, such as 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl-3-carboxamides, which have been studied as herbicides in recent years.⁵

In this work, we suggest a convenient procedure for the synthesis of carbamoylamidoximes by the reaction of readily available N(S)-substituted monothiooxamides⁶ with hydroxylamine.

It is known⁷ that thioamides react with two molecules of amines or hydrazines to form the corresponding amidines or amidrazones. We suggested that monothiooxamides containing the electron-withdrawing amide group can add two molecules of hydroxylamine. Taking into account that hydroxylamine exhibits reducing properties and can convert N-substituted hydroxylamines into amines,⁸ it was expected that the use of an excess of hydroxylamine would lead to the formation of the corresponding carbamoylamidoximes (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1

 $\begin{array}{c} OS & ON-OH \\ \parallel \parallel \\ RNHCCNR_{1}R_{2} \end{array} \xrightarrow{2 NH_{2}OH} RNHCC-NHOH \xrightarrow{NH_{2}OH} \\ ON-OH \\ \hline \\ H \parallel \\ \hline \\ RNHCC-NH_{2} \end{array}$

It was found that monothiooxamides 1a-d reacted with hydroxylamine in methanol even at room temperature (unlike thioamides, which, according to the literature data,⁹ react with hydroxylamine only upon prolonged heating). However, when we carried out the reaction at room temperature or upon boiling in methanol, we failed to isolate carbamoylamidoximes, except for only a small amount of N-substituted amidoxime 3d. Apparently, the reaction ceased at the stage of addition of hydroxylamine to the thioamide fragment to form unstable intermediates 2 (Scheme 2).



In this connection, we studied the effect of additives that can bind hydrogen sulfide and thus favor the formation of amidoxime. Using compound 1d as an example, we have established that the reaction in methanol in the presence of triethylamine (or in triethylamine by itself) afforded a mixture of water-soluble compounds, which are apparently products of alkylation of triethylamine with compound 2. We succeeded in performing the reaction with hydroxylamine in less basic pyridine. After boiling in pyridine for 45 min, the corresponding unsubstituted amidoxime 4d was formed in 90% yield. The reaction proceeded trough formation of substituted amidoxime 3d. When the reaction was carried out at room temperature, we succeeded in isolating the latter in 68% yield (Scheme 3).

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The suggested method is a general procedure, which made it possible to prepare various carbamoylamidoximes 4e-q in good yields (Scheme 4). It is advantageous to use N(S)-morpholine derivatives, which can be readily prepared from the corresponding chloroacetamides,⁶ as starting monothiooxamides. The synthesis of unsubstituted amidoximes starting from N(S)-substituted thioamides has not been reported previously.

Scheme 4



The reactions of hydroxylamine with compounds containing two monothiooxamide functional groups afforded bis-amidoximes (Scheme 5).



We have also demonstrated that carbamoylamidoximes can be synthesized in rather high yields according to a one-pot procedure by the reaction of the corresponding chloroacetamide with elemental sulfur and amine in pyridine followed by treatment of the reaction mixture with hydroxylamine hydrochloride without isolation of intermediate monothiooxamide that formed.



Therefore, we suggested a convenient procedure for the synthesis of carbamoylamidoximes from available compounds.

Experimental

The IR spectra were obtained on a Specord IR-80 spectrophotometer as KBr pellets. The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker WM-200 (200 MHz) and Bruker WM-250 (250 MHz) instruments in DMSO-d₆ relative to HMDS. The mass spectra were recorded on a Varian MAT CH-6 instrument with direct introduction of the sample into the ion source; the energy of ionizing electrons was 70 eV; the accelerating voltage was 1.75 kV. The melting points were measured on a Boetius table and were not corrected. All reaction mixtures were analyzed and the purities of the resulting compounds were monitored by TLC on Silufol UV 254 plates using an EtOAc—hexane mixture (1 : 1 by volume) as the eluent.

Reactions of N(O)-phenylthiooxamides with hydroxylamine

Preparation of the N-substituted amidoxime N(1)-phenyl-2-morpholino-2-hydroxyiminoacetamide (3d). A solution of NH₂OH in methanol (5 mL), which was prepared from NH₂OH · HCl (0.2 g, 2.8 mmol) and KOH (0.11 g, 2 mmol) and filtered, was added to a solution of N(S)-morpholino-N(O)-phenylthiooxamide 1d (0.10 g, 0.4 mmol) in methanol (9 mL) and DMF (1 mL). After 12 h (control by TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted with water (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The residue was recrystallized from a 1 : 1 ethanol-water mixture. Compound 3d was isolated in a yield of 0.6 g (68%), m.p. 139–141 °C. Found (%): C, 57.80; H, 6.00; N, 16.90. C₁₂H₁₅N₃O₂. Calculated (%): C, 57.83; H, 6.02; N, 16.87. ¹H NMR, δ : 3.35 (m, 4 H, -CH₂--); 3.65 (m, 4 H, -CH₂--); 7.05 (t, 1 H, H arom.); 7.30 (t, 2 H, H arom.); 7.65 (d, 2 H, H arom.); 10.15 (s, 1 H, NH); 10.25 (s, 1 H, OH). MS, m/z: 249 [M]⁺.

