One-Pot Synthesis of Mannich Base Using Hydroxy Aromatic Rings and Secondary Amines

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The aminoalkylation of aromatic substrates by the Mannich reaction is of considerable importance for the synthesis and modification of biologically active compounds.^{1,2} It also provides a convenient access to many useful synthetic building blocks because the amino group can be easily converted into a variety of other functionalities.3-5 It has been generally known that the reaction pathways of the Mannich reaction depend on the nucleophilicity of substrate and the pH of reaction medium.⁶ Even though substituted phenols are commonly used in the Mannich reaction, it has been difficult to undergo aminomethylation of various phenols with sterically hindered amines. Instead of direct aminomethylation, bulky azacrown ethers were treated with the methanol solution of formaldehyde to provide the N-methoxymethyl-substituted azacrown ethers, which subsequently gave the Mannich bases by the reaction with a proper substrate.⁷⁻⁹ However, a more convenient method¹⁰ has been developed by Chi and co-workers using 1,4,10,13-tetraoxa-7,16-diazacyclooctadecane, paraformaldehyde and phenolic derivatives in benzene to produce double-armed diazacrown ethers in good yields without the isolation of intermediates. This successful onepot reaction prompted us to study applicability of the same methodology to the aminomethylation of hydroxy heterocy-

In this paper, we would like to report the result of one-pot Mannich reaction of secondary amines with hydroxy aromatic compounds in an aprotic solvent (Scheme 1). In particular, the relative reactivity and regionselectivity of

$$R' \longrightarrow X + nHNR_2 \xrightarrow{paraformaklehyde} R' \longrightarrow X$$

$$1 \qquad 2 \qquad 3 \qquad (X : N \text{ or } C)$$

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a 3-hydroxypyridine	g 2-naphthol	a morpholine
b 4-hydroxypyridine	h 4-chloro-1-naphthol	b pyrrolidine
c 2-hydroxypyridine	i 2,3-dihydroxynaphthalene	c 1,4,10,13-tetraoxa-7,16-
d 4-hydroxyquinoline	j hydroquinone	diazacyclooctadecane
e 8-hydroxyquinoline	k 2-methylresorcinol	d 1,4,7,10,13-pentaoxa-16-
f 1-naphthol	12,6-dimethylphenol	azacyclooctadecane
		e N-methylpiperazine

Scheme 1

hydroxypyridines have been examined in detail.

We started our study using 3-hydroxypyridine (1a) as a substrate for the Mannich reaction. Since pyridine is referred to as a π -deficient heterocycle, 11 hydroxypyridine would be expected as a deactivated nucleophile compared with phenol. However, 1a was smoothly aminomethylated to give 3a in 93% yield (Table 1). It is also underscored that the reaction is quite regioselective in providing 3a without producing any other constitutional isomer. The formation of 3a was confirmed by the ¹H NMR spectra in which all the hydrogens in the pyridine ring coupled each other. Usually, phenols are aminomethylated preferably at the ortho position, 12-16 which can be rationalized by a concerted mechanism.^{17,18} The hydroxypyridine 1a behaves very similarly to phenols, since the hydroxy group directs the Mannich reaction to occur at the ortho position, especially next to the nitrogen atom in the heterocycle. 19-21 The Mannich reaction of 4-hydroxypyridine (1b) also produced the ortho-substituted product 3d in 46% yield. Treatment of pyrrolidine instead of morpholine under the same conditions gave similar results. In order to obtain double aminomethylation, 4hydroxypyridine (1b) was treated with two equivalents of paraformaldehyde and morpholine in boiling p-xylene. To our surprise, 2-hydroxypyridine (1c) did not undergo aminomethylation under the same conditions. This fact might be ascribed to the prevailing keto form of 1c, which has no phenolic acidic proton. Use of benzene instead of ethanol or pxylene made no difference in the reaction. Our methodology was further applied to the more nucleophilic fused ring substrates (1d-1i). The Mannich reaction of hydroxyguinolines with various secondary amines provided the corresponding Mannich bases 3h, 3j and 3k in 80-90% yields. It is interesting to note that the yield of 3k relied on the reaction solvent used. When benzene was replaced with ethanol, the yield increased to 99%. The better result might be attributed to the decrease of intramolecular hydrogen bond of 1e in the polar solvent. The positive outcome encouraged us to extend our investigation to the aminomethylation with a bulky secondary amine. But, the reaction of 1a and 1d with 1,4,7,10,13pentaoxa-16-azacyclooctadecane produced 3c and 3i, respectively only in poor yields. The reason for the poor yields of 3c and 3i could be the steric hindrance of the bulky amino group in azacrown ether and the lower nucleophilicity of hydroxyheterocycles. The Mannich reaction of naphthols (1f and 1g) was also tried and quantitatively produced the Mannich bases 31 and 3m. On the other hand, the reaction of

