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2-Aryl-1-oxaspiro(2,5)octa-4-ones Ia,b reacted with carbon-disulfide, phenylisocyanate, or phosphorus pentasulfide to yield compounds II, III, IV respectively. The bis-spirodioxane V is produced when compound Ib was heated at 150 °C for 1 hr.

**Keywords:** Oxaspiro(2,5) octanes; oxathiospirodecanes; benzoxazines; tetrahydrobenzodithiols

### INTRODUCTION

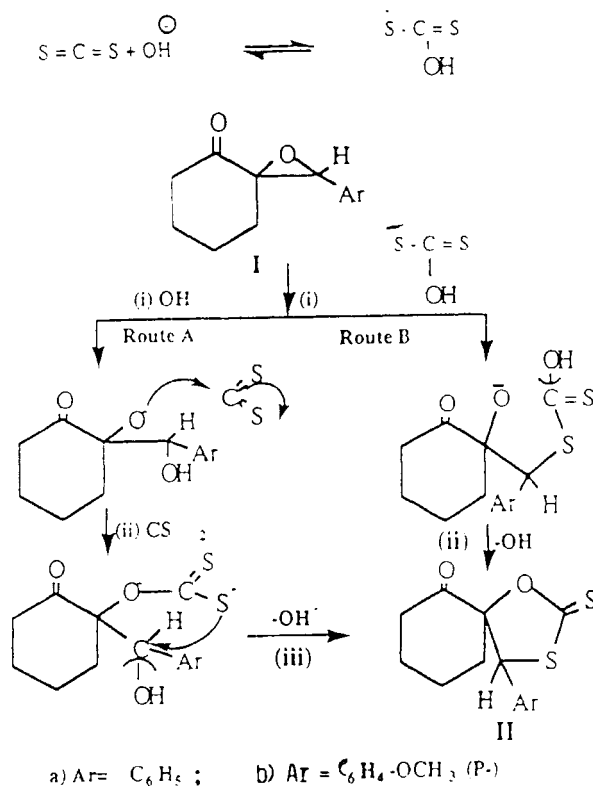
Recently it was reported that exathiolanes and oxazines have antibacterial<sup>2,3</sup>, antitumor<sup>4,5</sup> and anticonvulsant<sup>6,7</sup> activities. This led the authors to use spirooctanones as synthetic auxiliaries to produce some heterocycles having potential biological effects.

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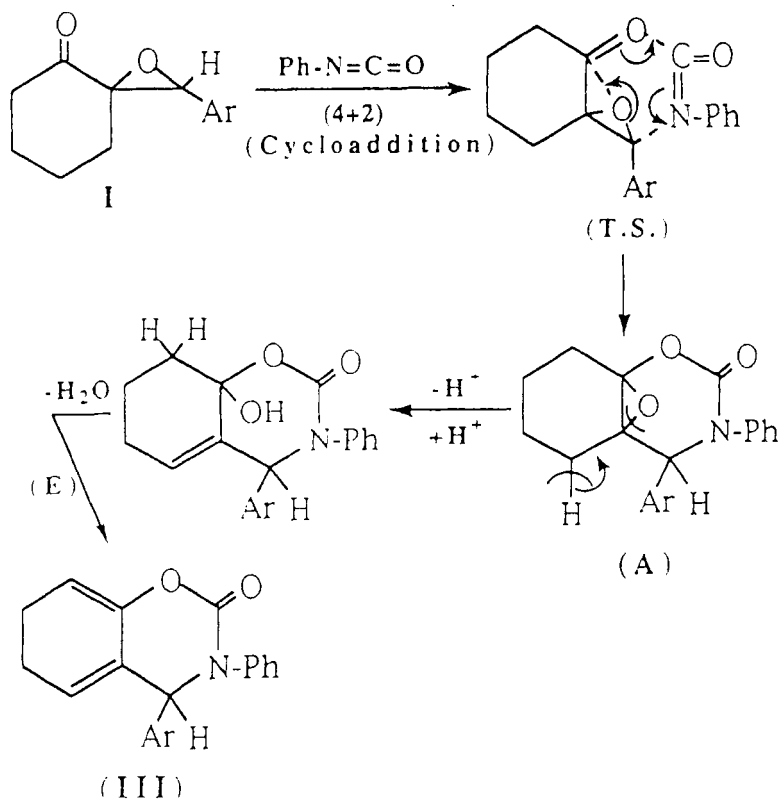
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

2-Aryl-1-oxaspiro (2,5)octa-4-ones Ia,b react with carbon disulfide in alkaline medium to produce 4-aryl-1-oxa-3-thiospiro (4,5)deca-2-thione-6-ones IIa,b. Infrared spectra of IIa,b show  $\gamma$  C=O at  $1695\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\gamma$  C=S at  $1315\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of IIa (DMSO- $d_6$ ) showed signals at (1.4–2.2) ppm (8H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), (4.2) ppm (1H, s, CH), and (7.5–8) ppm (5H, m, ar.). The mass spectrum of IIb showed a molecular ion peak  $M^+$  at ( $m/z = 308$ ) which undergoes fragmentation to the following ions  $m/z$  s 292, 280, 276, 261, 245, 229, 220, 201, 156, 151. The formation of compounds IIa,b may take place via an addition-elimination mechanism (cf. Scheme 1).



