

dinium and thiazoloquinolinium oxides II and IV leads to deepening of their coloration. As in the case of the starting compounds, a greater bathochromic shift of the band obtained experimentally as compared with the theoretical estimate ($\Delta\lambda$ 28 nm) is observed for product VI; the latter value is somewhat lower than in the case of oxide IV ($\Delta\lambda$ 37 nm), which can probably be explained by the smaller decrease in the order of the C₁-C₂ bond on passing to the excited state for VI ($\Delta p_{1,2} = -0.2031$).

Thus the quantum-chemical analysis of thiazolopyridinium derivatives carried out in this paper makes it possible to explain the difference in their coloration and reactivities with respect to electrophilic reagents.

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FORMATION OF IMIDAZOLE SYSTEMS IN THE REACTIONS OF 2,2-DIMETHYL-3-PHENYLAZIRINE WITH AMIDINES, ETHYL CARBAMATE, AND RHODANAMINE

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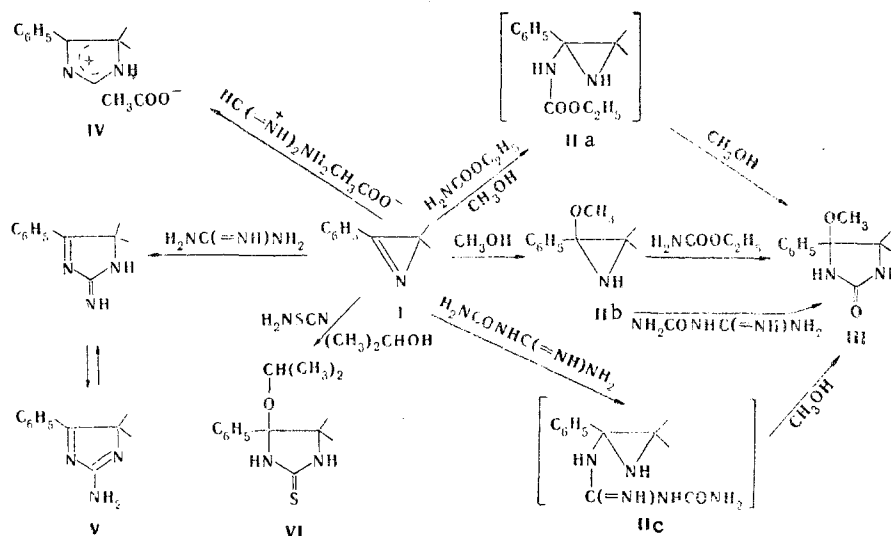
The reactions of 2,2-dimethyl-3-phenylazirine with guanidine, guanylurea, formamidine acetate, ethyl carbamate, and rhodanamine lead to substituted imidazoles, 2-imidazolidone, and imidazolidine-2-thione. It was established experimentally that the initial process is nucleophilic addition of alcohol to the azirine, after which the resulting 3-alkoxy-2,2-dimethyl-3-phenylaziridine reacts with the amine component to give the corresponding imidazole derivative.

It is known the ethyl ester of carbazic acid reacts with 3-dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-2H-azirine to give 4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazine-3(2H)-one [1]. No information regarding the reaction of 2H-azirine with amines, ethyl carbamate, and rhodanamine is available in the literature.

We have investigated the reactions of 2,2-dimethyl-3-phenylazirine (I) with ethyl carbamate (urethane), formamidine acetate, guanylurea, guanidine, and rhodanamine.

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NMR spectra of III obtained by the reaction of azirine I with ethyl carbamate in methanol contains two singlets of NH groups at 7.92 and 6.59 ppm and singlets of protons of imidazolidone and a methoxy group. A singlet of the carbon atom of a C=O group at 161.5 ppm is observed in its ^{13}C NMR spectrum. The presence of nonequivalent resonance signals of the NH groups in the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra constitutes evidence for the cyclic structure of III. The band of C=O stretching vibrations (1715 cm^{-1}) that is characteristic for imidazolidone group in five-membered cyclic ureides is observed in the vibrational spectra. On the basis of the spectra and analytical data it may be assumed that 4-methoxy-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenyl-2-imidazolidone (III) is formed in the reaction of azirine I with ethyl carbamate. The formation of imidazolidone III is in agreement with the data in [1], which indicate the intermediate formation of aziridine IIa. However, one cannot exclude the possibility that the first step in the reaction is the formation of alkoxyaziridine IIb, the substitution of which with urethane leads to imidazolidone III.



