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SYNTHESIS OF 4-ALKYLTHIO-2-(o-HYDROXYPHENYL)-1,3,5-TRIAZINES
BY RECYCLIZATION OF 4-OXO-1,3-BENZOXAZINE PERCHLORATES

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A method has been developed for synthesis of 4-alkylthio-2-(o-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazines by treatment of 4-oxo-1,3-benzoxazine perchlorates with S-methyl, benzyl, and allyl-isothioureas.

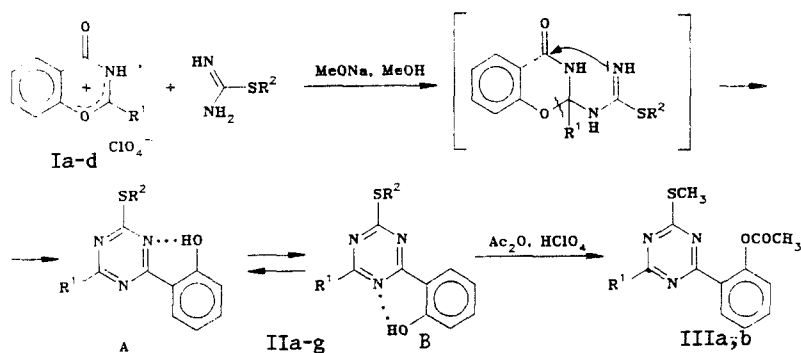
sym-Triazines with different substituents in the 2-, 4-, and 6-positions have been little studied [1, 2]. These compounds (particularly the alkylthio derivatives) show high herbicidal activity [3] and the mono and di (o-hydroxyphenyl)triazines are used as highly efficient light stabilizers of polymers [4, 5] with specific spectral properties.

2,4-Dihydroxyphenyl-sym-triazines with alkyl(aryl) thio substituents are obtained by a Friedel-Crafts reaction of the chlorotriazines with resorcinol [4]. Mono(o-hydroxyphenyl)-triazines can be made either by fission of 2-(2-methylisoureido)- and 2-benzamido-4-oxo-1,3-benzoxazines with sodium methylate or thiophene [4] or by recyclization of 2-phenyl-4-oxo-1,3-benzoxazines with the S-alkyl-isothiourea [4, 6]. The latter method, however, is limited by the difficulty in obtaining benzoxazines, particularly the 2-alkyl derivatives which often cannot be prepared because of crotonic-type self-condensation [7, 8].

In our work the recyclization method of synthesis of the triazines is significantly modified by the introduction of the more reactive and readily available 4-oxo-1,3-benzoxazine perchlorates Ia-d [9-11] in the reaction with S-allylisothioureas. The possibility of using this method has previously been reported for the synthesis of 2-methylthio-4,6-di-(o-hydroxyphenyl)-sym-triazine [12].

As a result we have obtained the previously unknown 4-alkylthio-2-(o-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazines IIa-g.

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I a $R^1 = \text{CH}_3$, b $R^1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, c $R^1 = 4\text{-CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$, d $R^1 = \text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_5$; IIa-c $R^2 = \text{CH}_3$,
 a $R^1 = \text{CH}_3$, b $R^1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, c $R^1 = \text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_5$, II d, e $R^2 = \text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, d $R^1 = \text{CH}_3$, e $R^1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$,
 II f, g $R^2 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, f $R^1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, g $R^1 = 4\text{-CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$, IIIa $R^1 = \text{CH}_3$, b $R^1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$

Triazine synthesis was carried out by adding the perchlorate Ia-d to a suspension of a twofold excess of the S-alkylisothioureia salt and sodium methylate in methanol. The reaction mixture was held at room temperature or given a short reflux (up to 10 min).

The triazines II are colorless or light yellow (IIc,e,f) finely crystalline materials, soluble in polar organic solvents (alcohol, chloroform, DMF) and virtually insoluble in water. The yields and properties of the triazines are given in Table 1.

