Reactions of 3,3,3-trichloro(trifluoro)-1-nitropropenes with 2-morpholinoalk-1-enes

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The reaction of 3,3,3-trichloro(trifluoro)-1-nitropropenes with 2-morpholinoalk-1-enes affords the nitroalkylated Z-enamines whose subsequent hydrolysis results in 2-trihalomethyl-1-nitroalkan-4-ones.

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Due to high electrophilicity of the double bond, 3,3,3-trichloro(trifluoro)-1-nitropropenes find ever increasing application as CCl₃- and CF₃-containing synthons for the preparation of polyfunctional compounds in both the reactions with nucleophilic reagents $^{1-5}$ and the cycloaddition reactions.^{6–11} Recently,¹² we have described an example of a tandem [4+2]/[3+2] cycloaddition where these nitroalkenes acted as the heterodiene and dipolarophile in the reaction with 2,3-dihydrofuran. The data on the reactions of polyhaloalkylated nitroolefins with enamines are very limited. It is only known that the reaction of 3,3,3-trifluoro-1-nitropropene with ethyl 3-morpholinocrotonate affords the cyclobutane derivative as a result of [2+2] carbocyclization¹³ and the reactions of polyfluoroalkylated nitroalkenes with enamines of cycloalkanones and acetophenone afford β -polyfluoroalkyl γ -nitro ketones.¹⁴ In the present work, we studied the features of the reactions of 3,3,3-trichloro and 3,3,3-trifluoro-1-nitropropenes (1a,b) with 2-morpholinoalk-1-enes (morpholine enamines of pinacoline and acetophenone) in polar (dichloromethane) and non-polar (benzene) solvents under the conditions of the kinetic control.

Results and Discussion

It was established that the reaction of nitroalkenes **1a**,**b** with 3,3-dimethyl-2-morpholinobut-1-ene (**2**), which is prepared from pinacoline and morpholine, in dichloromethane for 3 days (**1a**) or 2 h (**1b**) at room tempearature affords nitroalkylated enamines **3a**,**b** in yields of 68 and 72%, respectively, which are hydrolyzed almost quantitatively into γ -nitro ketones **4a**,**b** upon treatment with dilute HCl in ethanol (Scheme 1). In the case of more reactive

 CF_3 -nitroalkene **1b**, the yield of compound **3b** increases to 87% if the reaction is performed without solvent for 0.5 h. The formation of compounds **3** proceeds as the Michael addition through the betaine intermediate **A**, which, under these conditions, does not undergo intramolecular cyclization into cyclobutane or cyclic nitronate (1,2-oxazine *N*-oxide). Such reaction pathway would be expected



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based on the known data^{15–20} on the reactions of enamines with the non-halogenated analogs of nitroalkenes 1. Compounds **3b** and **4b** have been prepared earlier²¹ from enamine **2** and 2-diazo-3,3,3-trifluoro-1-nitropropane; however, the configuration of the double bond in **3b** was not established.

X-ray diffraction study of the sample of **3a** showed that its double bond has the Z-configuration (Fig. 1). This conclusion can be expanded to the fluorinated analog **3b**, since the ¹H NMR spectra of compounds **3a,b** in CDCl₃ are very similar and characterized by the close chemical shifts of the protons of the aliphatic chain (taking into account the large deshielding effect of the trichloromethyl group compared to the trifluoromethyl one) and the presence of the AMX spin system with the spin-spin coupling constants $J_{A,M} = 11.4-11.8$ Hz, $J_{A,X} = 9.0$ Hz, and $J_{M,X} = 3.8-5.1$ Hz.

The replacement of dichloromethane for non-polar benzene or hexane in the case of compound **1b** does not result in new products, while, in the case of compound **1a**, the reaction proceeds mainly as [4+2] cycloaddition to afford a mixture of 1,2-oxazine *N*-oxide **5** (84%), cyclobutane **6** (8%), and enamine **3a** (8%) (¹H NMR spectral data) (Scheme 2). When the resulting mixture was treated with an aqueous solution of acetic acid for 6 h, enamine **3a** formed in a yield of 68%. We failed to isolate oxazine **5** in the pure form due to easy ring opening to form compound **3a**. The bulky trichloromethyl group occupies the equatorial *tert*-butyl group, which is indicated by the large spin-spin coupling constans for the protons of the CH₂ group with the axial H(4) atom (³J = 10.5 Hz and ³J = 7.5 Hz).

