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# Oxidation of 1,3-Dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-2,3,4,7-tetrahydro-7-(2-propenyl)-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic Acid under the Radziszewski Reaction Conditions

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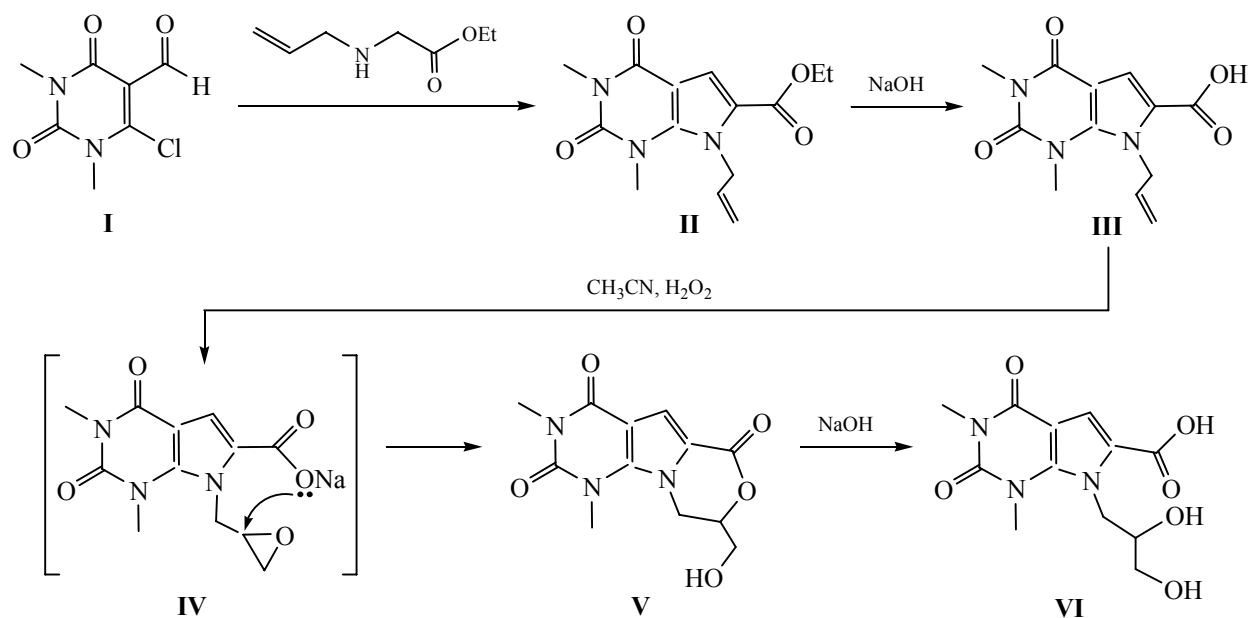
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One synthesis approach to the compounds containing oxirane ring is the olefins oxidation under the Radziszewski reaction conditions [1]. We have shown that the available acid **III**, obtained by a known method [2], readily reacts with iminoperacetic acid. Unfortunately, it was impossible to obtain the expected

product **IV**, because it undergoes rapidly an intramolecular cyclization to give a tricyclic derivative, pyrimido[5',4':4,5]pyrrolo[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazine **V**. It is interesting that the oxidation of compounds **II** and **III** with peracetic or 3-chloroperbenzoic acid does not occurs even under prolonged heating.



When the substrate **V** is heated with sodium hydroxide, lactone ring is opened to form pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid **VI** derivative containing 2,3-dihydroxypropyl substituent in position 7 of the heterocycle. The structure of the synthesized compounds was established by the  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and

IR spectroscopy; the composition was confirmed by the elemental analysis.

**Ethyl 1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-2,3,4,7-tetrahydro-7-(2-propenyl)-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (**II**).** To a suspension of 2 g of aldehyde **I** in