SCHEME 1

Compounds Ia,b reacted with phenylisocyanate to yield 6,7-dihydro-3,4-diaryl-benz-1,3-oxazin-2-ones IIIa,b via a novel (4+2) cycloaddition reaction, in which the spirooctanone acts as a 1,4-dipole to give the intermediate adduct (A), followed by a cycloaddition in which a molecule of water is eliminated to give the final product III (cf. scheme 2).



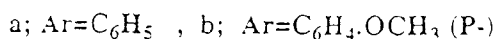
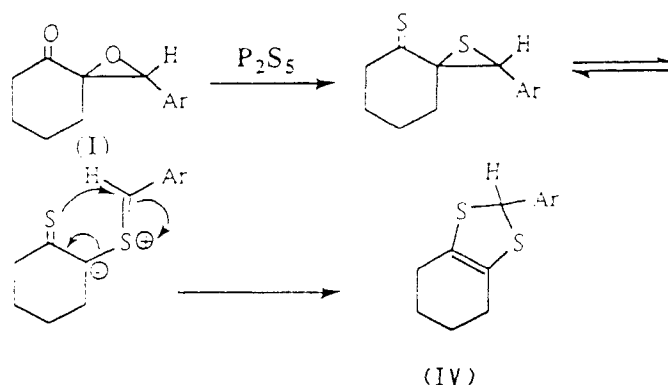
a) Ar=C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> ; b) Ar=C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub> (P-)

SCHEME 2

The structure of compounds IIIa,b was proved by correct elemental analysis and spectral data. The IR spectrum showed an absorption band at 1686 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\gamma$  C=O). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of IIIb showed signals at  $\delta$  (1.2–2.2) ppm (4H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.7 ppm (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>); (4–4.2) ppm (2H, 2t, CH<sub>2</sub>); (6.1), ppm (1H, s, CHAr), (6.7–7.5) ppm (9H, m, ar.).

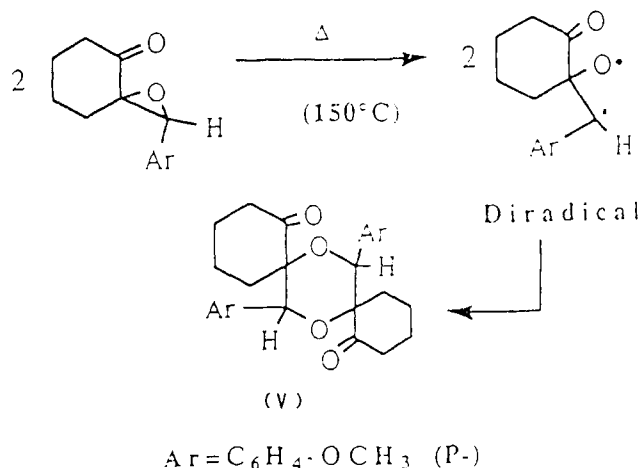
The mass spectrum of IIIa showed a molecular ion peak  $M^+$  at ( $m/z = 303$ ) which undergoes fragmentation to ions  $m/z$ 's (212, 184, 114, 106, 105, 93, 91). All these data are in agreement with the assigned structures.

Thiation of 2-aryl-1-oxaspiro (2,5) octa-4-ones Ia,b with phosphorus pentasulfide in the presence of sulfur powder produced 2-aryl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo (5,6-d)-1,2-dithiols IVa,b. The assignment of structure IV was based on correct elemental analysis and spectral data. The IR spectra revealed the absence of  $\gamma$  C=O group. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of IVb showed signals at  $\delta$  (1.5–2.5) ppm (8H, m,  $4\text{CH}_2$ ); (3.8) ppm (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ); (4.8–5) ppm (1H, br,  $\text{CHAr}$ ); (6.7–7.5) ppm (4H, 2d, ar.). The M.S. of compound IVa showed a molecular ion  $M^+$  peak at ( $m/z = 234$ ) which undergoes fragmentation to give  $m/z$  s (202, 192, 122, 121, 112). A possible reaction mechanism for the described thiation is illustrate is scheme 3.