It is known that the reactions of enamine 7 derived from morpholine and acetophenone with 2-diazo-3,3,3trifluoro-1-nitropropane $(C_6H_6, ~20 \ ^\circ C, 1 \ h)^{21}$ and nitroalkene **1b** $(CH_2Cl_2, ~20 \ ^\circ C, 2 \ h)^{14}$ afford γ -nitro ketone **8b**. We performed the reaction of nitro alkenes **1a,b** with enamine **7** in benzene and, after acid hydrolysis of the



Fig. 1. Molecular structure of compound 3a.





reaction mixture, obtained γ -nitro ketones **8a,b** in yields of 77–87% (Scheme 3). The intermediate nitroalkylated enamines have not been isolated in this case due to their easy hydrolysis by the atmospheric moisture. The distinctive feature of the ¹H NMR spectra of γ -nitro ketones **4a,b** and **8a,b**, among which **4a** and **8a** were prepared for the first time, is a significant difference in the values of constans for the geminal methylene protons at the C=O group (²J = 18.2–18.6 Hz) and nitro group (²J = 13.6–14.2 Hz).



X = Cl(a), F(b)

The synthetic value of the carbonyl and nitro groups is well-known; therefore, the γ -nitro ketones desribed in the present work are of definite interest as substrates for subsequent syntheses based on them, in particular, for the preparation of γ -nitro and γ -amino β -trihalomethylalkanols. Our preliminary results on reduction of nitro ketone **4b** with sodium borohydride and lithium aluminum hydride showed that the former reaction is chemoselective (only the carbonyl group is reduced, the ratio of diastereomers **9** is 1 : 1, and the yield is 83%), and the latter is diastereoselective (both functional groups are reduced, the ratio of diastereomers **10** isolated in the form of hydrochlorides is 1 : 10, and the yield is 47%) (Scheme 4).

Thus, the reactions of 3,3,3-trichloro(trifluoro)-1nitropropenes with 2-morpholinoalk-1-enes afford nitroalkylated Z-enamines and β -trihalomethyl- γ -nitroketones, which are of interest for the synthesis of polyfunctional CCl₃- and CF₃-containing compounds.



Experimental

IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer Spectrum BX-II instrument in KBr pellets. ¹H, ¹⁹F, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-400 (400, 376, and 100 MHz, respectively) and Bruker Avance II (500 MHz) spectrometers in CDCl₃ and C_6D_6 using Me₄Si and C_6F_6 as internal standards. Nitro alkenes **1a,b** (see Refs 1 and 22), as well as enamines **2** and **7** (see Refs 23 and 24) were prepared according to known procedures.

(Z)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-morpholino-6-nitro-5-trichloromethylhex-3-ene (3a). To a solution of enamine 2 (1.69 g, 10.0 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (2 mL), a solution of nitro alkene 1a (1.90 g, 10.0 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (5 mL) was added dropwise with stirring over 15 min. The mixture was stirred for three days at ~ 20 °C, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from pentane to give enamine 3a in a yield of 2.43 g (68%), m.p. 79-80 °C. Found (%): C, 43.38; H, 5.94; N, 7.76. C₁₃H₂₁Cl₃N₂O₃. Calculated (%): C, 43.41; H, 5.88; N, 7.79. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 1645, 1561, 1377, 1353. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 1.16 (s, 9 H, Bu^t); 2.84–2.93 (m, 2 H, N(CHH)₂); 3.00–3.08 (m, 2 H, N(CH<u>H</u>)₂); 3.70 (br.s, 4 H, O(CH₂)₂); 4.46 (dd, 1 H, H(6a), J = 11.4 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz; 4.86 (td, 1 H, H(5), J = 9.4 Hz, J = 3.8 Hz; 5.06 (dd, 1 H, H(6b), J = 11.4 Hz, J = 3.8 Hz); 5.40 (d, 1 H, H(4), J = 9.8 Hz). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 0.97 (s, 9 H, Bu^t); 2.65–2.80 (m, 4 H, N(CH₂)₂); 3.52–3.64 (m, 4 H, $O(CH_2)_2$; 3.86 (dd, 1 H, H(6a), J = 11.4 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz); 4.44 (dd, 1 H, H(6b), J = 11.4 Hz, J = 3.9 Hz); 4.82 (td, 1 H, H(5),J = 9.3 Hz, J = 3.9 Hz); 5.22 (d, 1 H, H(4), J = 9.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 30.4 (C(1)), 40.4 (C(2)), 52.5 (NCH₂), 56.6 (C(6)), 67.7 (OCH₂), 78.0 (C(5)), 99.9 (CCl₃), 116.3 (C(4)), 164.9 (C(3)).

