## Syntheses of O-Methylated-1,2,4-dioxazolidines by Ozonolyses of O-Methylated Dioximes

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It has been reported that ozonolyses of a variety of vinyl ethers **1** in the presence of a number of imines **3a** afforded the corresponding monocyclic 1,2,4-dioxazolidines **4** by [3+2] cycloaddition of the carbonyl oxides **2** derived from **1** and the C=N moieties in the imines **3a**. <sup>1,2</sup>

O-Methylated oximes **3b** are also cleaved by ozone to give carbonyl oxides **2**.<sup>3</sup> Ozonolyses of O-methylated oximes **3b** in the presence of acid derivatives or carbonyl compounds R<sup>1</sup>COR<sup>2</sup> to give the corresponding cross-ozonides **5** have been reported.<sup>4,5</sup>

On the basis of the above results, monoozonolyses of Omethylated dioximes of dicarbonyl compounds in the absence of added carbonyl compounds would be expected to give the corresponding bicyclic dioxazolidines. Recently, K. Griesbaum<sup>6</sup> has made use of this by ozonizing O-methylated dioximes of type **6** with n = 2 and n = 3 to prepared the corresponding 1,2,4-dioxazolidines.

Extending these studies, we have now ozonized the acyclic O-methylated dioximes **6a-6d** with n = 4 to n = 6 and the aromatic O-methylated dioximes **9a** and **9b**. Ozonolyses of **6a-d** in dichloromethane at -78 °C afforded the corresponding bicyclic 1,2,4-dioxazolidines **8a-d** in yields of 67 %, 59%, 31% and 53%, respectively. These results show that intramolecular trapping of the carbonyl oxide moiety with the C=N bond of intermediate **7** can be effectively performed as outlined in Scheme 1.

Ozonolyses of the aromatic O-methylated dioximes 9a

Scheme 1

CH=N-OMe

(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-CH=N-OMe

(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-CH=NOMe

Ar-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>

(CH=NOMe
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and **9b** in dichloromethane at -78 °C afforded the corresponding aromatic 1,2,4-dioxazolidines **11a** and **11b** *via* intermediates **10** in yields of 65% and 35%, respectively (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2

All of the 1,2,4-dioxazolidines **8** and **11** have been isolated by column chromatography on silica gel and their structures were established by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy. Characteristic signals in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of all 1,2,4-dioxazolidines of type **8** and **11** were those for the OCH<sub>3</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub> groups. The OCH<sub>3</sub> groups showed singlet signals in the range of  $\delta = 3.48\text{-}3.81$  and the CH<sub>2</sub> groups showed singlet signals in the range of  $\delta = 5.29\text{-}6.00$ . Characteristic signals in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of all dioxazolidines of type **8** and **11** were those for the OCH<sub>3</sub>-carbon atoms and the carbon atoms in the heterocyclic rings. The signals for the OCH<sub>3</sub>-carbon atoms appeared in the range of  $\delta = 61.05\text{-}62.56$  and those for the carbon atom in the heterocyclic rings appeared in the range of  $\delta = 94.67\text{-}103.91$ .

Reductions of **8a-d** with TPP gave the corresponding monooximes **12**, whereas reductions of **11a** and **11b** afforded both of the two possible monooximes **13** and **14**. Reduction of **11a** gave **13a** and **14a** in a ratio of *ca*. 1:1 and **11b** gave **13b** and **14b** in a ratio of *ca*. 7:1.

OME
$$CH=O$$
 $CH=NOMe$ 
 $CH=$ 

1040

## **Experimental Section**

All **NMR** spectra were recored with Bruker **FT-NMR** (300 MHz), using **TMS** as internal reference. The ozonides were isolated by flash chromatography on 80 g silica gel using diethyl ether/*n*-pentane in a ratio of 1 : 2.

Substrates 6a-d and 9a-b were prepared according to a published procedure<sup>7</sup> by reactions of the corresponding dicarbonyl compounds with an excess of O-methyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride, and isolated by flash chromatography. As shown by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis **6a-d** were obtained as mixtures of isomers: **6a**  $^{1}$ H NMR:  $\delta$  1.51 (m, 4H), [2.19 (m) 2.35 (m) (4H), [3.81 (s), 3.85 (s)] (6H), [6.65 (t), 7.32 (t)] (2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  24.45, 25.51, 25.97, 26.43, 29.42, 33.91, 61.49, 61.85, 150.50, 151.41.]; **6b** <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.52 (m, 4H), [1.81 (s), 1.83 (s)](3H), 2.23 (m, 4H), [3.79 (s), 3.82 (s)](6H), [6.62 (t), 7.35 (t)](1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR;  $\delta$  14.15, 25.63-26.58 (m), 29.55, 35.84, 61.47, 61.56, 61.92, 150.81, 151.73, 157.63.; **6c** <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.32-1.56 (m, 6H), [2.15 (m), 2.32 (m)](4H), [3.74 (s), 3.85 (s)](6H), [6.60 (t), 7.32 (t)](2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR;  $\delta$ 26.70, 29.06, 29.59, 61.47, 61.84, 150.84, 151.77; **6d** <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.52 (m, 4H), 1.81 (m, 4H), [2.23 (m), 2.35 (m)](4H), [3.79 (s), 3.82 (s)](6H), [6.62 (t), 7.35 (t)](2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR;  $\delta$  24.93, 25.12, 26.89, 29.05, 29.25, 29.69, 61.47, 61.84, 151.09, 152.04; **9a** <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  [3.45 (m), 3.68 (m) (2H), [3.93 (s), 3.98 (s)] (3H), [6.68 (t), 7.43 (t)] (1H), 7.29-7.67 (m, 4H), [8.24 (s), 8.31 (s)](1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR;  $\delta$ 31.09, 34.46, 62.65, 62.69, 62.90, 127.90, 127.99, 128.12, 131.77, 132.99, 133.00, 135.49, 136.00, 145.07, 145.38, 148.25, 148.31; **9b** <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  2.77 (m, 2H), 3.10 (m, 2H), [3.83 (s), 3.84 (s)](3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 7.37 (t, 1H), 7.40-7.90 (m, 4H), 8.54 (s, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR;  $\delta$  27.51, 30.08, 62.09, 62.38, 127.12, 128.09, 130.47, 139.96, 147.62, 150.48.

