SYNTHESIS OF 2-SUBSTITUTED ISOTHIAZOLO[5,4-b]PYRIDIN-3(2H)-ONE 1,1-DIOXIDES

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Abstract - The Isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1,1-dioxides (3a-g) were prepared from the corresponding isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-ones (1a-g) by means of an oxidation with oxone[®] (KHSO₅) and sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl) in two steps. The influence of the substituents (R), in position 2 of this system, on the oxidation process was studied. While the oxidation of 1a-g with 3chloroperoxybenzoic acid gave yields of 3a-g depending greatly on the nature of R, the combined KHSO₅/NaOCl method gave good yields of 3a-g in all of the cases studied.

INTRODUCTION

Isothiazol-3(2*H*)-one 1,1-dioxides with fused pyridine rings are valuable precursors of important antiinflammatory drugs¹ and of some recently discovered inhibitors of the HIV1 reverse transcriptase.² Motivated by these applications, we have investigated the preparation of the new sultam derivatives (**3a-g**) starting from the easily accessible isothiazolo[5,4-*b*]pyridin-3(2*H*)-ones (**1a-g**). The oxidation of **1a-g** has scarcely been studied and the published methods (85% *m*-CPBA,³ KMnO4⁴) gave low yields of the corresponding 1,1-dioxide derivatives. However, we have found that the compounds (**3a-g**) can be prepared in high yields from **1a-g** through a simple and unexpensive modification of known oxidation methods⁵ that utilize potassium hydrogen persulfate (KHSO5), commercially available as oxone[®], and sodium hypochlorite. In order to establish the generality of the proposed method, we introduced various substituents in the 2 position of the isothiazolo[5,4-*b*]pyridin-3(2*H*)-one system. The selected 2substituents (R) modified the steric and electrostatic fields around the sulfur atom during the oxidation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

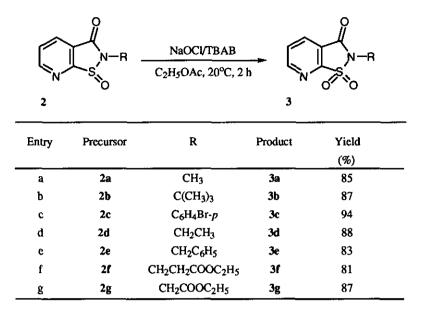
The starting isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-ones (1a-g) were synthesized in only one step by the reaction of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride with amines according to our recently published method.⁶ The first step in the oxidation of 1a-g occurred with 1.5 equivalents of KHSO₅ in the form of oxone[®] dissolved in 50% aqueous methanol at 20°C (Scheme 1). The oxone completely oxidized compounds (1a-g) to their 1-oxides in 1 h, giving good yields (81-93%) of isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1-oxides (2a-f). Under these conditions, formation of the isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1,1-dioxides (3a-g) was negligible.

Scheme 1

N'	N-R	KHSO5 CH3OH/H2O, 20°C	C, 1 h	
Entry	1 Procursos	R	Product	2
Entry	Precursor	K	Product	Yield (%)
а	1a	CH ₃	2a	87
b	1b	C(CH ₃) ₃	2ь	93
с	1c	C ₆ H ₄ Br-p	2c	92
d	1d	CH ₂ CH ₃	2d	85
e	1e	CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	2e	81
f	1f	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOC ₂ H ₅	2f	85
g	1g	CH ₂ COOC ₂ H ₅	2g	85

