

## SYNTHESIS AND SOME REACTIONS OF HEXAHYDRO-3-OXO-1-ARYL-2-PHENANTHRENECARBOXANILIDES

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Treatment of 2-arylidene tetralone with acetoacetanilide gave the phenanthrenecarboxanilides 1a-b. 1a underwent condensation with 5-aminotetrazole, 3-amino-1,2,3-triazole and 2-amino-5-carboethoxythiazole to give compounds 2,3 and 5 respectively. The structures of these compounds were established by their IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and mass spectral data.

**Key words:** Phenanthrenecarboxanilides; Synthesis; Reactions.

### INTRODUCTION

Interest has been expressed in the pharmacological action and the synthetic potentialities of anilides [1]. From a synthetic point of view, such compounds are of considerable importance as intermediates in the synthesis of certain heterocycles carrying potential basic side-chains [2].

The reaction of such compounds with acetoacetanilide has been investigated to give  $\beta$ -ketoanilides [3].

The present work deals with the synthesis of some new hexahydrophenanthrenes (1a-b), their reactions with 5-aminotetrazole, 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole, and 2-amino-5-carboethoxythiazole. Thus, treatment of 2-arylidene tetralone with acetoacetanilide gave (1a-b).

The assignment of structures (1a-b) are based on the IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and mass spectral data. The IR spectrum of (1a) showed absorption bands at 3300 (NH), 1670(CO) and 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup> (-CO-NH-). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1a displayed signals at  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H, -CO-NH-), 6.7 (s, 1H, olefinic) and 3.7 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>) in addition to aromatic and methylene protons. The mass spectrum of 1a gave an M<sup>+</sup> at 468 which conformed exactly with the molecular weight obtained.

The presence of the  $\beta$ -ketoanilide moiety in structures (1a-b) prompted us to undertake the synthesis of some new anilides carrying potential basic side-chains.

Thus the treatment of 1,2,3,9,10,10a-hexahydro-3-oxo-1-(p-nitrophenyl)-2-phenanthrenecarboxanilide (1a) with 5-aminotetrazole monohydrate in absolute ethanol afforded the tetrazole anil derivative (2). The assignment of structure (2) was based on the IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and MS spectral data. The IR spectrum showed well-defined absorptions at 3325 (NH, tetrazole), 3035 (NH amide), 1630(CONH) and 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum displayed

signals at  $\delta$  8.3(-CO-NH-), 7.7(N-H, tetrazole), 3.85(OCH<sub>3</sub>). In the mass spectrum no molecular ion was noticed, but the observed fragment m/z 466, corresponding to C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, was obviously formed by the loss of the tetrazole fragment (CHN<sub>4</sub>) from the parent ion.

In the same manner, condensation of (1a) with 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole in absolute ethanol afforded the anil derivative (3) as inferred from the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum, which displayed signals at  $\delta$  5.77 (s, 1H, olefinic phenanthrene), 7.72 (s, 1H, olefinic triazole). The mass spectrum showed no molecular ion, but upon loss of triazole fragment gave m/z 466. Boiling [3] with glacial acetic acid gave [4], as inferred from the absence of -NH- absorption in its IR spectrum.

In connection with the above condensation, treatment of (1a) with 2-amino-5-carboethoxythiazole under the same reaction conditions gave the anil derivative [5]. The IR spectrum showed absorption bands at 1630 (CONH), 1705 (CO ester) and 1605(C=N). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum displayed signals at  $\delta$  7.17 (s, 1H, olefinic thiazole). The same behaviour in the mass spectrum has been noticed, namely, that the molecular ion upon the loss of 5-carboethoxythiazole gave a fragment at m/z 466.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on a Gallenkamp electric melting point apparatus. Micro-analysis of the elements carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen were determined at the Institut für Organische Chemie, Tech. Hochschule Darmstadt, West Germany. IR spectra were recorded in KBr; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were determined with a Varian 90 MHz and MS were measured with an AET Ms-9 at 70 eV.



Analysis :  $C_{30}H_{26}N_6O_4$  (534.56)  
 Calcd : C, 67.4; H, 4.9; N, 15.72  
 Found : C, 67.48; H, 4.88; N, 15.95

*Treatment of 3 with glacial acetic acid: Formation of 4.* In glacial acetic acid (30 ml) was heated (0.25 g) of (3) under reflux for 3 hr. The reaction mixture was left to cool and poured into ice-cold water. The solid product that separated was filtered off, recrystallized from DMF to give compound 4 as brownish-black crystals in 45 % yield, m.p. 223°C, IR(KBr),  $\nu_{\max}^{cm^{-1}}$  : 1675(C=O) and 1595-1615 (C=N).

Analysis :  $C_{23}H_{17}N_5O_3$  (411.41)  
 Calcd : C, 67.14; H, 4.16; N, 17.02  
 Found : C, 67.61; H, 4.51; N, 16.91

*Condensation of 1a with 2-amino-5-carboethoxythiazole. Formation of 5.* This compound was synthesized in the same manner as in (2), from (1a) and 2-amino-5-carboethoxythiazole to give compound 5 in 67 % yield, as brownish-red crystals, m.p. 126°C IR(KBr),  $\nu_{\max}^{cm^{-1}}$  : 3160

(NH, amide), 1705(C=O, ester), 1630 (C=O, amide and 1605(C=N), m/z (rel. int.) 466(M-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NSO<sub>2</sub>) (3), 317 (466-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>) (2), 123(317-C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) (72), 43(100), <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  : 8.35(s, 1H,-CO-NH), 7.17(s, 1H, olefinicthiazole), 3.6(s,3H,.CH<sub>3</sub>) and 7.15-7.85 (m, 12H, ArH).

Analysis :  $C_{34}H_{30}N_4SO_6$  (622.674).  
 Calcd : C, 65.57; H, 4.85; N, 8.99  
 Found : C, 65.83; H, 4.54; N, 8.63

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