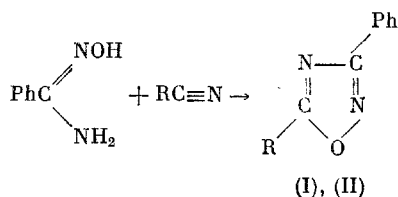


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We are the first to report that the reaction of organic nitriles with amidoximes gives disubstituted 1,2,4-oxadiazoles.

Thus, 5-alkyl-3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazoles were obtained by heating benzamidoxime with acetonitrile and propionitrile:



R = Me (I), Et (II)

This reaction was carried out in a medium of the organic nitrile in a sealed glass ampul at 180°C for 12 h. After removal of the excess nitrile, the product was extracted with hexane and purified by thin-layer chromatography on silica gel using 2:1 benzene-hexane as the eluent. The melting point of (I) was 40-41°C [1], while the boiling point of (II) was 100-102°C (2 mm) [2]. The structures of (I) and (II) were supported by their IR and PMR spectra.

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