Although oxone is a good oxidizing agent for converting sulfides into sulfones,⁷ the treatment of **1a-g** with 4 equivalents of KHSO₅ in aqueous methanol at 20°C for 24 h gave the corresponding 1-oxides (**2a-g**) with only small quantities of the 1,1-dioxides (30% of **3a** and less than 10% of **3b-g** respectively). 1,1-Dioxides (**3a-g**) were synthesized in high yields (81-94%) by treating 1-oxides (**2a-g**) for 2 h at 20°C with 4 fold excess of 5% aqueous NaOCl in ethyl acetate and tetrabutylammonium bromide as a phase-transfer catalyst (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2



m-CPBA also is able to oxidize the isothiazolo[5,4-*b*]pyridin-3(2*H*)-one system. However, when **1a-g** reacted with 2.2 equiv. of 95% *m*-CPBA in dichloromethane at 20°C, compounds (**1a-g**) were completely consumed within an hour giving the 1-oxides (**2a-g**), but after 24 h the yields of 1,1-dioxides were 78% for **3a**, 74% for **3b**, 20% for **3c**, 38 % for **3d**, 42% for **3e**, 41% for **3f** and 18% for **3g**; the yields of **2**, which accompany **3**, account for the rest of the material. The results obtained show that the combined oxone[®]/NaOCl method for the oxidation of **1** offers much better yields of 1,1-dioxides (**3**) than *m*-CPBA for 2-aryl derivatives, such as **3c**, or when substituents in the 2 position interact strongly with the sulfoxide group of the isothiazolo[5,4-*b*]pyridin-3(2*H*)-one 1-oxide system, such as occurs in **2g**. This supposition agrees with the spectroscopic data (Table 1), as well as the known electronic interactions of heteroaromatic sulfoxides.⁸ Also, the oxone[®]/NaOCl method has advantages with respect to the oxidation of the isothiazolo[5,4-*b*]pyridin-3(2*H*)-ones by potassium permanganate,⁴ since it does not produce potassium sulfonic acid salts from further reaction of the 1,1-dioxides. Additionally, the oxidation of **1a** was also studied with other oxidizing agents. Sodium hypochlorite⁹ did not react with **1a**, sodium periodate in aqueous methanol¹⁰ or chlorine in acetic acid¹¹ oxidized **1a** to **2a** but not to **3a**, and hydrogen peroxide in methanol¹² only gave 21% of **3a** from **1a**.

In summation, our procedure is simple, cheap, and useful for the preparation of isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1,1-dioxides (3) since the commercially available sodium hypochlorite and oxone can be directly used.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were obtained in a CHNS Carlo Erba EA1108 analyzer from vacuum-dried samples (over phosphorus pentoxide at 3-4 mm Hg, 6-12 h at 30-70°C). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 510M FT-IR apparatus, using potassium bromide tablets. The ¹H nmr spectra were obtained on a Varian Gemini (200 MHz) instrument at 20°C, with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard at a concentration of about 0.1 g/ml and deuterochloroform as solvent; the chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane and are in δ value. Thin-layer chromatography (tlc) was carried out on silica gel (Schleicher & Schuell F1500/LS 254) with ethyl acetate:cyclohexane (2:1) as solvent and the plates were scanned under 254 and 366 nm ultraviolet light. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 Merck (70-230 mesh ASTM) with indicated solvents. Solvents were usually removed under vacuum, when stated, in a rotavapory evaporator. Unless otherwise noted materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. The *m*-CPBA of 95% purity was prepared by washing the commercial 50-60% *m*-CPBA with a phosphate buffer of pH 7.5 and drying the residue at reduced pressure.¹³ The following starting materials were synthesized by known procedures: 2chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride,⁶ isothiazolo[5,4-*b*]pyridin-3(2*H*)-ones **1a**,¹⁴ **1e**,¹⁵ and **1g**.⁶

2-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one (1b)

To a suspension of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride⁶ (3.12 g, 15.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml), a solution of *tert*-butylamine (3.28 g, 45.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml) was dropwise added with stirring at 0°C. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at 20°C for further 3 h. Water (60 ml) was added and the organic layer was separated, washed with H₂O (2 x 30 ml), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (EtOAc/cyclohexane 2:1, v/v). The product was recrystallized from EtOH/H₂O to give **1b** (1.90 g, 61%) as white needles (Table 1). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂OS: C, 57.66; H, 5.82; N, 13.45; S, 15.39. Found: C, 57.45; H, 5.92; N, 13.51; S, 15.15.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one (1c)

To a suspension of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride⁶ (3.12 g, 15.0 mmol) in CHCl₃ (20 ml), a solution of *p*-bromoaniline (2.58 g, 15.0 mmol) and triethylamine (3.03 g, 30.0 mmol) in CHCl₃ (20 ml) was dropwise added with stirring at 0°C. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at 20°C for an hour. The resulting solid material was collected and recrystallized from EtOAc to give 1c (3.31 g, 72%) as white needles (Table 1). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₇N₂OBrS: C, 46.92; H, 2.30; N, 9.12; S, 10.44.