Table 1. Aminomethylation of various hydroxy aromatic compounds with secondary amines

Substrate 1	Amine 2	n	Product 3	Solvent	Isolated Yield (%)
1a	2a	1	он За	benzene	93
1a	2 b	1	он	benzene	90
1a	2d	1	OH 000 3c	benzene	17
1b	2a	1	OH OH OH	benzene	46
1b	2 b	1	он	benzene	56
1b	2a	2	O 3f	p-xylene	26
1c	2a	1	^ ^	benzene	0
ıc	2a	1	© 3g	ethanol	0
1d	2a	1	OH 3h	benzene	95
1d	2d	1	On Si	benzene	12
1d	2e	1	ОО С. 3j	benzene	98
1e	2a	1	OH Sk	benzene	71
				ethanol	99
1f	2a	1	он	benzene	99
1g	2a	1	OH 3m	benzene	99
1h	2a	1	OF 3n	benzene	70
1i	2a	2	on 3o	benzene	81
1j	2a	2	он Зр	benzene	45
1k	2a	2	HO CH, OH 3q	benzene	89
1k	2e	2	110 CH, CH, CH, CH,	benzene	86
11	2a	1	nsc on 3s	benzene	94
11	2c	0.5	11,C OH	benzene	75

4-chloro-1-naphthol (1h) which has an electron-withdrawing substituent produced 3n in only 70% yield. The same procedure was also employed for the aminomethylation of dihydroxy aromatic compounds. With 1k, the Mannich reaction was doubly activated by the two hydroxy groups and provided 3q and 3r in good yields even in the boiling benzene. In the case of 1l, in which two ortho positions are already substituted by methyl groups, the aminomethylation occurred at the para position.

In summary, one-pot synthesis of Mannich bases with hydroxypyridines was effectively conducted and the reaction underwent regioselectively at the ortho position to alcohol group. Also, the reactivity of the Mannich reaction generally depended on the nucleophilicity of hydroxy aromatic rings. Studies are currently under way to examine the complexation between the possible host molecules 3 and various guests.

Experimental Section

Starting materials were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company and used without further purification. All chromatography solvents were of analytical grade and freshly distilled prior to use. Thin layer chromatographic analyses were conducted by using pre-coated TLC plate (60 F_{254} , 20 cm \times 20 cm) purchased from Merck Company. Silica gel (230-400 mesh) was used in flash chromatography and deactivated by *ca*. 2% triethylamine in eluent solution.

IR spectra were recorded on a Mattson 5000 (UNICAM) spectrometer (KBr). Melting points of the prepared compounds were determined on an Aldrich melt temp apparatus and uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, 75.48 MHz, respectively) spectra were recorded using a Varian Unityplus 300 FT NMR or Bruker AM-300 NMR spectrometer. Mass spectra were obtained using a KRATOS Profile HV-3 or Shimadzu GCMS-Q.P 5050 (70ev) spectrometer with a direct insertion probe.

The general experimental procedure. To a solution of hydroxy aromatic compound (1.05 mmol) and paraformal-dehyde (36 mg, 1.26 mmol) in dry benzene (8 mL) was added the corresponding secondary amine (1.26 mmol) at room temperature. Then, the resulting mixture was heated at reflux for 18-22 hrs. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography and/or recrystalization.

Preparation of 3f, 3o, 3p, 3q and 3r. To a solution of hydroxy aromatic compound (1.05 mmol) and paraformal-dehyde (70 mg, 2.32 mmol) in dry benzene or p-xylene (20 mL) was added the corresponding secondary amine (2.32 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting solution was heated and purified as described in the general procedure.

Preparation of 3c and 3i. To a solution of hydroxy aromatic compound (0.45 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (13 mg, 0.45 mmol) in dry benzene (8 mL) was added 1,4,7,10,13-pentaoxa-16-azacyclooctadecane (100 mg, 0.38 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting solution was heated and purified as described in the general procedure.

Preparation of 3t. To a solution of hydroxy aromatic compound (0.91 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (27 mg, 0.91 mmol) in dry benzene (8 mL) was added 1,4,10,13-tetraoxa-7,16-diazacyclooctadecane (100 mg, 0.38 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting solution was heated and purified as described in the general procedure. All the spectral data of new compounds are in accordance with the assigned structures of compounds 3a-3t.

3-Hydroxy-2-(4'-morpholinylmethyl)pyridine (3a). light yellow solid; mp 94-95; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.64 (m, 4H), 3.75 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 8.04 (m, 1H), 10.62 (br. s, 1H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 52.81, 63.81, 66.39, 122.84, 123.55, 139.96, 141.58, 153.85; IR (cm⁻¹) 3445, 3027, 1573, 1110, 863; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 194 (M⁺, 4), 192 (60), 161 (33), 133 (75), 109 (85), 85 (77), 79 (100), 66 (82), 54 (90).