**General ozonolysis procedure**. A solution of the respective substrates (3.4 mmol) in 50 mL of dichloromethane was treated with ozone at -78 °C until the solution turned blue. Residual ozone was flushed off with nitrogen, the solvent was distilled off at room temperature and reduced pressure, and from the remaining residue, the products **8a-8d** and **11a-11b** were isolated by flash chromatography using silica gel and *n*-pentane/diethyl ether in a ratio of 4:1.

**Reduction reactions**. A solution of a dioxazolidine in 1 mL of CDCl<sub>3</sub> was admixed with excess TPP in a NMR tube and kept at room temperature until <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed the disappearance of the substrate.

*N*-Methoxy-7,8,9-dioxazo-bicyclo[4.2.1]nonane (8a): Yeild, 67%; colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  = 1.56-1.82 (m, 8H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 5.47 (t, J = 3.12 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  = 22.78, 31.94, 61.69, 100.13. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (159.2): C, 52.82; H, 8.23. found: C, 52.77; H, 8.35.

**Reduction of 8a** with TPP gave **12a** as the sole product [ $\delta$  3.82 (s), 7.31 (t), 10.05 (s)].

**1-Methyl-***N***-methoxy-8,9,10-dioxazobicyclo[4.2.1]decane (8b)**: Yeild, 59%; **c**olorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  = 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.83 (m, 8H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 5.43 (t, J = 3.12 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  = 19.96, 22.89, 23.43, 40.23, 62.35, 102.73, 103.47. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (173.2): C, 55.48; H,

8.73. found: C, 55.67; H, 8.84.

**Reduction of 8b** with TPP gave **12b** as the sole product [ $\delta$  1.81(s), 3.85 (s), 10.04 (s)].

*N*-Methoxy-8,9,10-dioxazobicyclo[5.2.1]undecane (8c): Yeild, 31%; colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  = 1.25-1.76 (m, 10H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 5.29 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$ = 31.14, 33.53, 34.26, 61.92, 62.56, 100.25. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (173.2): C, 55.48; H, 8.73. found: C, 55.76; H, 8.91.

**Reduction of 8c** with TPP gave **12c** as the sole product [ $\delta$  3.85 (s), 7.35 (s), 10.08 (s)].

*N*-Methoxy-9,10,11-dioxazobicyclo[6.2.1]dodecane (8d): Yeild, 53%; colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  = 1.20-1.95 (m, 12H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.72 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$ = 24.86, 26.92, 31.68, 61.92, 103.92. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (187.2): C, 57.74; H, 9.15. found: C, 58.12; H, 8.97.

**Reduction of 8d** with TPP gave **12d** as the sole product [ $\delta$  3.83 (s), 7.39 (s), 10.01 (s)].

*N*-Methoxy-3,4-dihydro-1,3-epidioxy-1H-2-benzoazine (11a): Yeild, 65%; colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  = 2.91 (d, J = 17.10 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, J = 17.10 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H). 7.68 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  = 37.68, 61.07, 94.67, 94.87, 126.11, 126.52, 128.28, 129.71, 130.56, 133.92. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (193.2): C, 62.17; H, 5.74. found: C, 62.07; H, 5.57.

**Reduction of 11a** with TPP gave a mixture of **13a** and **14a** [ $\delta$  3.80 (s), 3.84 (s), 7.43 (m), 9.23 (s), 9.74 (s)].

*N*-Methoxy-4,5-dihydro-1,3-epidioxy-1H,3H-2-benzoazepine (11b): Yield, 35%; colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  = 1.57 (m, 1H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.62 (m, 1H), 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 5.57 (d, J = 6.31 Hz and 1.24 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 7.20 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  = 28.31, 31.25, 61.33, 98.35, 103.28, 126.52, 128.52, 129.28, 130.28, 133.82. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>(207.2): C, 63.76; H, 6.32. found: C, 63.55; H, 6.67.

**Reduction of 11b** with TPP gave a mixture of **13b** and **14b** [ $\delta$  3.84 (s), 3.94 (s), 7.43 (m), 9.74 (s), 10.16 (s)].

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