Found: C, 46.94; H, 2.20; N, 9.13; S, 10.67.

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	solventa	_(ºC)	<u>-SO_x-</u>	-COO-		
16	A	61-62			1645	1.69 (9H, s), 7.28 (1H, dd, $J=4.6$, $J=8.0$), 8.17 (1H, dd, $J=1.8$, $J=8.0$), 8.69 (1H, dd, $J=1.8$, $J=4.6$).
1c	В	204-206			1675	7.39 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=8.0$), 7.58 (4H, s), 8.32 (1H, dd, $J=1.8$, $J=8.0$), 8.80 (1H, dd, $J=1.8$, $J=4.8$).
1 d	C	79-81			1650	1.37 (3H, t, $J=7.2$), 3.95 (2H, q, $J=7.2$), 7.32 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=7.9$), 8.24 (1H, dd, $J=1.8$, $J=7.9$), 8.71 (1H, dd, $J=1.8$, $J=4.8$).
1 f	D	103-105		1725	1665	1.25 (3H, t, $J=7.2$), 2.79 (2H, t, $J=7.4$), 4.1-4.2 (4H, m), 7.33 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=8.0$), 8.25 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=8.0$), 8.73 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$).
2a	С	113-114	1106		1714	the first second to the first of the second s
2 b	Ε	89-91	1105		1701	1.73 (9H, s), 7.62 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=8.0$), 8.19 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=8.0$), 8.88 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$).
2 c	В	203-204	1094		1718	7.41 (2H, d, $J=8.8$), 7.64 (2H, d, $J=8.8$), 7.74 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=7.8$), 8.38 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=7.8$), 9.00 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$).
2 d	В	112-114	1104		1713	1.42 (3H, t, $J=7.2$), AB part of ABX ₃ system ($\delta_A = 3.86$, $\delta_B = 4.04$, $J_{AX}=J_{BX}=7.2$, $J_{AB}=14.4$), 7.66 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=7.8$), 8.27 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$,
2 e	С	138-140	1111		1715	J=7.8), 8.91 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$).
2 f	С	52 - 54	1107	1724	1711	J=5.0). 1.23 (3H, t, J=7.2, OCH ₂ CH ₃), 2.80 (2H, td, J= 4.0, 7.0, CH ₂ CH ₂ CO), 4.08-4.20 (4H, m), 7.66 (1H, dd, J=4.8, J=7.8), 8.25 (1H, dd, J=1.6,
2 g	D	70 - 72	1125	1744	1715	J=7.8), 8.90 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$). 1.28 (3H, t, $J=7.0$), 4.23 (2H, q, $J=7.0$), 4.37 (1H, d, $J=18.2$), 4.81 (1H, d, $J=18.2$), 7.70 (1H, dd, $J=5.0$, $J=8.0$), 8.31 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=8.0$),
3a	с	140-142	1338 1163		1730	8.96 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=5.0$). 3.29 (3H, s), 7.76 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=7.8$), 8.37 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=7.8$), 8.99 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$).
3 b	E	147-149	1335 1148		1731	J=4.8). 1.77 (9H, s), 7.71 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=7.8$), 8.19 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=7.8$), 8.88 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, J=4.8).
3c	В	194-196	1343 1170		1742	7.41 (2H, d, $J=8.6$), 7.68 (2H, d, $J=8.8$), 7.82 (1H, dd, $J=4.9$, $J=7.9$), 8.45 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=7.9$), 9.05 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.9$).
3 d	С	90-91	1342 1158		1731	1.45 (3H, t, $J=7.2$), 3.88 (2H, q, $J=7.2$), 7.75 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=7.9$), 8.35 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=7.9$), 8.97 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$).
3e	F	122-124	1352 1169		1727	4.92 (2H, s), 7.3-7.5 (m, 5H), 7.74 (1H, dd, J =4.8, J =7.8), 8.32 (1H, dd, J =1.6, J =7.8), 9.01 (1H, dd, J =1.6, J =4.8).