Preparation of N(2)-unsubstituted amidoximes (general procedure). NH₂OH · HCl (25 mmol) was added to a solution of thiooxamide (5 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 45 min (control by TLC) and cooled to 20 °C. Then water (50 mL) was added. After 12 h, the precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with water, and

Table 1. Characteristics of compounds 4d-q, 6, and 8

Compo- und	М	M.p. /°C	Yield (%)	Found Calculated (%)			Molecular formula
				С	H	N	
4d	179	147-149	90	<u>53.36</u> 53.60	<u>4.90</u> 5.00	<u>23.51</u> 23.50	C ₈ H ₉ N ₃ O ₂
4e	193	149-151	83	<u>55.75</u> 55.95	<u>5.70</u> 5.69	<u>21.90</u> 21.76	$C_9H_{11}N_3O_2$
4f	207	189—191	75	<u>57.20</u> 57.97	<u>6.10</u> 6.28	<u>20.40</u> 20.28	C ₁₀ H ₁₃ N ₃ O ₂
4g	193	124—126	80	<u>55.51</u> 55.96	<u>5.50</u> 5.69	<u>21.79</u> 21.76	$C_9H_{11}N_3O_2$
4hª	213.6	154-156	87	<u>43.95</u> 44.94	<u>3.55</u> 3.75	<u>20.33</u> 19.67	C ₈ H ₈ CIN ₃ O ₂
4i ⁵	248	139-142	96	<u>38.73</u> 38.74	<u>2.75</u> 2.84	<u>17.30</u> 16.94	$C_8H_7CI_2N_3O_2$
4j	224	179-181	45	<u>41.95</u> 42.86	<u>3,45</u> 3,57	<u>25.35</u> 25.00	C ₈ H ₈ N ₄ O ₄
4k	180	171-172	83	<u>46.85</u> 46.67	<u>4.30</u> 4.48	<u>31.00</u> 31.10	$C_7H_8N_4O_2$
41 ^c	259	215-217	94	<u>32.20</u> 32.46	<u>2.68</u> 2.72	<u>21.35</u> 21.63	$C_7H_7BrN_4O_2$
4m	258	223-225	70	<u>37.10</u> 37.21	<u>3.75</u> 3.88	<u>21.50</u> 21.71	$C_8H_{10}N_4O_4S$
4 n	186	229-231	59	<u>32.71</u> 32.26	<u>3,30</u> 3.23	<u>29.90</u> 30.10	$C_5H_6N_4O_2S$
40	278	224—226	76	<u>51.50</u> 51.79	<u>4.97</u> 5.04	<u>21.20</u> 20.14	$C_{12}H_{14}N_4O_2S$
4p	264	219-221	58	<u>50.35</u> 50.00	<u>4.75</u> 4.55	<u>21.05</u> 21.21	$C_{11}H_{12}N_4O_2S$
4q	240	232-233	86	<u>40.15</u> 40.00	<u>3.40</u> 3.33	<u>23.10</u> 23.33	C ₈ H ₈ N₄O ₅
6	420	250-252	77	<u>45.51</u> 45.71	<u>3.93</u> 3.81	<u>20.10</u> 20.00	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ N ₆ O ₆ S
8	280	209-210	30	<u>42.55</u> 42.86	<u>4.40</u> 4.29	<u>30.15</u> 30.00	$C_{10}H_{12}N_6O_4$

^a Content of Cl (%): found, 16.12; calculated, 16.59. ^b Content of Cl (%): found, 28.19; calculated, 28.58. ^c Content of Br (%): found, 31.10; calculated, 30.85.

