Reactions with Hydrazonoyl Halides. Part 21. Reinvestigation of the Reactions of Hydrazonoyl Bromides with 1,1-Dicyanothioacetanilide

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The reaction of *C*-(benzoyl)-*N*-(phenyl) formohydrazonoyl bromide with 1,1-dicyanothioacetanilide was reinvestigated. The product was elucidated on the basis of elemental analysis, spectral data and alternative synthesis. Also, reaction of hydrazonoyl halides with different thioanilides were investigated.

Recently an ambiguous product, namely, 2-(dicyanomethylene)-3,4-diphenyl-5-phenylazo- Δ^4 -1,3-thiazoline (3) was claimed² to be obtained by two different methods. One by the reaction of *C*-(benzoyl)-*N*-(phenyl)formohydrazonoyl bromide (1a) with the potassium salt of 1,1-dicyanothioacetanilide (2a) in dimethylformamide and the other by coupling of benzenediazonium chloride with 2-dicyanomethylene-3,4-diphenyl- Δ^4 -1,3-thiazoline (4) in ethanolic sodium acetate solution (Scheme 1). As reactions of hydra- zonoyl halides with ketothioamides and substituted cyanothioanilides are expected to give 2,3-dihydro-1,3,4-thiadiazoles and thiazolinones depending on the reaction condition, 3-5 the identity of the products from these reactions has been reinvestigated.

Scheme 1

Scheme 2

Treatment of *C*-(benzoyl)-*N*-(phenyl)formohydrazonoyl bromide (**1a**) with the potassium salt of 1,1-dicyanothioacetanilide (**2a**) gave a product, which analytically, and in accord with data was 5-benzoyl-3-phenyl-2-phenylimino-2,3-dihydrothiadiazole (**6a**). The structure of **6a** was elucidated on the basis of spectral data (IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR) and authenticated *via* the reaction of hydrazonoyl bromide **1a** with methyl phenylthiocarbamate⁶ in ethanolic triethylamine (Scheme 2).

Also, thioamide 2a reacted with ω -bromoacetophenone in dimethylformamide containing potassium hydroxide to give the acyclic product 8, completely different from the reported² thiazoline 4 (Scheme 3).

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In contrast, the thiomides 2b, c reacted with hydrazonoyl halides 1 and 5a-g to give products 15 and 18 (Scheme 4).

Scheme 4

For example, compound **2b** reacted with *C*-(benzoyl)-*N*-(phenyl)formohydrazonoyl bromide (**1a**) in dimethyl-formamide to give the same product (mp, mixed mp, spectra) as that obtained by the reaction of (**1a**) with methyl (1-ethoxycarbonyl-1-cyano)ethanedithioate (**16**) in ethanolic triethylamine. On the basis of spectral data and elemental analyses, this product was formulated as 2-benzyl-5-(cyano-ethoxycarbonylmethylene)-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1,3,4-thiadiazole (**15a**). The formation of products **15a**,**b** is assumed to proceed through the reaction of **2b**,**c** with the hydrazonoyl halides **1**, **5a**–**g** to form acyclic intermediate **11** from which **15** is obtained *via* loss of aniline. An authentic sample **15** is obtained through the reaction of hydrazonoyl halides with methyl carbodithioate **16** (Scheme **4**).

Furthermore, hydrazonoyl halides 1 and 5a-g reacted with thioamide 19 in dimethylformamide containing potassium hydroxide to give 2,3-dihydrothiadiazoles 21a-g, in good yield. The structure of the products was confirmed on the basis of elemental analyses and spectral data (Scheme 5).

It is noteworthy that Augusti *et al.* reported⁷ that aroylacetonitrile (22) reacted with phenyl isothiocyanate in dimethylformamide in the presence of sodium hydride to form an intermediate (not isolated) which reacted with α-haloketones to give 2-anilino-4-phenyl-5-substituted-3-thiophenecarbonitrile (25). When the reaction was repeated in the presence of potassium hydroxide instead of sodium hydride the acyclic compound (24) was isolated (Scheme 6). Compounds 24 were converted to thiophenes 25 (by boiling in ethanolic triethylamine) and thiazoles 26 (by conc. sulfuric acid at room temperature) (Scheme 6).

Scheme 5

Scheme 6

Techniques used: IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and MS

Schemes: 6

Table 1: Physical constants and elemental analyses of new compounds

Table 2: Spectral data

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