Table 1. Characterization Data of the New Isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-ones and their S-OxidesCompdrecrystn.mpir v (cm⁻¹)b¹H nmr δ (ppm), J (Hz)^c

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3f	с	87 - 89	1325	1744	1732	1.26 (3H, t, J=7.2), 2.87 (2H, t, J=7.4), 4.1-4.2	
	_		1170			(4H, m), 7.76 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=7.8$), 8.36 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=7.8$), 8.98 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$).	
3 g	D	94 - 96	1339 1177	1752	1736	1.27 (3H, t, $J=7.0$), 4.24 (2H, q, $J=7.0$), 4.45 (2H, s), 7.78 (1H, dd, $J=4.8$, $J=7.8$), 8.38 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=7.8$), 8.99 (1H, dd, $J=1.6$, $J=4.8$).	

^aA: EtOH/H₂O, B: EtOAc, C: Isopropanol, D: EtOAc/cyclohexane, E: Cyclohexane, F: Et₂O, ^bUsing KBr tablets. ^cSpectra were recorded in CDCl₃

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2-Ethylisothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one (1d)

To a suspension of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride⁶ (3.12 g, 15.0 mmol) in dioxane (30 ml), a solution of ethylamine (2.03 g, 45.0 mmol) in water (60 ml) was dropwise added with stirring at 0°C. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at room temperature for further 3 h. After the addition of CH₂Cl₂ (150 ml), the organic layer was separated, washed with H₂O (2 x 30 ml), dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from 2-propanol to give **1d** (1.73 g, 64%) as pale yellow needles (Table 1). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₈N₂OS: C, 53.31; H, 4.47; N, 15.50; S, 17.73. Found: C, 53.42; H, 4.59; N, 15.45; S, 17.66.

2-(1-(Ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl)isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one (1f)

To a suspension of 2-chlorothio-3-pyridinecarbonyl chloride⁶ (3.12 g, 15.0 mmol) in dioxane (30 ml), a freshly prepared solution of ethyl 3-aminopropionate hydrochloride (9.21 g, 60.0 mmol) and sodium hydroxide (2.40 g, 60 mmol) in H₂O (60 ml) was dropwise added with stirring at 0°C. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at room temperature for further 3 h. Subsequently, H₂O (200 ml) was added and then the pH was brought to 6 with hydrochloric acid (1 M). The resulting solid material was collected and recrystallized from cyclohexane/EtOAc (3:1) to give **1f** (2.33 g) as white needles. A second crop (0.58 g) was obtained by extraction of the aqueous filtrate with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 100 ml); total yield 2.91 g (77%) (Table 1). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₂OS: C, 52.36; H, 4.80; N, 11:11; S, 12.71. Found: C, 52.19; H, 4.87; N, 11.03; S, 12.70.

Preparation of 2-substituted isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1-oxides (2a-g), General procedure.

To a stirred mixture of the corresponding isothiazolo[5,4-*b*]pyridin-3(2*H*)-one (**1a**-g) (9.0 mmol) in 50% aqueous MeOH (30 ml) at 20°C, oxone[®] (0.83 g, 13.5 mmol of KHSO₅) was added in small portions. When the reaction had been completed, the reaction mixture was poured into H₂O (100 ml) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 25 ml). Organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated, and the residue was

