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[1,2-b:3,4-b']DIPYRAN-2-ONES

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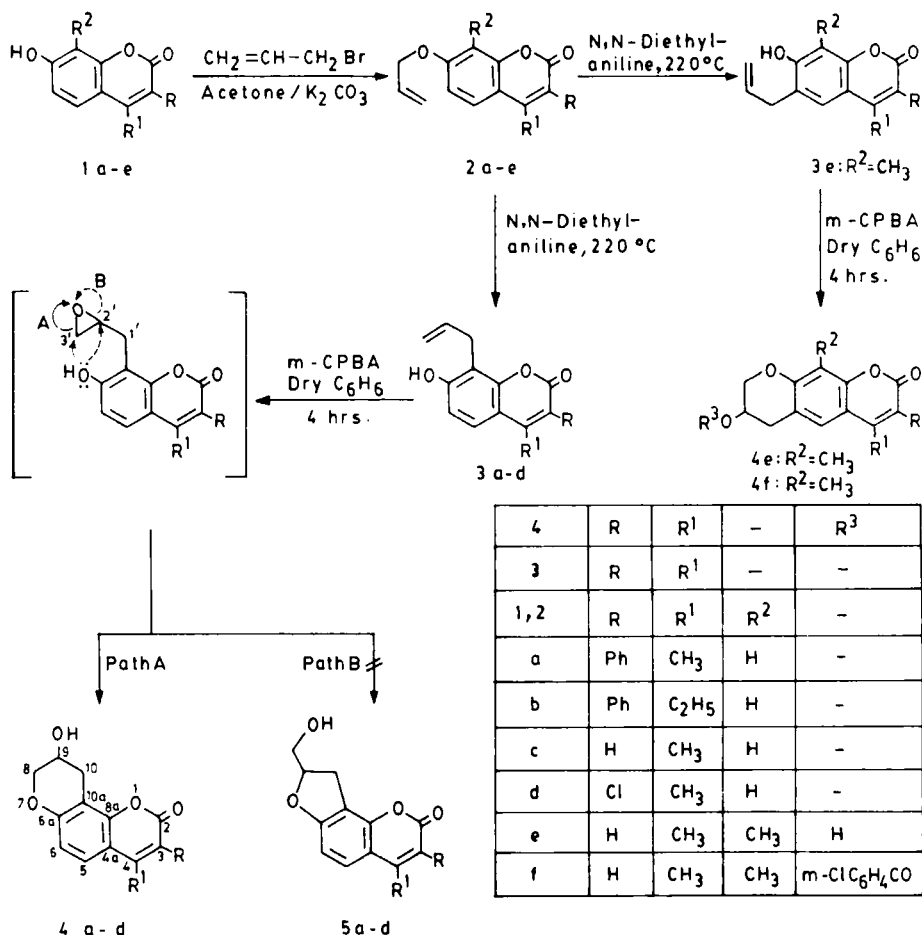
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**ABSTRACT:** Oxidation of o-allyl-7-hydroxycoumarins with m-CPBA gave the corresponding 9,10-dihydro-9-hydroxy-2H,8H-benzo [1,2-b:3,4-b']dipyrans-2-ones.

In view of the interesting physiological properties of coumarins<sup>1</sup> we reported earlier the synthesis of several new pyrano and furanocoumarins by adopting new routes<sup>2-4</sup>. In this paper we report the results of the reaction of o-allyl-7-hydroxy-4-methylcoumarins (3a-e) with m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (m-CPBA) to give the exclusively 9,10-dihydro-9-hydroxy-4-methyl-2H,8H-benzo [1,2-b:3,4-b'] dipyrans-2-ones (4a-d & f). However, Murray et al.<sup>5</sup> reported that oxidation of osthenol (8-γ, γ-dimethylallyl-7-hydroxycoumarin) with m-CPBA furnished dihydrofuranocoumarin [(+) columbianetin] under neutral conditions and dihydropyranscoumarin [(+) lomatin] under acidic conditions.