SCHEME 3

The bis-spire-dioxane V was obtained when 2-aryl-1-oxaspiro (2,5)octa-4-ones Ib was heated at  $150^\circ\text{C}$  in an oil bath for one hr. The assignment of structure V was based on correct elemental analysis and spectral data. The IR spectrum showed an absorption band at  $1707\text{ cm}^{-1}$  attributed to  $\gamma$  C=O. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of V showed signals at  $\delta$  (1.3–2.5) ppm (16H, m,  $8\text{CH}_2$ ); (3.6–4) ppm (8H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3 + \text{CHAr}$ ); (6.8–8) ppm (8H, 2d, ar.), and the M.S. of V gave a  $M^+$  peak at ( $m/z = 464$ ) supporting its molecular formula. The formation of the bis-spire-dioxane V may take place according to scheme 4.



SCHEME 4

## EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded on a Beckmann IR-18 spectrometer. The mass spectra were recorded on a micro-mass 7070 f spectrometer operating at 70 ev. using direct inlet. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 180 Mz on a Varian EM 360 spectrometer. TMS was used as internal standard.

The antimicrobial activities of the synthesized compounds were determined in vitro using the hole plate and filter disc method<sup>(8)</sup>. Two different species of Gram-positive bacteria and two strains of Gram-negative bacteria, yeast and fungi were employed. The chloramphenicol was used as reference. The author thanks Dr. A.S. El-Deen, National Centre for Research and Technology, Caire, Egypt, for carrying out the antimicrobial activity.

## Starting material

2-Aryl-1-oxaspiro (2,5),octa-4-ones Ia,b was prepared according to our previous work<sup>(1)</sup>.

### Reaction of compound I with carbon disulfide

A mixture of compound Ia,b (0.01 mol), carbon disulfide (3 ml), NaOH (1 g) in 50 ml ethanol was refluxed for 3 hours. The solid formed was collected and recrystallized from the proper solvent to give IIa,b (cf. Table I).

TABLE I Physical and analytical data for the prepared compounds

Compd.	M.p. °C Solvent	Mol. Formula Mol. Wt.	Yield (%)	Analysis %			
				Calc. / Found			
				C	H	N	S
II a	108	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	50	60.40	5.07	-	23.03
	B. Pet.	278.4		60.50	5.00		23.40
IIIb	127	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	60	58.41	5.23	-	20.79
	E	308.4		58.80	5.30		21.00
IIIa	204	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	55	79.19	5.65	4.62	-
	E	303.3		79.40	5.60	4.80	
IIIb	259	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>19</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	60	75.65	5.74	4.20	-
	D	333.4		75.80	5.70	4.40	
IV a	132	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>14</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	45	66.61	6.02	-	27.36
	M	234.4		66.80	6.00		27.50
IVb	147	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> OS <sub>2</sub>	50	63.59	6.10	-	24.25
	E	264.4		63.80	6.00		24.40
V	241	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	30	72.40	6.94		-
		464.5		72.50	7.00		

B = benzene, E = ethanol, D = dioxane. M = methanol. Pet. = petroleum ether.

### Reaction of compound I with phenylisocyanate

A mixture of compound Ia,b (0.01 mol), phenylisocyanate (0.01 mol), and triethylamine (0.5 ml) in dry benzene (30 ml) was refluxed for 3 hours. The solid substance that separated was collected and recrystallized from the proper solvent to give IIIa,b (cf. Table I).

### Thiation of compounds I, formation of IVa,b

A mixture of compound Ia,b (0.01 mol), sulfur powder (1 g) and  $P_2S_5$  in dry benzene (50 ml) was refluxed for 2 hours. The solid residue which was a by product was removed. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the solids formed are collected and recrystallized from the proper solvent to give IVa,b (cf. Table I).

### Action of heat on compound I

Compounds Ib (0.01 mol) was heated at 150 °c for 1 hour. It sublimed to give colorless crystals of V.

TABLE II Antimicrobial activity for compounds IIa,b; IIIa and IVa

Compound	Microorganisms					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
reference						
chloramphenicol	+++	+++	-	++	+++	+++
IIa	++	+	-	-	+	++
IIb	++	++	-	-	+	++
IIIa	+	+	-	-	+	++
IVa	++	++	+	-	+	++

(1) *Bacillus subtilis*, (2) *Staphylococcus aureus*, (3) *Escherichia coli*, (4) *Pseudomonas aruginosa*, (5) *Candida albicans*, (6) *Aspergillus niger*.

+++ = Highly active (inhibition zone > 13 mm).

++ = Active ( " " 9–12 mm).

+ = Slightly active ( " " 6–9 mm).

- = not sensitive.

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