

## Note

### The identification of *N*-substituted 1-amino-1-deoxyhexuloses by $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r. spectroscopy of their oximes

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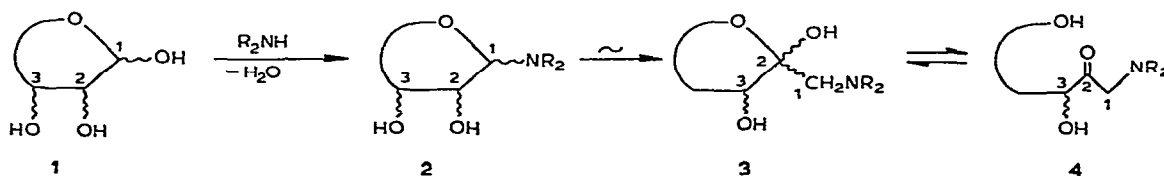
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The Amadori rearrangement<sup>1,2</sup> is the isomerization of an *N*-substituted aldosylamine (2) to an *N*-substituted 1-amino-1-deoxyhexulose (3, 4)

This reaction is of biochemical interest, and has often been described from a preparative<sup>1,3,4</sup> and mechanistic<sup>2</sup> point of view. For instance, the Amadori rearrangement products 3 and 4 have long been recognized as key substances in the non-enzymic, browning (Maillard) reaction<sup>1,5,6</sup>.

The identification of the products 3 and 4 is often difficult, because glycosylamines 2 may also be present in the reaction mixture<sup>4</sup>, and all the possible isomers of 2 and 3 may have similar chemical and spectroscopic properties<sup>4,7</sup>. Only the open-chain structure 4 can be determined by i.r. spectroscopy<sup>8</sup>, due to its  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  band near  $1720\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . With the help of  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r. spectroscopy, the constitution and configuration of the Amadori products 3 and 4 have been determined<sup>9</sup>. If solutions of *N*-substituted 1-amino-1-deoxyhexuloses in pyridine were allowed to mutarotate, up to 29  $^{13}\text{C}$ -signals (all for the carbohydrate part of the molecule) appeared, most of these signals occurred in a very narrow range<sup>10</sup>. This finding shows that all five possible isomers (4, two pyranoses 3, and two furanoses 3) were formed.



Addition of hydroxylamine hydrochloride in pyridine<sup>11</sup> to the mixture of the five isomers drastically simplified the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r. spectra. All of the products are converted quantitatively ( $>98\%$ ) into oximes within a few minutes at room temperature. As shown below, two isomers are formed, and hence a maximum of 12  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r. signals for the carbohydrate part of the molecules can be observed. Furthermore, the glycosylamines **2** do not give this reaction. In the present paper, the following compounds have been investigated by  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r. spectroscopy: 1-deoxy-1-(*N,N*-dibenzylamino)-D-fructose oxime (**5**), 1-deoxy-1-(*N*-methylanilino)-D-fructose oxime (**6**), 1-deoxy-1-piperidino-D-fructose oxime (**7**), 1-deoxy-1-morpholino-D-fructose oxime (**8**), and, as reference, D-fructose oxime (**9**).

The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -spectra were obtained under conditions of proton-noise decoupling, and the data are given in Table I.

In all of the cases, only two products are present. They can be assigned to the open-chain forms of the *syn-E* and *anti-Z* isomers. This is made possible by comparison with aldoximes and ketoximes of simple products<sup>12</sup> and of some monosaccharide *O*-methyl oximes<sup>13</sup> investigated previously by  $^{13}\text{C}$ -n.m.r. spectroscopy. The C-1–C-6 signals of the D-fructose *O*-methyl oximes<sup>13</sup> are nearly identical with those of D-fructose oxime (**9**). In this paper, **9** is used as reference material, as it has the same constitution (apart from R) as the Amadori products **5–8**.

As expected, the resonance of the  $\text{sp}^2$ -hybridized C-2 of **5–9** is seen between  $\delta$  153.6 and 161.3. So the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -signals of the open-chain form of non-oximated products are shifted upfield by up to 58 p.p.m. on oxime formation. In all cases, the signal for *syn*-C-2, as compared to the *anti*-C-2, is shifted upfield by up to 2 p.p.m. Only for **6** do the two C-2-resonances overlap. The resonances of C-1 and C-3 also shift upfield on oxime formation<sup>10,12</sup>. The shift of the signal for the carbon *cis* to the =N-OH group is larger than that for the carbon located *trans*, an effect noted earlier with *cis* and *trans* alkenes<sup>14</sup>. The difference amounts to 5.2–7.6 p.p.m. This effect is the basis for the assignments to the *syn* and *anti* forms.