Imidazolidone III and imidazolidone III were isolated during a study of the reaction of azirine I with guanidylurea in methanol. The formation of these compounds can be explained either by the reaction of intermediate aziridine IIc to undergo isomerization to an ylid system [2] with rearrangement with the splitting out of guanidine or by the probable reaction of aziridine IIb with alkoxyaziridine IIb, as a result of which imidazolidone III and guanidine are formed. This confirms the latter assumption experimentally. Thus guanidine and imidazolidone were isolated in the reaction of 3-methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-3-phenylaziridine, obtained by the reaction of azirine I with guanidylurea in methanol.

The reaction of azirine I with formamidinium acetate takes place with the formation of imidazolinium acetate IV. The PMR spectrum of which contains bands of vibrations of the C=N bond (1640 cm^{-1}), and the CH_3COO^- ion (1550 and 1395 cm^{-1}), as well as a broad band of stretching of an NH group at 3300 cm^{-1} . A singlet of gem- CH_3 groups and a singlet of an NH proton (8.70 ppm) are observed in the PMR spectrum of IV. The appearance of a band of stretching vibrations of an NH group in the region of a free amino group (3300 cm^{-1}) rather than in the ammonium region makes it possible to assume that the positive charge is localized on the nitrogen atoms but rather is distributed over the system of bonds in the imidazolinium ion. On the basis of the data presented above, as well as the analytical data, it may be concluded that 5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylimidazolinium acetate (IV) is formed in the reaction of azirine I with formamidinium acetate.

A singlet of gem- CH_3 groups, a broad singlet of an NH group (with an intensity of two protons), and a multiplet of phenyl protons are observed in the PMR spectrum of V obtained in the reaction of azirine I with guanidine, while bands of C=N (1680 cm^{-1}), NH_2 (3270 cm^{-1}), and imino (3485 cm^{-1}) groups are observed in the vibrational spectrum. It is assumed that tautomers, viz., 2-imino-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-imidazoline and 5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylimidazole (V), are formed as a result of the reaction of azirine I with guanidine.

2-Methoxy-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylimidazolidine-2-thione (VI) was isolated in the reaction of azirine I with rhodanamine in isopropyl alcohol. Signals of nonequivalent gem- CH_3

TABLE 1. Physicochemical Characteristics of III-VI

Compound	mp, °C	Found, %			Empirical formula	Calc., %			Yield, %
		C	H	N		C	H	N	
III	180—181	65.1	7.1	12.5	C ₁₂ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₂	65.4	7.3	12.7	56
IV	110—111	66.9	6.6	11.8	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₂ O	67.2	6.9	12.1	64
V	174—175	70.2	6.7	22.1	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ N ₃	70.6	6.9	22.4	47
VI	171—172	67.5	7.9	11.0	C ₁₄ H ₂₀ N ₂ OS*	67.7	8.1	11.3	74

*Found: S 12.7%. Calculated: S 12.9%.

groups are observed in its ¹H and ¹³C spectra, and this constitutes evidence for its cyclic structure. Two broad singlets of NH groups (9.36 and 8.58 ppm) are also recorded in the ¹H NMR spectrum, and the ¹³C spectrum contains a singlet at 180.9 ppm, which should be ascribed to the resonance of the carbon atom of the C=S bond (a band of stretching vibrations of a C=S bond is observed in the IR spectrum at 1550 cm⁻¹). A molecular ion of imidazolidinethione VI cannot be recorded in the mass spectrum of VI, but an ion with m/e 204 corresponding to a substituted 3-imidazoline-2-thione is observed. Splitting out of isopropyl alcohol probably occurs under the influence of electron impact, and 2-thio-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-imidazoline-2-thione is formed.

