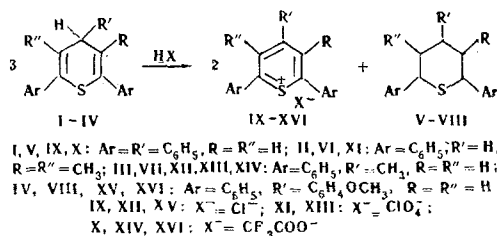


DISPROPORTIONATION OF γ -THIOPYRANSV. G. Kharchenko, M. E. Stankevich,
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For the first time we have established the ability of γ -thiopyrans to disproportionate with hydrogen transfer under the influence of protic acids (HClO_4 , HCl , CF_3COOH).



The disproportionation of γ -thiopyrans reveals the mechanism of the formation of thiapyrylium salts by attesting to the fact that the carbonium ions arising during protonation of the double bonds of γ -thiopyrans are hydride-ion acceptors. The mechanism of the reaction is similar to the mechanism for disproportionation of α -thiochromenes [1] and symoctahydrothioxanthenes [2]. The established transformation opens a new path for the synthesis of substituted thiacyclohexanes.

The structures of the thiapyrylium salts were confirmed by mixed melting-point determinations with authentic thiapyrylium salt samples [3, 4] and by exchange reactions. The structures of the thiacyclohexanes were confirmed by the IR spectra and elementary analysis of the sulfides and sulfones. Compounds V-VIII do not contain absorption bands which correspond to double bonds and are readily and smoothly oxidized to sulfones by hydrogen peroxide.

EXPERIMENTAL

2,4,6-Triphenyl-1-thiacyclohexane (V). This was obtained in 20% yield and had mp 107-108° (from alcohol). Found %: C 83.52, 83.60; H 6.60, 6.54; S 9.60, 9.51. $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{S}$. Calculated %: C 83.63; H 6.66; S 9.20.

2,4,6-Triphenyl-1-thiacyclohexane 1,1-Dioxide. This was obtained in 80% yield and had mp 272-274° (from alcohol). Found %: C 76.38, 76.32; H 6.48, 6.62; S 8.56, 8.62. $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{S}$. Calculated %: C 76.24; H 6.07; S 8.84.

2,6-Diphenyl-3,5-dimethyl-1-thiacyclohexane (VI). This was obtained in 25% yield and had mp 166-167° (from alcohol). Found %: C 80.83, 80.62; H 7.73, 7.93; S 11.16, 11.51. $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{S}$. Calculated %: C 80.85; H 7.80; S 11.35.

2,6-Diphenyl-3,5-dimethyl-1-thiacyclohexane 1,1-Dioxide. This was obtained in 78.6% yield and had mp 254-255° (from alcohol). Found %: C 74.30, 74.38; H 7.43, 7.18; S 10.15, 10.13. $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{S}$. Calculated %: C 72.61; H 7.00; S 10.19.

2,6-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-thiacyclohexane (VII). This was obtained in 26% yield and had mp 63-64° (from alcohol). Found %: C 80.32, 80.42; H 7.60, 7.67; S 11.85, 11.82. $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{S}$. Calculated %: C 80.53; H 7.46; S 11.94.

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2,6-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-thiacyclohexane 1,1-Dioxide. This was obtained in 92% yield and had mp 226-227° (from alcohol). Found %: C 71.58, 71.75; H 7.17, 6.78; S 10.52, 10.60. $C_{18}H_{20}O_2S$. Calculated %: C 72.00; H 6.66; S 10.66.

2,6-Diphenyl-4-(p-methoxyphenyl)-1-thiacyclohexane 1,1-Dioxide. 2,6-Diphenyl-4-(p-methoxyphenyl)-1-thiacyclohexane (VIII) was identified through its sulfone, which was obtained by oxidation with hydrogen peroxide of a reaction mixture consisting of uncrystallized product. The yield of the sulfone was calculated on the basis of the starting γ -thiopyran and was 16%. The product melted at 274-276° (from acetic acid). Found %: C 73.19, 73.03; H 6.24, 6.23; S 8.47, 8.36. $C_{24}H_{24}O_3S$. Calculated %: C 73.47; H 6.12; S 8.16.

The 2,4,6-triphenyl- (IX), 2,6-diphenyl-4-(p-methoxyphenyl)- (XV), and 2,6-diphenyl-4-methylthiapyrylium chlorides (XII) were identified by mixed melting-point determinations with authentic thiapyrylium chlorides [3]; 2,6-diphenyl-3,5-dimethyl- (XI) and 2,6-diphenyl-4-methylthiapyrylium perchlorates (XIII) [4] were similarly identified.

2,4,6-Triphenylthiapyrylium Trifluoroacetate (X). This was obtained in 60.6% yield and had mp 176-177°. The structure was confirmed by an exchange reaction with perchloric acid and a mixed melting-point determination with an authentic sample [5].

2,6-Diphenyl-4-methylthiapyrylium Trifluoroacetate (XIV). This was obtained in 62% yield and had mp 76-77° (decomp.). It was characterized via the iodide by an exchange reaction with KI. It did not depress the melting point of the authentic iodide [4].

2,6-Diphenyl-4-(p-methoxyphenyl)thiapyrylium Trifluoroacetate (XVI). This was obtained in 65% yield and had mp 133-134°. It was characterized through the perchlorate by an exchange reaction with $HClO_4$. It did not depress the melting point of the authentic perchlorate [5].

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