Formation of the triazine ring was confirmed by the IR spectra, which showed the absence of the carbonyl band consistent with opening and splitting of the benzoxazine ring. In the multiple bond region the bands of highest frequency (with medium intensity) are due to overall vibrations of the triazine and aromatic rings at $1620\text{-}1505\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (triazines in the crystalline state) or $1625\text{-}1480\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (solutions in CCl_4) (see Table 1). Bands at $1333\text{-}1127\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the structure can be assigned to the stretching and deformation vibrations of the Ar-O and OH bonds, respectively. In the crystalline state the stretching vibration of the OH group appears as a low intensity, broad band in the region $3445\text{-}3190\text{ cm}^{-1}$. In CCl_4 solution this absorption is shifted to the lower frequency of $3055\text{-}2980\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and appears as a broad band whose position and shape do not depend on concentration. Along with the shift of the phenolic proton NMR signal for the triazines II (Table 2) from 4.0-7.5 ppm (characteristic of free phenols [13, 14]) to 12.5-12.8 ppm, this points to a moderately strong intramolecular hydrogen bond between the phenolic hydroxyl and the triazine atom N_1 or N_3 (isomers A or B).

The presence of the phenolic hydroxyl in the synthesized molecules was confirmed by the violet or light brown (IIb, e-g, $R^1 = \text{Ar}$) coloration of alcoholic solutions with FeCl_3 and by their reaction with acetic anhydride under acidic catalysis conditions. The acetates IIIa, b thus formed did not show a phenolic reaction with alcoholic FeCl_3 and the bands due to the OH group in the IR spectrum are replaced by intense bands at 1755 and 1735 cm^{-1} due to the phenol esters [15]. In the NMR spectrum of acetate IIIb (Table 2) the phenolic proton signal is absent and a signal due to the OCOCH_3 methyl protons is observed at 2.2 ppm.

Triazines IIb, c were also synthesized [4] in 45 and 54% yields by reaction of S-methylisothioureia with 2-phenyl and 2-styryl-4-oxo-1,3-benzoxazines (obtained by deprotonation of the corresponding perchlorates Ib, d [9, 11]). Triazines IIa, b were obtained by treating N-acetyl- and N-benzoylsalicylamides with S-methylisothioureia but in less than 12% yields.

EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra for all the triazines were recorded on an IR-75 instrument in the region $3700\text{-}700\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in Vaseline mull or as films prepared by evaporating CCl_4 solutions. Triazines IIa, b and IIIb were also recorded in CCl_4 in the concentration range 10^{-1} to 10^{-2} mole/liter with $cd = \text{const}$. The NMR spectra of triazine solutions were recorded on a Tesla BS-487C (80 MHz) at 20°C using HMDS as internal standard. The purity and identity of the triazines were monitored by TLC (Al_2O_3 , CHCl_3).

2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-4-methylthio-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazine (IIa). S-Methylisothioureia sulfate (1.39 g, 5 mmoles) and then the benzoxazine perchlorate Ia (1.3 g, 5 mmoles) [9] were added to a solution of sodium methylate prepared from sodium (0.23 g, 10 mmoles) and methanol (10 ml). After 10 h the reaction mixture was poured onto ice and the precipitate filtered off, washed twice with water and dried (vacuum desiccator) over P_2O_5 to give 0.72 g of product with mp $88\text{-}89^\circ\text{C}$ (from isobutanol).

TABLE 1. Data for 4-Alkylthio-2-(o-hydroxyphenyl)triazines

Com- pound	Empirical formula	Mp, °C†	IR Spectrum in Vaseline mull (or CCl ₄), cm ⁻¹								Yield, %	
			OH	C=N and C≡C _{arom}		Ar-O and OH						
IIa	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₃ OS	88...89	3425 (3055)	1590 1625	1535 1525	1515 1510	1310 1305	1270 1265	1250 1245	1145 (1140)	62	
IIb	C ₁₆ H ₁₃ N ₃ OS	146	3425 (2987)	1620 1593	1590 1560	1530 1480	1510 1333	1310 1273	1250 1253	1150 (1147)	81	
IIc	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ N ₃ OS	86...87	3210 (2980)	1613 1613	1580 1573	1513 1487	1500 1307	1300 1260	1253 1153	1160 (1127)	57	
IIId	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ N ₃ OS	90...91	3190	1620	1598	1541	1523	1315	1280	1250	1160	86
IIe	C ₂₂ H ₁₇ N ₃ OS	154...155	3425	1620	1590		1510	1325	1250	1170	1150	85
IIf	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ N ₃ OS	102...103	3445	1620	1588		1510	1310	1250	1240	1170	80
IIg	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₂ S	106...107	3395		1595	1515	1505	1315	1255	1175		48

*Molecular weights for IIa (233), IIIf (321), and IIg (351) were determined by mass spectrometry on an MI-1305 (ionization energy 70 eV) in agreement with those calculated.