Com-	. IR, v/cm ⁻¹			¹ Η NMR, δ				Mass spectrum, m/z	
und	ОН	NH ₂	C≈0 C≈N	Other signals	NH (s)	OH (s)	NH ₂ (s)	Other signals	$(I_{rel}(\mathcal{M}))$
4d	3500	3390 v _{as} 3320 v _s 1600 δ	1650	1520, 1440, 1370, 1300, 1240, 1100, 1020, 950, 920	9.50	9.90	5.70	7.10 (t, 1 H, H arom.); 7.30 (t, 2 H, H arom.); 7.70 (d, 2 H, H arom.)	179 [M] ⁺ (60), 162 (52), 144 (10), 132 (12), 119 (11), 104 (8)
4 e	3500	3400 v _{as} 3320 v _s	1640	1520, 1410, 1360, 1310, 1220, 1090, 1050, 990	9.20	9.90	5.80	2.20 (s, 3 H, CH ₃); 7.10-7.30 (m, 3 H, H arom.); 7.65 (d, 1 H, H arom.)	
4ſ	3500	3400 v _{as} 3310 v _s	1640	1510,1400, 1350, 1300, 1210, 1090, 1040, 1000	9.20	9.90	5.65	2.15 (s, 6 H, (CH ₃) ₂); 7.10 (s, 3 H, H arom.)	207 [M] ⁺ (27), 190 (39), 175 (50), 161 (5), 146 (21), 132 (10), 120 (18), 105 (13)
4g	3480	3350 v _{as} 3310 v _s	1660	1540, 1430, 1390, 1240, 1100, 1000	8.35	9.80	5.60	4.30 (d, 2 H,CH ₂); 7.30 (m, 5 H, H arom.)	193 [M] ⁺ (2), 176 (58), 159 (3), 148 (5), 132 (27), 106 (54)
4h	3420	3360 1600 δ	1770 1660	1540,1500, 1400, 1100, 980	9.75	10.00	5.70	7.35 (d, 2 H, H arom.); 7.75 (d, 2 H, H arom.)	213 [M] ⁺ (29), 196 (10), 178 (4), 153 (5), 138 (2), 127 (15), 111 (4)
4i	3500	3380 1590 δ	1710 1660	1590, 1530, 1480, 1370, 1300, 1140, 1030, 940	10.00	10.10	5.80	7.55 (d, 1 H, H arom.); 7.75 (d, 1 H, H arom.); 8.10 (s, 1 H, H arom.)	247 [M] ⁺ (23), 232 (10), 212 (4), 187 (10), 161 (18), 145 (5), 124 (13), 109 (8)
4j	3500	3370 v _{as} 3340 v _s	1690 1660	1520, 1440, 1350, 1280, 1250, 1100, 970, 920	10.10	10.20	5.80	7.60 (t, 1 H, H arom.); 7.90 (d, 1 H, H arom.); 8.10 (d, 1 H, H arom.); 8.70 (s, 1 H, H arom.)	224 [M] ⁺ (100), 207 (44), 194 (5), 177 (40), 164 (50), 149 (26), 138 (35), 122 (10), 118 (55), 106 (30)
4k	3480	3350	1700 1650	1590, 1520, 1480, 1370, 1300, 1140, 1030, 940	9.25	10.30 -	5.90	7.25 (t, 1 H, H arom.); 7.80 (t, 1 H, H arom.); 8.05 (d, 1 H, H arom.); 8.45 (d, 1 H, H arom.)	180 [M] ⁺ (24), 149 (100), 121 (57), 105 (4), 94 (20)
41	3480	3350	1700 1650	2890, 1570, 1530, 1480, 1380, 1300, 1100, 1020, 980	9.40	10.40	5.90	8.05 (m, 2 H, H arom.); 8.45 (s, 1 H, H arom.);	259/260 [M] ⁺ (20), 229 (100), 199 (54), 183 (4), 172 (20), 156 (39), 145 (17), 129 (2), 119 (16), 106 (2)
4m	3430	3390 v _{as} 3340 v _s 1590 δ	1690 1660	1520, 1410, 1400, 1360, 1300, 1160, 1100, 950	9.90	10.05	5.80*	7.20 (s, 2 H, NH ₂); 7.75 (d, 2 H, H arom.); 7.90 (d, 2 H, H arom.)	258 [M] ⁺ (90), 241 (62), 224 (9), 211 (10), 199 (20), 182 (38), 161 (30), 147 (29), 134 (11), 119 (20), 107 (20)
4n					10.40	11.30	5.90	7.25 (d, 1 H, -CH-); 7.50 (d, 1 H, -CH-)	186 [M] ⁺ (48), 171 (2), 155 (28), 127 (100), 111 (2), 100 (32)
40	3480	3350	1700	1560, 1540, 1470, 1360, 1290, 1200, 1100, 980	10. 2H,	.45 NH+OH	5.90	1.60 (m, 4 H, -CH ₂) 1.75 (m, 2 H, -CH ₂); 2.65 (m, 4 H, -CH ₂)	278 [M] ⁺ (22), 261 (9), 236 (2), 219 (25), 203 (2), 192 (10), 176 (15), 164 (20), 150 (10), 138 (15), 122 (9)
4p	3490	3340		2940, 2320, 1550, 1460, 1370, 1330, 1290, 1280, 1250, 1100	10 2H,N	.45 \H+OH	5.95	1.35 (s, 6 H, -CH ₂); 2.65 (s, 4 H, -CH ₂)	264 [M] ⁺ (11), 248 (3), 237 (4), 220 (8), 205 (7), 176 (10), 160 (2), 149 (11), 128 (2), 115 (2)
4q	3480	3350 1590	1700	1550, 1500, 1430, 1360, 1280, 1200, 1130, 1095, 980	10.40	11.30	5.90*	7.65 (s, 1 H, H arom.); 7.75 (m, 1 H, H arom.); 8.40 (d, 1 H, H arom.); 9.50 (s, 1 H,OH)	240 [M] ⁺ (20), 223 (10), 208 (30), 195 (4), 179 (12), 164 (6), 154 (12), 124 (10), 107 (10)
6	3480	3330		1590, 1520, 1400, 1370, 1305, 1160, 1105, 970	10 4H,N	.15 √H+OH	5.80 4 H	7.85 (d, 4 H, H arom.); 7.95 (d, 4 H, H arom.);	420 [M] ⁺ (5), 361 (2), 334 (10), 274 (10), 242 (6), 210 (4), 182 (3), 134 (2), 108 (20)
8	3460	3320 v _{as} 3260 v _s 1600 δ	1650	2920, 1550, 1520, 1455, 1360, 1100, 970	9.40	10.10	5.70 4 H	7.20 (m, 2 H, H arom.); 7.65 (m, 2 H, H arom.)	280 [M] ⁺ (20), 248 (8), 221 (10), 188 (9), 177 (98), 161 (32), 147 (15), 134 (70), 124 (20), 106 (33)