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SCHEME-1

7-Hydroxycoumarins (1a-e) were allylated with allyl bromide to give corresponding 7-allyloxycoumarins (2a-e) in about 97% yield. These compounds, 2a-e on Claisen rearrangement in N,N-diethylaniline afford o-allyl-7-hydroxycoumarins (3a-e) in good yields (96%). The melting points and spectral data of 2a-e and 3a-e are in agreement with earlier reported data<sup>2</sup>.

Table 1  
Physical and spectral data of 4a-d & 4f

Compd.	Yield* (%)	m.p. °C	Molecular formula	IR(KBr) (C-H)	max $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C=O)	UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (log $\epsilon$ )	MeOH nm	Mass data** (m/e)
4a	75	206	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$	3500	1710	218 (4.63) 252 (3.87)sh 262 (3.80)sh 330 (4.40)		308 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 289 (25), 280 (60), 264 (25), 236 (80)
4b	75	188	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$	3450	1705	218 (4.65) 250 (3.98)sh 263 (3.96)sh 330 (4.38)		322 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 303 (15), 294 (60), 278 (20), 250 (60)
4c	73	123	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4$	3250	1705	218 (4.60) 250 (3.96)sh 262 (3.90) sh 330 (4.41)		232 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 213 (15), 204 (50), 188 (15), 160 (40)
4d	72	200	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4\text{Cl}$	3400	1710	218 (4.59) 252 (3.97)sh 260 (3.91)sh 330 (4.41)		266 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 247 (25), 238 (55), 222 (15), 194 (45)
4f	52	197	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_5\text{Cl}$	3200	1740 1710	218 (4.57) 248 (3.99)sh 260 (3.98)sh 330 (4.38)		384 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 2), 246 (100), 218 (50), 202 (20), 174 (50), 141 (20), 139 (45), 113 (15), 111 (25)

\* Recrystallised from methanol. All products gave satisfactory elemental analysis.

\*\* Ionisation was carried out at 70 eV by electron impact, samples were introduced directly. Prominent peaks mentioned

Table 2

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Equimolar amounts of 8-allyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenyl-coumarin (3a) and m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid were dissolved in dry benzene and refluxed for 4 hrs. Work up of the reaction mixture gave a semi-solid, which was chromatographed over a column of silica gel using benzene:chloroform (1:1 v/v) to give 9,10-dihydro-9-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenyl-2H,8H-benzo [ 1,2-b:3,4-b' ] dipyrans-2-one (4a), m.p. 206°C; IR(KBr) 3500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (OH), 1710  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=O). Its PMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) spectrum showed a signal pattern characteristic of -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CHOH-CH<sub>2</sub>- as a part of a ring system. The C<sub>8</sub>-axial and C<sub>8</sub>-equatorial protons resonated at  $\delta$  3.63 ( $J_{8H_{ax}, 8H_{eq}} = 11.44$  Hz;  $J_{8H_{ax}, 9H} = 6.61$  Hz) and 3.79 ( $J_{8H_{eq}, 8H_{ax}} = 11.44$  Hz;  $J_{8H_{eq}, 9H} = 3.32$  Hz), respectively, as two double doublets. The C-9 proton resonated at  $\delta$  5.23 as a complex multiplet and the C<sub>9</sub>-OH resonated as a broad singlet at  $\delta$  2.02. The C<sub>10</sub>-axial and C<sub>10</sub>-equatorial protons resonated at  $\delta$  3.16 ( $J_{10H_{ax}, 10H_{eq}} = 15.94$  Hz;  $J_{10H_{ax}, 9H} = 6.96$  Hz) and 3.39 ( $J_{10H_{eq}, 10H_{ax}} = 15.94$  Hz;  $J_{10H_{eq}, 9H} = 9.63$  Hz), respectively, as two double doublets. The resonances due to the coumarin ring appeared at their expected positions (Table 2).

