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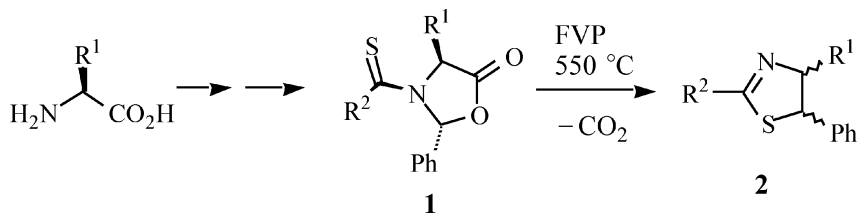
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In earlier work we showed that thermolysis of 1,3-dioxolan-4-ones resulted in loss of CO and formation of two carbonyl compounds.¹ In contrast to this, the 3-acyloxazolidin-5-ones were found to thermally eliminate CO₂ to give acylaziridines and, at higher temperatures, oxazolines.² We have now examined the corresponding thioacyl analogues **1**. The compounds are readily made from the acyl compounds and Lawesson's reagent and in two cases the structures have been confirmed by X-ray diffraction. Flash vacuum pyrolysis (FVP) at 550°C results in clean loss of CO₂ to give 5-phenyl-2-thiazolines **2** as shown.

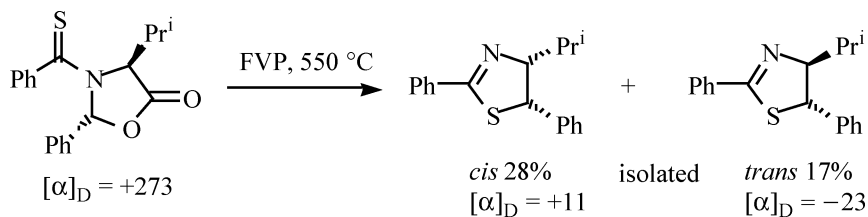


A specific example involving the oxazolidinone originally derived from *S*-valine is shown.

Because the starting materials are chiral, being made originally from amino acids, the stereochemistry of the products is of particular interest and the latest results on the diastereomeric ratio and enantiomeric excess of the thiazolines **2** will be presented.

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