(Z)-2,2-Dimethyl-3-morpholino-6-nitro-5-trifluoromethylhex-3-ene (3b) was prepared from enamine 2 and nitro alkene 1b according to the procedure described for compound 3a (the duration of stirring was 2 h and the yield was 72%); if the reaction is performed without solvent for 0.5 h, the yield was 87%, m.p. $98-99 \degree C$ (*cf.* Ref. 21: m.p. $98-99 \degree C$). IR, v/cm⁻¹: 1653, 1562, 1383, 1351. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 1.12 (s, 9 H, Bu^t); 2.95 (t, 4 H, N(CH₂)₂, J = 4.4 Hz); 3.70 (t, 4 H, O(CH₂)₂, J = 4.4 Hz); 4.36 (dd, 1 H, H(6a), J = 11.8 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz); 4.45–4.57 (m, 1 H, H(5)); 4.71 (dd, 1 H, H(6b), J = 11.8 Hz, J = 5.1 Hz); 5.19 (d, 1 H, H(4), J = 10.1 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 92.1 (d, CF₃, J = 8.2 Hz). **2,2-Dimethyl-6-nitro-5-trichloromethylhexan-3-one (4a).** A mixture of enamine **3a** (0.36 g, 1.0 mmol), 0.1 *M* HCl (2 mL), and ethanol (2 mL) was stirred for 4 h at 50 °C, cooled to ~20 °C, extracted with dichloromethane (3×2 mL), and dried with Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, a light-yellow oil of the title compound was obtained. The yield was 0.26 g (88%). Found (%): C, 37.04; H, 4.75; N, 4.97. C₉H₁₄Cl₃NO₃. Calculated (%): C, 37.02; H, 4.86; N, 4.82. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 1711, 1563, 1377, 1355. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 1.21 (s, 9 H, Bu¹); 2.96 (dd, 1 H, H(4a), *J* = 18.6 Hz, *J* = 8.1 Hz); 3.36 (dd, 1 H, H(4b), *J* = 18.6 Hz, *J* = 3.3 Hz); 4.16 (dddd, 1 H, H(5), *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 5.9 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz, *J* = 3.3 Hz); 4.52 (dd, 1 H, H(6a), *J* = 13.8 Hz, *J* = 5.9 Hz); 4.92 (dd, 1 H, H(6b), *J* = 13.8 Hz, *J* = 4.7 Hz).

2,2-Dimethyl-6-nitro-5-trifluoromethylhexan-2-one (4b) was prepared analogously. The yield was 91%, b.p. 90–91 °C (2 Torr) (*cf.* Ref. 21: b.p 90–91 °C (2 Torr)). IR, v/cm⁻¹: 1712, 1566, 1380, 1339. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 1.19 (s, 9 H, Bu^t); 2.85 (dd, 1 H, H(4a), J = 18.5 Hz, J = 8.6 Hz); 2.97 (dd, 1 H, H(4b), J = 18.5 Hz, J = 4.4 Hz); 3.64–3.76 (m, 1 H, H(5)); 4.52 (dd, 1 H, H(6a), J = 13.6 Hz, J = 5.1 Hz); 4.63 (dd, 1 H, H(6b), J = 13.6 Hz, J = 6.3 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 91.9 (d, CF₃, J = 8.0 Hz).

Reaction of nitro alkene 1a with 3,3-dimethyl-2-morpholinobut-1-ene (2). To a solution of enamine 2 (1.69 g, 10.0 mmol) in dry benzene (5 mL), a solution of nitro alkene 1a (1.90 g, 10.0 mmol) in dry benzene (5 mL) was added dropwise with stirring over 15 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at ~20 °C and the precipitate that formed was filtered off and washed with pentane. A mixture (1.97 g, 55%) of products 3a, 5, and 6 in a ratio of 8 : 84 : 8 was obtained as a white powder, m.p. 119–120 °C. Found (%): C, 43.27; H, 5.94; N, 7.97. $C_{13}H_{21}Cl_{3}N_{2}O_{3}$. Calculated (%): C, 43.41; H, 5.88; N, 7.79. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 1624, 1560, 1454, 1369, 1354, 1243, 1111. When this mixture was treated with aqueous acetic acid for 6 h, enamine 3a was obtained in a yield of 68%.