recrystallized to give 2a-g (Table 1). 2a Anal. Calcd for C₇H₆N₂O₂S: C, 46.14; H, 3.33; N, 15.38; S, 17.60. Found: C, 46.31; H, 3.37; N, 15.42; S, 17.89. 2b Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₂S: C, 53.54; H, 5.40; N, 12.49; S, 14.29. Found: C, 53.36; H, 5.51; N, 12.57; S, 13.99. 2c Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₇N₂O₂BrS: C, 44.60; H, 2.19; N, 8.67; S, 9.92. Found: C, 44.59; H, 2.07; N, 8.61; S, 9.62. 2d Anal. Calcd for C₈H₈N₂O₂S: C, 48.96; H, 4.12; N, 14.28; S, 16.34. Found: C, 49.03; H, 4.25; N, 14.13; S, 16.15. 2e Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₂O₂S: C, 60.44; H, 3.91; N, 10.85; S, 12.41. Found: C, 60.57; H, 4.06; N, 10.90; S, 12.70. 2f Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂N₂O₄S: C, 49.24; H, 4.52; N, 10.44; S, 11.95. Found: C, 49.20; H, 4.68; N, 10.15; S, 11.60. 2g Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₀N₂O₄S: C, 47.23; H, 3.97; N, 11.02; S, 12.61. Found: C, 47.35; H, 4.03; N, 11.13; S, 12.87.

Preparation of 2-substituted isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1,1-dioxides (3a-g). General procedures.

From 2a-g: A mixture of the corresponding isothiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-3(2H)-one 1-oxide (2a-g) (7.5 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.10 g, 0.3 mmol) in EtOAc (50 ml) at 20°C was treated with 5% aqueous NaOCi (44.70 g, 30.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred vigorously and the reaction monitored by tlc. After the sulfoxide was completely consumed, water (100 ml) was added and the organic layer was separated and washed with H₂O (2 x 50 ml). The resulting solution was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo, and the crude material was recrystallized to give **3a-g** (Table 1).

From 1a-g: To a suspension of the corresponding isothiazolo[5,4-*b*]pyridin-3(2*H*)-one (1a-g) (4.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml), a solution of 95% m-CPBA (1.44 g, 8.2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml) was added dropwise with stirring at 20°C. After the addition was completed, stirring was continued at 20°C for further 24 h. The mixture was washed with phosphate buffer of pH 7.5 (2 x 20 ml) and the organic layer was separated, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column (EtOAc/cyclohexane 2:1, v/v). After recrystallization, overall yields were 78% for 3a, 74% for 3b, 20% for 3c, 38% for 3d, 42% for 3e, 41% for 3f and 18% for 3g. 3a Anal. Calcd for C₇H₆N₂O₃S: C, 42.41; H, 3.06; N, 14.14; S, 16.17. Found: C, 42.65; H, 3.13; N, 14.10; S, 16.46. 3b Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₃S: C, 49.98; H, 5.04; N, 11.66; S, 13.34. Found: C, 50.15; H, 5.16; N, 11.62; S, 13.08. 3c Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₇N₂O₃BrS: C, 42.49; H, 2.08; N, 8.26; S, 9.45. Found: C, 42.58; H, 2.02; N, 8.18; S, 9.64. 3d Anal. Calcd for C₈H₈N₂O₃S: C, 45.27; H, 3.81; N, 13.20; S, 15.11. Found: C, 45.43; H, 3.93; N, 13.19; S, 15.02. 3e Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₂O₃S: C, 56.92; H,

3.68; N, 10.21; S, 11.69. Found: C, 56.90; H, 3.70; N, 10.16; S, 11.31. **3f** Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_5S$: C, 46.47; H, 4.26; N, 9.86; S, 11.28. Found: C, 46.20; H, 4.18; N, 9.75; S, 11.01. **3g** Anal. Calcd for $C_{10}H_{10}N_2O_5S$: C, 44.44; H, 3.74; N, 10.37; S, 11.86. Found: C, 44.45; H, 3.68; N, 10.15; S, 11.60.

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- 11. Excess of Cl₂, 70mM of substrate in HOAc/H₂O (v/v, 1:1), -19°C, 3 h.
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