3-Hydroxy-2-(1'-pyrrolidinylmethyl)pyridine (3b). colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.83 (m, 4H), 2.63 (m, 4H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.95 (m, 1H), 10.65 (br. s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 23.61, 53.59, 60.90, 122.76, 123.39, 139.45, 143.12, 154.48; IR (cm⁻¹) 3425, 2973, 2838, 1576, 1273, 1449, 1102, 802; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 178 (M⁺, 5), 109 (100), 84 (15), 70 (30).

3-Hydroxy-2-[(1',4',7',10',13'-pentaoxa-16'-azacyclooctadecan-16'-yl)-methyl]pyridine (3c). brown liquid; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.69 (m, 4H), 3.44-3.76 (m, 22H), 7.01 (m, 2H), 7.78 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 54.12, 69.75, 70.11, 70.40, 70.48, 70.54, 71.12, 123.99, 139.12, 139.66, 154.57, 207.11; IR (cm⁻¹) 3436, 2955, 2851, 1573, 1418; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 370 (M+, 8), 309 (3), 262 (100), 232 (8), 176 (10), 109 (64), 56 (18), 45 (20).

4-Hydroxy-2-(4'-morpholinylmethyl)pyridine (3d). light yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.53 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 4H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.70 (t, J = 4.5Hz, 4H), 6.56 (d, J = 6.3Hz, 1H), 7.91 (m, 2H); 13 C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 54.54, 55.25, 67.77, 117.93, 126.16, 139.05, 139.52, 180.42; IR (cm⁻¹) 3415, 3244, 1922, 1641, 1393, 1530, 1114, 836; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 194 (M+, 78), 163 (31), 135 (35), 108 (100), 84 (75), 56 (22), 47 (18).

4-Hydroxy-2-(1'-pyrrolidinylmethyl)pyridine (3e). reddish liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃/CD₃OD) δ 1.72 (m, 4H), 2.54 (m, 4H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (m, 2H);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 23.55, 53.57, 55.30, 112.35, 119.92, 146.35, 148.16, 167.18; IR (cm⁻¹) 3430, 1394, 1641, 1168, 836, 547; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 179 (M++1, 27), 178 (M+, 100), 149 (22), 135 (12), 108 (61), 84 (79), 70 (91), 47 (16).

4-Hydroxy-3,5-bis(4'-morpholinylmethyl)pyridine (3f). white solid; mp 173-174 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.54 (m, 8H), 3.63 (s, 4H), 3.74 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 8H), 8.20 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 54.54, 55.41, 67.71, 124.94, 138.96, 178.92; IR (cm⁻¹) 3435, 3059, 2850, 1642, 1559, 1499, 1271, 1116, 865, 768; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 294 (M++1, 14), 293 (M⁺, 46), 264 (13), 235 (45), 206 (100), 177 (35), 148 (55), 121 (65), 86 (64), 66 (39), 56 (47).

4-Hydroxy-3-(4'-morpholinylmethyl)quinoline (3h). yellow solid; mp 78-80 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.51 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.61 (m, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 8.38 (m, 1H); IR (cm⁻¹) 3454, 3063, 2922, 2854, 1623, 1581, 1518; MS *m/z* (rel. intensity) 245 (M++1, 15), 244 (M+, 100), 171 (10), 158 (90), 130 (26), 102 (34), 87 (74), 77 (27), 57 (84).

4-Hydroxy-3-[(1',4',7',10',13'-pentaoxa-16'-azacyclooctadecan-16'-yl)-methyl]quinoline (3i). white solid; mp 129-131 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.73 (m, 4H), 3.55 (m, 22H), 7.24-8.47 (m, 5H); IR (cm⁻¹) 3454, 2885, 1623, 1573, 1493; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 420 (M+, 1), 418 (1), 302 (70), 232 (10), 159 (100), 145 (52), 130 (98), 102 (34), 89 (50), 77 (44), 58 (94).

4-Hydroxy-3-(4'-methyl-1'-piperazinylmethyl)quinoline (3j). white solid; mp 213-214 °C; ¹H NMR (MeOH) δ 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.43 and 2.59 (m, 8H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 7.38-8.34 (m, 5H); IR (cm⁻¹) 3450, 2943, 2789, 1623, 1571, 1501; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 257 (M+, 55), 186 (32), 171 (10), 158 (44), 130 (14), 99 (50), 77 (19), 58 (100).