In MS, in addition to the peaks characteristic of the coumarin ring system, 4a also showed M-1-18 [ M-(H+H<sub>2</sub>O) ] (pyrelum ion), M-44 [ M-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O ], M-28-44 [ M-(CO+C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O) ]. These peaks are characteristic of the newly formed 9,10-dihydro-9-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenyl-2H,8H-benzo [ 1,2-b:3,4-b' ] dipyrans-2-one (4a) system. The completely decoupled <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 4a, also supports the structure assigned to 4a. The carbon resonances due to the hydroxy

dihydropyran unit,  $-O-CH_2-CHOH-CH_2-$  appeared at 62.17, 84.85 and 26.95 ppm respectively. In the off resonance decoupled spectrum the C-8 appeared as a triplet, C-9 as a doublet and C-10 as a triplet. Similarly, compounds 3b-d were subjected to m-CPBA oxidation to yield angularly fused dihydropyranocoumarins, 4b-d and their characterisation data are given in Tables 1 & 2. In the m-CPBA oxidation of 3e, the product of the reaction was identified as 7,8-dihydro-4,10-dimethyl-2-oxo-2H,6H-benzo [1,2-b:5,4-b'] dipyrans-7-yl-3-chlorobenzoate (4f), instead of (4e).

The regioselective formation of 9,10-dihydro-9-hydroxy-2H,8H-benzo [1,2-b:3,4-b'] dipyrans-2-ones (4a-d) is explained by considering initial formation of an epoxide. Intramolecular attack of the epoxide by the adjacent phenolic OH may be either at C-3' to give 4a-d or at C-2' to give (5a-d). Since the C-3' position is sterically less hindered than C-2', the phenolic OH attacks C-3' of the epoxide to give 4a-d exclusively<sup>6</sup> (Scheme 1).

## EXPERIMENTAL

The compounds 1a<sup>7</sup>, 1b<sup>7</sup>, 1c<sup>8</sup>, 1d<sup>9</sup> and 1e<sup>10</sup> were prepared as per the procedures reported in literature. These compounds were successively allylated to give 2a<sup>7</sup>, 2b<sup>7</sup>, 2c<sup>11</sup>, 2d<sup>2</sup> and 2e<sup>12</sup>. The Claisen rearrangement of 2a-e furnished 3a<sup>2</sup>, 3b, 3c<sup>11</sup>, 3d<sup>2</sup> and 3e<sup>12</sup>, respectively.



**Typical procedure for 9,10-dihydro-9-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenyl-2H,8H-benzo [1,2-b:3,4-b']dipyran-2-one (4a)**

8-Allyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-3-phenylcoumarin (3a) (1 mmol) and m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (1 mmol) were dissolved in dry benzene (100 ml) and refluxed for 4 hrs on a water bath. After cooling to room temperature, the separated m-chlorobenzoic acid was removed by filtration and the benzene solution was washed with 2% aq.sodium bicarbonate (2 x 50 ml, to remove traces of acid), with water, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the product thus obtained was subjected to column chromatography over silica gel (30 g, ACME, 200 mesh). Elution with benzene-chloroform (1:1 v/v) (200 ml) gave 4a which was crystallised from methanol as colourless crystals (0.45 g, 75% yield), m.p. 206°C.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ; 22.63 MHz; fully decoupled):  $\delta$  162.45 (C-2), 121.64 (C-3), 147.63 (C-4), 112.28 (C-4a), 129.44 (C-5), 112.86 (C-6), 159.14 (C-6a), 105.39 (C-10a), 148.67 (C-8a), 134.18 (C-1'), 127.23 (C-2' & C-6'), 126.77 (C-3' & C-5'), 125.60 (C-4'), 15.57 ( $\text{C}_4\text{-CH}_3$ ), 62.17 (C-8), 84.85 (C-9), 26.95 (C-10).

Compounds 4b-d and 4f were prepared similarly by the above procedure and their characterisation data are given in Tables 1 & 2.

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