8 ml of benzene was added dropwise a mixture of 1.85 g of diethyl ether and 1.4 ml of triethylamine in 7.5 ml of benzene while cooling at 0–5°C and a stirring. The reaction mixture was kept for 12 h at 20–25°C. The precipitated triethylamine hydrochloride was filtered off. The filtrate was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in 15 ml of ethanol, and was added dropwise 0.53 g of sodium ethoxide in 4 ml of ethanol. The reaction mixture was heated for 3 h at 20–25°C. The resulting precipitate was filtered off and washed with water. Yield 2.2 g (77%), mp 143–145°C (ethanol). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1554 (C=O), 1659 (C=O), 1691 (C=O).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 1.30 t (3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  7.0 Hz), 3.24 s (3H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.68 s (3H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 4.23 d. d (2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  7.0 Hz), 4.73 d (1H, CH,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  17.5 Hz), 5.19 d (1H, CH,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  10.5 Hz), 5.36 br.s (2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.11 m (1H, CH), 7.28 s (1H, CH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm: 160.23 (OC=O), 158.22 (2-C=O), 152.09 (4-C=O), 142.46 ( $\text{C}^8$ ), 135.80 ( $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 121.37 ( $\text{C}^6$ ), 115.79 ( $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 114.64 ( $\text{C}^5$ ), 101.21 ( $\text{C}^9$ ), 60.68 ( $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 48.43 ( $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 32.33 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 28.45 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 14.55 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). Found, %: C 57.62; H 5.80; N 14.46.  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ . Calculated, %: C 57.72; H 5.88; N 14.42.

**1,3-Dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-2,3,4,7-tetrahydro-7-(2-propenyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid (III).** To a suspension of 5 g of ethyl ester **II** in 50 ml of aqueous ethanol (1:1) was added 0.9 g of sodium hydroxide in 5 ml of water. The mixture was heated for 2 h at 60°C, cooled and added 3 ml of glacial acetic acid. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and acetone. Yield 3.2 g (71%), mp 202–204°C (ethanol–DMF). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1550 (C=O), 1648 (C=O), 1693 (C=O), 3443 (OH).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.23 s (3H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.67 s (3H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 4.68 d (1H, CH,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  17.2 Hz), 5.16 d (1H, CH,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  10.8 Hz), 5.41 br.s (2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.09 m (1H, CH), 7.21 s (1H, CH), 12.74 br.s (1H, OH). Found, %: C 55.05; H 5.07; N 15.87.  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ . Calculated, %: C 54.75; H 4.98; N 15.96.

**8,9-Dihydro-1,3-dimethyl-8-(hydroxymethyl)-2H-pyrimido[5',4':4,5]pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]oxazino-2,4,6-(1H,3H)-trione (V).** To a suspension of 5 g of acid **III** in 20 ml of water was added 0.76 g of sodium hydroxide in 5 ml of water. To this solution were added 5 ml of 50% hydrogen peroxide and 5 ml of acetonitrile. The reaction mixture was kept for 12 h at 20–25°C. The resulting precipitate was filtered off and

washed with water. Yield 2.9 g (55%), mp 257–259°C (acetonitrile). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1559 (C=O), 1656 (C=O), 1697 (C=O), 3404 (OH).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.25 s (3H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.71 m (5H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.41 d. d (1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  10.0,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  13.0 Hz), 4.71 m (1H, CH), 4.83 d. d (1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  13.0,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  3.0 Hz), 5.29 t (1H, OH,  $^3J_{\text{HH}}$  6.0 Hz), 7.28 s (1H, CH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm: 158.62 (6-C=O), 158.27 (2-C=O), 151.69 (4-C=O), 139.61 ( $\text{C}^{10a}$ ), 117.80 ( $\text{C}^{5a}$ ), 113.15 ( $\text{C}^5$ ), 102.40 ( $\text{C}^{4a}$ ), 77.85 ( $\text{C}^8$ ), 60.89 ( $\text{C}^9$ ), 44.98 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 32.13 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 28.49 ( $\text{NCH}_3$ ). Found, %: C 51.52; H 4.73; N 15.10.  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ . Calculated, %: C 51.61; H 4.69; N 15.05.

**7-(2,3-Dihydroxypropyl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-2,3,4,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid (VI).** To a suspension of 1 g of compound **V** in 10 ml of aqueous ethanol (1:1) was added 0.14 g of sodium hydroxide in 5 ml of water. The mixture was heated for 1 h at 60°C, cooled, and 1 ml glacial acetic acid was added. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with water. Yield 0.65 g (61%), mp 171–173°C (DMF). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1554 (C=O), 1652 (C=O), 1687 (C=O), 3364 (OH).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.22 s (3H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.33 m (2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.62 br.s (1H, CH), 3.76 s (3H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 4.62 m (1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 4.75 br.s (1H, OH), 4.87 m (1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 5.04 br.s (1H, OH), 7.17 s (1H, CH), 12.57 br.s (1H, OH). Found, %: C 48.52; H 5.12; N 14.16.  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ . Found, %: C 48.49; H 5.09; N 14.14.

The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury-400 (400 MHz) (**III**, **VI**) and Bruker Avance 500 spectrometers (500 and 125 MHz, respectively) (**II**, **V**) in DMSO- $d_6$  relative to internal TMS. The IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vertex 70 FTIR instrument from KBr pellets.

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