8-Hydroxy-7-(4'-morpholinylmethyl)quinoline (3k). dark brown liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.62 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 3.77 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.38(m, 1H), 8.09 (m, 1H), 8.85 (m, 1H); IR (cm⁻¹) 3363, 3067, 2954, 2854, 1115; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 244 (M+, 3), 186 (11), 171 (14), 159 (100), 130 (21), 84 (55), 77 (19), 56 (9).

2-(4'-Morpholinylmethyl)-1-naphthol (31). reddish liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.6 (m, 4H), 3.76 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.74 (m, 1H), 8.23 (1H); MS m/z (rel. intensity) 244 (M++1, 33), 243 (M⁺, 97), 170 (15), 157 (55), 128 (67), 102 (20), 86 (100), 77 (22), 57(99).

1-(4'-Morpholinylmethyl)-2-naphthol (3m). white solid; mp 113-115 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.68 (4H), 3.8 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.76 (m, 3H); IR (cm⁻¹) 3455, 3061, 2959, 1116; MS m/ z (rel. intensity) 244 (M++1, 13), 243 (M+, 70), 170 (7), 157 (56), 128 (85), 86 (100), 57 (90).

4-Chloro-2-(4'-morpholinylmethyl)-1-naphthol (3n). reddish liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.59 (m, 4H), 3.76 (m, 6H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 8.19 (m, 2H); IR (cm⁻¹) 3397, 3048, 2980, 1117; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 277 (M⁺, 79), 279 (M++2, 47), 190 (60), 162 (44), 127 (56), 101 (31), 87 (100), 77 (34), 57 (91).

2,3-Dihydroxy-1,4-bis(4'-morpholinylmethyl)naphthalene (30). colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.51 (m, 8H), 3.57 (m, 8H), 3.98 (s, 4H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.80 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 54.51, 56.37, 67.99, 113.55, 124.07, 124.53, 129.28, 147.58; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 358 (M⁺, 7), 356 (27), 269 (73), 217 (26), 182 (94), 154 (87), 127 (100), 86 (60), 59 (75).

2,5-Bis(4'-morpholinylmethyl)hydroquinone (**3p**). brown solid; mp 188-191 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.39 (m, 8H), 3.47 (s, 4H), 3.56 (m, 8H), 6.44 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 54.53, 61.19, 67.99, 117.76, 123.13, 150.84; IR (cm⁻¹) 3518, 3479, 2961, 2841, 1455, 1021, 1654, 1233; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 445 (M++1, 5), 444 (M+, 18), 351 (8), 277 (35), 219 (45), 165 (27), 147 (59), 113 (48), 96 (73), 82 (75), 71 (92), 5 (100).

2-Methyl-4,6-bis(4'-morpholinylmethyl)resorcinol (3q).

white solid; mp 193-195 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.1 (s, 3H), 2.53 (m, 8H), 3.57 (s, 4H), 3.73 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 8H), 6.43 (OH, 2H), 7.23 (1H); IR (cm⁻¹) 3453, 2954, 2825, 1623, 1114; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 322 (M+, 48), 235 (100), 149 (26), 121 (12), 86 (50), 57 (34).

2-Methyl-4,6-bis(4'-methyl-1'-piperazinylmethyl)resorcinol (3r). light brown solid; mp 144-145 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.1 (s, 3H), 2.3 (s, 6H), 2.37-2.65 (m, 16H), 3.58 (s, 4H), 6.43 (s, 1H); IR (cm⁻¹) 3453, 2938, 2834, 1618, 1458, 1342; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 348 (M⁺, 30), 248 (78), 177 (15), 99 (70), 70 (32), 58 (100).

2,6-Dimethyl-4-(4'-morpholinylmethyl)phenol (3s). yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.17 (s, 6H), 2.33 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 3.59 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 6.82 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 16.69, 54.49, 64.05, 67.87, 125.4, 128.6, 130.9, 153.7; IR (cm⁻¹) 3451, 3391, 2862, 2963, 1652, 1213, 1156, 1018; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 221 (M⁺, 12), 218 (75), 188 (70), 146 (78), 134 (99), 99 (79), 85 (100), 76 (75), 55 (91).

7,16-Bis[(3',5'-dimethyl-4'-hydroxyphenyl)methyl]-1,4, **10,13-tetraoxa-7,16-diazacyclooctadecane** (3t). white solid; mp 100-102 °C; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 2.25 (m, 12H), 2.83 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 8H), 3.52 (s, 4H), 3.64-3.69 (m, 16H), 6.94 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 10.68, 48.83, 54.72, 64.85, 65.76, 119.56, 124.58, 125.14, 147.4; IR (cm⁻¹) 3466, 3209, 1668, 1224; MS m/z (rel. intensity) 530 (M⁺, 1), 425 (10), 397 (48), 291 (51), 263 (98), 163 (45), 135 (100), 91 (5).

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