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## New Pathway of the Reaction of Hetareno[*a*]pyrrole-2,3-diones with NH Nucleophiles

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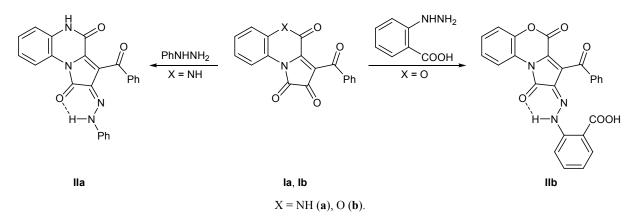
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It was shown previously that 4-acyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2,3-diones fused at the N<sup>1</sup>–C<sup>5</sup> bond to various heterocycles (hetareno[*a*]pyrrole-2,3-diones) react with mono- and difunctional nucleophiles via initial addition at the C<sup>1</sup> or C<sup>3a</sup> carbon atom of the hetareno[*a*]pyrrole skeleton [1].

By reactions of 3-benzoylpyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline-1,2,4(5*H*)-trione (**Ia**) with phenylhydrazine and of 3-benzoyl-1*H*-benzo[*b*]pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,4]oxazine-1,2,4-trione (**Ib**) with 2-hydrazinobenzoic acid (reactant molar ratio 1:1, anhydrous acetonitrile, 1–3 min under reflux; TLC monitoring), we obtained products resulting from nucleophilic attack at the C<sup>2</sup> carbon atom, (*Z*)-3-benzoyl-2-(2-phenylhydrazono)pyrrolo-[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline-1,4(2*H*,5*H*)-dione (**IIa**) and (*Z*)-2-{2-(3-benzoyl)-1,4-dioxo-1*H*-benzo[*b*]pyrrolo-[1,2-*d*][1,4]-oxazin-2(4*H*)-ylidenehydrazino}benzoic acid (**IIb**). The product structure was proved by X-ray analysis of compound **IIb**. Although the possibility for other (than those indicated above [1]) direction of nucleophilic attack on 4-acyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2,3-diones fused at the  $N^1-C^5$  bond to various heterocycles was theoretically predicted about 20 years ago [2], products of such reactions were isolated for the first time.

(*Z*)-3-Benzoyl-2-(2-phenylhydrazono)pyrrolo-[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline-1,4(2*H*,5*H*)-dione (IIa). A solution of 1.0 mmol of phenylhydrazine in 10 ml of anhydrous acetonitrile was added to a solution of 1.0 mmol of compound Ia in 30 ml of anhydrous acetonitrile. The mixture was heated for 3 min under reflux and cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off. Yield 69%, mp 241–243°C (from DMF). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3350, 3200 (NH); 1680 (C<sup>1</sup>=O); 1660 (C<sup>4</sup>=O); 1630 (COPh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 6.99–7.68 m (11H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 8.03 d (2H, *o*-H in COPh, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 8.69 d (1H, 9-H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 11.22 s (1H, 5-H), 13.31 s (1H, NHPh). Found, %: C 70.53; H 3.91;



N 13.75.  $C_{24}H_{16}N_4O_3$ . Calculated, %: C 70.58; H 3.95; N 13.72.

2-[(Z)-2-(3-Benzoyl-1,4-dioxo-1H-benzo[b]pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,4]oxazin-2(4H)-ylidene)hydrazino]benzoic acid (IIb). A solution of 1.0 mmol of 2-hydrazinobenzoic acid hydrochloride in 30 ml of a 10:1 mixture of anhydrous acetonitrile and DMSO was added to a solution of 1.0 mmol of compound Ib in 30 ml of anhydrous acetonitrile. The mixture was heated for 1 min under reflux and cooled, and the precipitate was filtered off. Yield 47%, mp 275-277°C (from acetonitrile). IR spectrum, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3300 br, 3200 (OH, NH), 1732 (C<sup>1</sup>=O), 1669 (COOH), 1636 (COPh). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 7.23–8.12 m (12H,  $H_{arom}$ ), 8.63 d (1H, 9-H, J = 8.0 Hz), 10.24 s (1H, 5-H), 13.70 s (1H, COOH), 14.87 s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 66.21; H 3.29; N 9.24. C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>. Calculated, %: C 66.23; H 3.33; N 9.27.

The X-ray diffraction data for compound **IIb** were acquired on an Xcalibur S automatic diffractometer  $[\lambda(MoK_{\alpha}) 0.71073 \text{ Å}, \text{ temperature } 295(2) \text{ K}, \omega\text{-scanning through a step of 1°, crystal to detector distance 50 mm] according to standard procedure. Total of 7184 reflections were measured, 5783 of which were$ 

independent ( $R_{int}$  0.0304) and 2438 reflections were characterized by  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ . No correction for absorption was introduced. Triclinic crystal, space group *P*-1; unit cell parameters: a = 8.463(2), b = 11.609(3), c =12.8717(19) Å;  $\alpha = 83.952(16)$ ,  $\beta = 76.505(17)$ ,  $\gamma =$ 85.75(2)°. Final divergence factors:  $R_1 = 0.0394$ ,  $wR_2 =$ 0.0775 for reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ; goodness of fit S = 1.004; maximal and minimal residual electron densities 0.347 and  $-0.185 \ \bar{e}/\text{Å}^3$ .

The IR spectra were recorded on an FSM-1201 spectrometer from samples dispersed in mineral oil. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AM-400 instrument (400 MHz) using DMSO- $d_6$  as solvent and tetramethylsilane as internal reference.

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