†Compounds IIa, b were recrystallized from isobutanol, IIc-f from isopropanol, and IIg from petroleum ether.

TABLE 2. ¹H NMR Spectra of Triazines II and III, δ, ppm*

Com- pound	S-alkyl protons	Aromatic protons	OH (1H, s)†	Other protons
IIa	2.51 (3H, s, CH ₃)	6.8...8.4 (4H, m)	12.52	2.49 (3H, s, CH ₃)
IIb	2.55 (3H, s, CH ₃)	6.8...8.5 (9H, m)	12.81	—
IIId	4.22 (2H, s, CH ₂)	6.6...8.2 (9H, m)	—	2.42 (3H, s, CH ₃)
IIe	3.94 (2H, s, CH ₂)	6.8...8.5 (14H, m)	12.75	—
IIIf	3.73 (2H, d, J=6 Hz, CH ₂); 4.9...6.0 (3H, m, CH=CH ₂)	6.7...8.3 (9H, m)	12.67	—
IIg	3.73 (2H, d, J=6 Hz, CH ₂); 4.9...6.0 (3H, m, CH=CH ₂)	6.6...8.3 (8H, m)	12.70	3.66 (3H, s, OCH ₃)
IIIb	2.56 (3H, s, CH ₃)	7.0...8.6 (9H, m)	—	2.20 (3H, s, OCOCH ₃)

*Triazine IIa, b, e-g spectra recorded in CDCl₃, IIId in CF₃COOH, IIIb in CCl₄.

†Phenolic proton signals disappeared upon deuteration.

Similar reactions of perchlorates Ia, b, d [9, 11] with S-methyl and S-benzylisothiurea gave the triazines IIb-e (see Table 1).

Elemental analytical data for C, H, N, and S agreed with that calculated.

4-(Allylthio)-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine (IIIf). Perchlorate Ib [9] (1.62 g, 5 mmoles) was added to a suspension of S-allylisothiurea hydrobromide (1.97 g, 10 mmoles) in sodium methylate prepared from sodium (0.23 g) and methanol (10 ml), which had been heated to solution. The product was refluxed for 10 min, left for 12 h, and the precipitate formed was filtered off, washed twice with water, and dried over P₂O₅ to give 1.3 g of product with mp 102-103°C (from 2-propanol).

4-(Allylthio)-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (IIg) was obtained similarly from perchlorate IIc [10]. Chromatographic purification gave a 48% yield with R_f 0.69 (Al₂O₃, CHCl₃).

2-(2-Acetoxyphenyl)-4-methylthio-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazine (IIIa, C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₂S). Two drops of HClO₄ (70%) were added with stirring to a suspension of triazine IIa (1.16 g, 5 mmoles) in acetic anhydride (3 ml). The reaction mixture was heated to solution, left overnight, poured into water, neutralized by Na₂CO₃, and extracted with ether. The extract was dried with anhydrous CaCl₂ and the solvent evaporated to give the triazine (0.49 g, 36%) with mp 59-60°C (from water). IR spectrum: 1735 (OCOCH₃), 1620 and 1538 (C=N and C=C_{arom}), 1240 cm⁻¹ (C-O).

2-(2-Acetoxyphenyl)-4-methylthio-6-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine (IIIb, C₁₈H₁₅N₃O₂S). Two drops of HClO₄ (70%) were added with stirring to a suspension of the triazine IIb (0.74 g, 2.5 mmoles) in acetic anhydride (3 ml). After 2 h the reaction mixture was poured into ice and the precipitate filtered, washed twice with water, and dried (P₂O₅) to give the product (0.67 g, 80%) with mp 94-95°C (from 2-propanol). IR spectrum (Vaseline mull): 1746 and 1733 (OCOCH₃), 1580, 1560, 1546, and 1493 (C=N and C=C_{arom}), 1333, 1220, 1186, and 1160 cm⁻¹ (C-O).

IR spectrum (CCl₄): 1760 (OCOCH₃), 1587, 1560, and 1493 (C=N and C=C_{arom}), 1340, 1220, and 1173 cm⁻¹ (C-O).

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