6-tert-Butyl-6-morpholino-4-trichloromethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,2-oxazine-2-oxide (5) was prepared as a mixture with compounds **3a** (8%) and **6** (8%) and was not isolated in the pure form due to its instability. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6), &: 0.81 (s, 9 H, Bu^t); 2.12 (dd, 1 H, H(5a), J = 14.5 Hz, J = 10.5 Hz); 2.24 (dd, 1 H, H(5b), J = 14.5 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz); 2.46–2.54 (m, 2 H, N(CHH)₂); 2.83–2.90 (m, 2 H, N(CHH)₂); 3.27 (ddd, 1 H, H(4), J = 10.5 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz); 3.26-3.33 (m, 4 H, O(CH₂)₂); 6.44 (d, 1 H, H(3), J = 3.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6), &: 26.1, 26.8, 43.1, 48.4, 54.2, 67.4, 68.2, 100.9, 106.5.

1-tert-Butyl-1-morpholino-2-nitro-3-trichloromethylcyclobutane (6) was detected by ¹H NMR spectroscopy in a mixture with compounds **3a** (8%) and **5** (84%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6), δ : 1.77 (ddd, 1 H, H(4a), J = 12.8 Hz, J = 10.2 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz); 1.84 (dd, 1 H, H(4b), J = 12.8 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz); 2.55–2.65 (m, 4 H, N(CH₂)₂); 3.42–3.46 (m, 4 H, O(CH₂)₂); 4.05 (dt, 1 H, H(3), J = 10.2 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz); 5.10 (dd, 1 H, H(2), J = 9.0 Hz, J = 0.6 Hz).

4-Nitro-1-phenyl-3-trichloromethylbutan-1-one (8a). To a solution of enamine 7 (1.89 g, 10.0 mmol) in dry benzene (5 mL), a solution of nitro alkene **1a** (1.90 g, 10.0 mmol) in dry benzene (5 mL) was added dropwise with stirring over 15 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at ~20 °C, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and 0.1 *M* HCl (10 mL) was added to the residue. The resulting mixture was

stirred for 30 min at ~20 °C, extracted with dichloromethane $(3 \times 3 \text{ mL})$, and the extract was dried with Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was recrystallized from hexane. The yield was 2.39 g (77%), m.p. 68–69 °C. Found (%): C, 42.53; H, 3.36; N, 4.49. C₁₁H₁₀Cl₃NO₃. Calculated (%): C, 42.54; H, 3.25; N, 4.51. IR, v/cm⁻¹: 1685, 1597, 1581, 1552, 1375, 1354. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), & 3.44 (dd, 1 H, H(2a), J = 18.2 Hz, J = 8.5 Hz); 3.87 (dd, 1 H, H(2b), J = 18.2 Hz, J = 3.4 Hz); 4.40 (dtd, 1 H, H(3), J = 8.5 Hz, J = 5.1 Hz, J = 3.4 Hz); 4.64 (dd, 1 H, H(4a), J = 14.2 Hz, J = 5.3 Hz); 4.98 (dd, 1 H, H(4b), J = 14.2 Hz, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz); 8.00 (d, 2 H, H(2'), H(6'), J = 8.0 Hz).

4-Nitro-1-phenyl-3-trifluoromethylbutan-1-one (8b) was prepared according to the procedure described for compound **8a** in a yield of 87%, m.p. 59–60 °C (from pentane) (*cf.* Ref. 21: m.p. 60–61 °C). IR, v/cm⁻¹: 1680, 1598, 1581, 1551, 1387, 1347. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), & 3.35 (dd, 1 H, H(2a), J = 18.4 Hz, J = 9.2 Hz); 3.47 (dd, 1 H, H(2b), J = 18.4 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz); 3.87–4.00 (m, 1 H, H(3)); 4.64 (dd, 1 H, H(4a), J = 13.8 Hz, J = 4.7 Hz); 4.72 (dd, 1 H, H(4b), J = 13.8 Hz, J = 6.6 Hz); 7.52 (t, 2 H, H(3'), H(5'), J = 7.7 Hz); 7.64 (tt, 1 H, H(4'), J = 7.4 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz); 7.97 (d, 2 H, H(2'), H(6'), J = 8.0 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), & 90.9 (d, CF₃, J = 8.7 Hz).