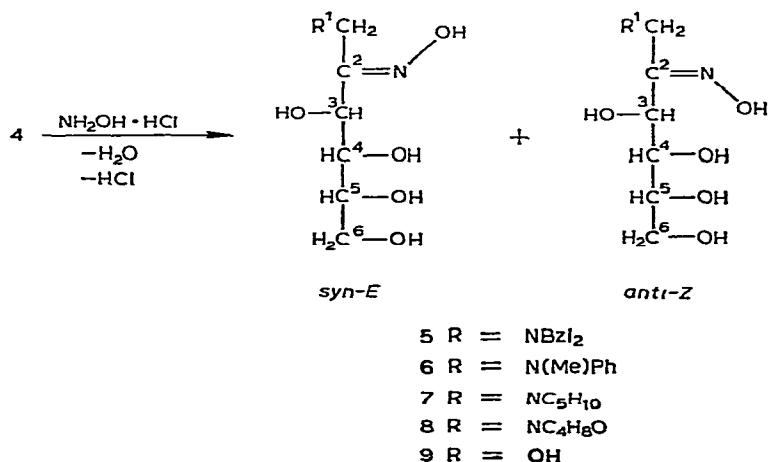


TABLE I

<sup>13</sup>C-CHEMICAL SHIFTS<sup>a</sup> FOR THE OXIMES 5-9 IN PYRIDINE-*d*<sub>5</sub> AT 35°, AND THE *anti-syn* RATIO

Compound	5	6	7	8	9
<i>syn form</i>					
C-1	48.9	48.8	50.7	50.9	56.4
C-2	157.4	159.5	153.6	155.6	161.3
C-3	72.2	70.6	72.9	73.0	71.1
C-4 <sup>b</sup>	74.8	73.9	76.3	76.0	73.8
C-5 <sup>b</sup>	73.3	73.2	73.0	73.2	72.9
C-6	65.7	65.3	65.1	65.4	64.9
<i>anti form</i>					
C-1	54.8	54.5	58.3	58.4	61.6
C-2	158.1	159.5	155.6	156.5	161.9
C-3	68.6	68.3	68.3	68.1	67.8
C-4 <sup>b</sup>	74.0	74.4	73.6	73.8	73.4
C-5 <sup>b</sup>	73.3	73.5	72.9	73.2	72.7
C-6	65.5	65.4	65.3	65.4	64.8
R <sup>c</sup>	137.9 134.8 131.6 130.7 129.7 129.6 129.5 59.5 58.3	151.3 150.9 130.0 129.8 118.0 117.5 114.3 114.0 40.2 39.5	55.3 54.8 24.3 22.5	66.2 65.9 54.5 53.9	
<i>anti-syn</i> Ratio <sup>d</sup>	1.1	1.3	4.2	4.0	1.2

<sup>a</sup>Shifts are in p.p.m. downfield from tetramethylsilane. <sup>b</sup>Assignments uncertain. <sup>c</sup>See formulae. <sup>d</sup>The intensities for equivalent carbon atoms are compared.

The variations in the positions of the <sup>13</sup>C-signals for C-1 are rationalized in terms of the different groups R. The signals at  $\delta \sim 65.0$  and  $\delta 72.7-76.0$  have shifts typical of primary and secondary alcohols, respectively.

The assignment to the *syn* and *anti* forms is supported by the relative intensities of the <sup>13</sup>C-signals. In all cases, the major isomers are the *anti* forms (see Table I). The *anti-syn* ratio for 7 and 8 is exceptionally high, because of the steric hindrance imposed by the large, cyclic amino-group. Such a steric influence was previously observed with simple ketoximes and some monosaccharide *O*-methyl oximes.<sup>12,13</sup>

Apart from the pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub> signals and the resonances of the groups R, which are not discussed here, there are no further signals in the <sup>13</sup>C-spectra proving the absence of cyclic oxime derivatives. If present, their concentration must be below 3%, as the signal-to-noise ratio is quite high in all the spectra.

Under the experimental conditions, the glycosylamines are not stable, but are quantitatively converted into D-glucose oximes (*syn* and *anti* forms) and the corre-

sponding amines This was observed with *N*-butyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosylamine monohydrate and *N*-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)piperidine. There is no difficulty in distinguishing the aldose oxime from the *N*-substituted 1-amino-1-deoxyketoxime, even in a mixture, because the signals, especially those of C-1-C-3, are well separated

#### EXPERIMENTAL

<sup>13</sup>C-N m r. spectroscopy — The <sup>13</sup>C-spectra were obtained under conditions of proton-noise decoupling on a Bruker WH 270 instrument (67.8 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C, with an internal deuterium lock) operating in the Fourier-transform mode It was equipped with a Nicolet BNC 12 computer with a 32K data memory and a Diablo Disk-System. All measurements given in Table I were carried out at 35° on solutions in pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub> (10-mm sample tubes) with a spinning rate of ~30 sec<sup>-1</sup> Up to 20 000 scans with a pulse sequence of 10 sec and a pulse angle of 30° were used to record a spectrum Internal standards were tetramethylsilane or the highest pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub> signal ( $\delta$  148.4 relative to that of Me<sub>4</sub>Si)

*Oximes* — The Amadori rearrangement products 1-deoxy-1-(*N,N*-dibenzylamino)-D-fructose<sup>15</sup>, 1-deoxy-1-(*N*-methylanilino)-D-fructose<sup>15</sup>, 1-deoxy-1-piperidino-D-fructose<sup>6</sup>, 1-deoxy-1-morpholino-D-fructose<sup>15</sup>, the glycosylamines *N*-butyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosylamine monohydrate<sup>9, 16</sup> and *N*-( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)piperidine<sup>17</sup>, and D-fructose (2.25 mmol) were dissolved in 1.5 ml of pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub> together with hydroxylamine hydrochloride (4.5 mmol) All of the solution of each sample was used for the <sup>13</sup>C-n m r measurements The reaction was complete within a few minutes, and the mixture was stable for several days at room temperature

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