Table 2. Spectral characteristics of carbamoylamidoximes 4d-q, 6, and 8

dried. The precipitate was recrystallized from a 1 : 1.5 ethanol-water mixture.

The data of elemental analysis, the yields, and the spectral characteristics of compounds 44-q, 6, and 8 are given in Tables 1 and 2.

Preparation of carbamoylamidoximes without isolation of intermediate thiooxamide (general procedure)

A solution containing sulfur (0.20 g, 6 mmol), morpholine (0.90 mL, 0.90 g, 10 mmol), and pyridine (5.00 mL) was stirred for 30 min until a red-orange color appeared. Then the corresponding chloroacetamide (1 mmol) was added with stirring. After 30 min (control by TLC), the solution was filtered off from unconsumed sulfur. The filter was washed with pyridine (2 mL), and NH₂OH · HCl (0.40 g, 6 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 45 min (control by TLC). Then water (50 mL) was added. After 12 h, the precipitate that formed was filtered off. The filtrate was extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The combined precipitates were recrystallized from a 1 : 1.5 ethanol-water mixture.

N(1)-Phenyl-2-amino-2-hydroxyiminoacetamide (4d) (from N-phenyl-2-chloroacetamide 9d). The yield was 0.09 g (50%), m.p. 146-149 °C. The ¹H NMR and mass spectra coincide with the corresponding characteristics of sample 4d, which was prepared from monothiooxamide 1d according to the above-described procedure.

N(1)-(3-Nitrophenyl)-2-amino-2-hydroxyiminoacetamide (4i) (from N-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-chloroacetamide 9i). The yield was 0.11 g (47%), m.p. 179-181 °C. The ¹H NMR and mass spectra coincide with the spectra of sample 4i, which was prepared from monothiooxamide Ii according to the abovedescribed procedure.

N(1)-(2,6-Dimethyl)phenyl-2-amino-2-hydroxyiminoacetamide (4f) (from N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-2-chloroacetamide 91). The yield was 0.11 g (53%), m.p. 189-191 °C. The ¹H NMR and mass spectrua coincide with the spectra of sample 4f, which was prepared from monothiooxamide 1f according to the above-described procedure.

N(1)-[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-2-amino-2-hydroxyiminoacetamide (4m) (from N-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-2-chloroacetamide 9m). The yield was 0.18 g (68%), m.p. 223-225 °C. The ¹H NMR and mass spectra coincide with the spectra of sample 4m, which was prepared from monothiooxamide 1m according to the above-described procedure.

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