6,6,6-Trifluoro-2,2-dimethyl-5-nitromethylhexan-3-ol (9). To a solution of nitro ketone 4b (2.41 g, 10.0 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL), NaBH₄ (0.19 g, 5.0 mmol) was added with stirring portionwise over 5 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 3 h at ~20 °C, 0.1 M HCl (6 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3×4 mL). The extract was dried with Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was distilled in vacuo. The yield was 2.02 g (83%), b.p. 117-119 °C (2 Torr). Found (%): C, 44.47; H, 6.81; N, 5.71. C₉H₁₆F₃NO₃. Calculated (%): C, 44.44; H, 6.63; N, 5.76. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 0.91 (s, 9 H, Bu^t); 1.41 (ddd, 1 H, C<u>H</u>H, J = 14.6 Hz, J = 10.8 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz); 1.68–1.76 (m, 1 H, CH); 1.95 (ddt, 1 H, CH<u>H</u>, J = 14.6 Hz, J = 5.0 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz); 3.30–3.52 (m, 2 H, CHCF₃, OH); 4.56 (dd, 1 H, C<u>H</u>HNO₂, *J* = 14.2 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz; 4.81 (dd, 1 H, CH<u>H</u>NO₂, J = 14.2 Hz, J = 5.3 Hz) (52%); 0.92 (s, 9 H, Bu^t); 1.68-1.76 (m, 2 H, CHH, CH); 1.80 (ddd, 1 H, CHH, J = 14.6 Hz, J = 10.8 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz); 3.30-3.52 (m, 2 H, CHCF₃, OH); 4.60 (dd, 1 H, CHHNO₂, J = 14.0 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz; 4.66 (dd, 1 H, CH<u>H</u>NO₂, J = 14.0 Hz, J = 6.8 Hz) (48%). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ : 91.0 (d, CF₃, J = 9.0 Hz) (52%); 90.6 (d, CF₃, J = 8.7 Hz) (48%).

5-Aminomethyl-6.6.6-trifluoro-2.2-dimethylhexan-3-ol hydro**chloride (10).** To a suspension of LiAlH₄ (1.52 g, 40 mmol) in dry THF (50 mL), a solution of nitro ketone 4b (2.41 g, 10.0 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) was added dropwise over 20 min. The resulting mixture was refluxed with stirring for 2 h, cooled to $0 \,^{\circ}$ C, and H₂O (1.52 g), a 10% solution of KOH (2.11 g), and H₂O (4.56 g) were added successively dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 15 min and filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in dry benzene (20 mL), cooled to 15 °C, and dry HCl was bubbled until saturation, and the mixture was kept for 30 min. Benzene was removed in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (10 mL), filtered, and hexane (5 mL) was added. The precipitate that formed was filtered off and dried in vacuo. The yield of the title compound was 1.17 g (47%), m.p. 158–162 °C. Found (%): C, 43.43; H, 7.80; N, 5.56. C₉H₁₉ClF₃NO. Calculated (%): C, 43.29; H, 7.67;

N, 5.61. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 1.53 (ddd, 1 H, C<u>H</u>H, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 10.8 Hz, J = 4.4 Hz); 1.75 (ddd, 1 H, CH<u>H</u>, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz); 2.88–2.98 (m, 1 H, CHCF₃); 3.03 (dd, 1 H, C<u>H</u>HN, J = 13.3 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz); 3.08 (dd, 1 H, CH<u>H</u>N, J = 13.3 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz); 3.17 (d, 1 H, CH, J = 10.2 Hz); 7.50–9.00 (br.s, 4 H, OH, NH₃⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (DMSO-d₆), δ : 93.9 (d, CF₃, J = 9.4 Hz) (91%); 93.8 (d, CF₃, J = 9.5 Hz) (9%).

X-ray diffraction study of compound 3a was performed on Xcalibur 3 automatic single-crystal diffractometer а $(T = 150(2) \text{ K}, \text{ Mo-K}\alpha \text{ radiation}, \text{ graphite monochromator}, \omega/2\theta$ scanning in the region of $2\theta < 56.5^{\circ}$). Crystallographic data: a = 26.518(3) Å, b = 7.9003(5) Å, c = 18.2210(12) Å, $\alpha = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$, $\beta = 114.574(8)^\circ$, V = 3471.6(5) Å³, space group C2/c, monoclinic crystal system, Z = 8, $C_{13}H_{21}Cl_3N_2O_3$, $d_{calc} = 1.376$ g cm⁻³. The intensities of 5798 reflections were measured, among which 4178 were independent ($R_{int} = 0.0264$). The structure was solved by the direct method using the SHELXS-97 program.²⁵ The refinement of structural parameters was performed by the leastsquares method in the anisotropic isotropic (for the H atoms) approximation using the SHELXL-97 software system.²⁵ The positions of the H atoms were calculated geometrically (the riding model). The final values of the divergence factors were $wR_2 = 0.2535, R_1 = 0.0580$ for 3170 reflections with $I > 2\sigma$ (S = 1.013). The peaks of maximum and minimum residual densities were 0.798 and -0.362 e Å⁻³, respectively. The details for X-ray diffraction study are deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 785766).

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