The formation of imidazole derivatives in the reactions of azirine I with amidines, ethyl carbamate, and rhodanamine evidently occurs as a consequence of rearrangement of the intermediates, which is accompanied by the ejection of easily split out products.

EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra of suspensions of the compounds in Nujol and hexachlorobutadiene were obtained with UR-20 and Specord spectrometers. The mass spectrum was recorded with an MS-905 spectrometer (70 eV). The ¹H NMR spectra of 5% solutions of the compounds were obtained with Perkin-Elmer R-12A (60 MHz) and Bruker WH-90 spectrometers with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. The ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker WH-90 spectrometer. The chemical shifts were measured relative to TMS. The physicochemical characteristics of III-VI are presented in Table 1.

4-Methoxy-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenyl-2-imidazolidone (III). A solution of 3.7 g (0.03 mole) of ethyl carbamate in 10 ml of methanol was added to a solution of 4.7 g (0.03 mole) of azirine I [3] in 30 ml of methanol, and the mixture was stirred at 70°C for 3 h. The alcohol was removed by distillation, and the residue was recrystallized from petroleum ether to give 3.7 g (56%) of a product with mp 180-181°C. ¹H NMR spectrum (d₆-DMSO), δ: 0.54 and 1.23 (3H and 3H, s, C-CH₃), 2.90 (3H, s, OCH₃), 6.59 (1H, s, NH), 7.38 (5H, s, C₆H₅), and 7.92 ppm (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum (d₆-DMSO), δ: 21.7 and 28.7 (q, * CH₃), 50.6 (q, OCH₃), 62.7 (s, quaternary C), 96.1 (s, quaternary C), 128.4 (d, C_m), 129.3 (d, C_o and C_p), 138.2 (s, C_q), and 161.5 ppm (s, C=O).

Compounds IV and V were similarly obtained. The individuality of III-VI was confirmed by thin-layer chromatography (TLC).

5,5-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-imidazolinium Acetate (IV). ¹H NMR spectrum (d₆-DMSO), δ: 1.43 (6H, s, C-CH₃), 1.65 (3H, s, CH₃COO⁻), 3.36 (1H, s, NH), 7.59 (3H, m, H_m and H_p), 7.96 (2H, m, H_o), and 8.70 ppm (1H, s, CH).

2-Imino-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-imidazoline (V). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ: 1.54 (6H, s, C-CH₃), 5.19 (2H, s, NH and C=NH), 7.56 (3H, m, H_m and H_p), and 8.10 ppm (2H, m, H_o).

4-Isopropoxy-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylimidazolidine-2-thione (VI). A solution of 4.3 g (0.03 mole) of azirine I in 30 ml of isopropyl alcohol was added to a solution of 2 g (0.03 mole) of rhodanamine [4] in 250 ml of benzene, and the mixture was stirred at 70°C for 3 h. The solvent was removed by distillation, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol to give 4.9 g (74%) of a product with mp 171-172°C. ¹H NMR spectrum (d₆-DMSO), δ: 0.47 and 1.27 (3H and 3H, s, C-CH₃), 0.87 and 1.05 (3H and 3H, d, J = 6 Hz, isopropyl CH₃), 3.49 (1H, septet, J = 6 Hz, CH), 7.38 (5H, s, C₆H₅), and 8.58 and 9.36 ppm (1H and 1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR

*The multiplicity of the signal in an off-resonance experiment is indicated.

spectrum (d_6 -DMSO), δ : 19.3, 23.5, 24.6, 25.6 (q, CH_3); 65.2 (s, quaternary C); 66.5 (d, CH); 97.4 (s, quaternary C); 127.1 and 127.6 (d, C_O and C_m); 128.1 (d, C_p); 137.3 (s, C_α); 180.9 ppm (s, C=S).

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