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## ISOCOUMARINES: STRUCTURAL STUDY BY NMR AND BY AM1 SEMI-EMPIRICAL METHOD

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### ABSTRACT

Study of a serie of isocoumarins by  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{17}\text{O}$  NMR spectrometry and AM1 method is reported. These methods gave valuable informations on electronic effect and the structure of isocoumarins.

### INTRODUCTION

Isocoumarins are compounds which have biologic effects (1). They have been extracted from plants like "*Artemisia cappilaris*"(2) or from some insects like beetles (*Apsena pubescens*) or ants (*Lasius niger*)(3). Recently

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L. BHOLIN and al. indicated inhibition effect, in vitro, of isocoumarins in prostaglandins synthesis (4). Isocoumarins are used also as synthesis intermediates. Thus, 3-alkyl and 3-aryl-isocoumarins are important intermediates for preparation of many compounds like arylaliphatic diketones (5) and / or isobenzopyrylium salts (6), which can be used to obtain isoquinoleines.

Although isocoumarins have been widely studied, more aspects of their structures are unknown. In this paper, the results of a structural study by  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{17}\text{O}$  NMR and AM1 methods of these compounds are reported. No similar study is known up to now. AM1 method is a new one for compounds heat of formation ( $\Delta H$ ) and atomic charges densities (q) calculations in a molecule; therefore AM1 method can allow the chemical shift assignment in NMR spectra (7).

## EXPERIMENTAL

All isocoumarins are obtained from 1,3-isochromandiones substituted in 4 position (8), by heating them in sulfuric acid (9).

Compound 1 have been prepared by acylation of homophthalic anhydride with acids anhydrides or acids chlorides (10). All isocoumarins are obtained in solid state. They are identified by IR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy, melting points and elementary analysis.  $^{17}\text{O}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER AMX 400 spectrometer in  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  or  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  solutions at 54.24 and 100.61 MHz respectively. Typical experimental conditions for  $^{17}\text{O}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR experiments were: Sweep width 45000 and 25000 Hz; pulse delay 20  $\mu\text{s}$  and 3  $\mu\text{s}$ ; acquisition time 0.09 and 0.3 s data.

Table I gave  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data and table II gave  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{17}\text{O}$  NMR and AM1 calculation data.

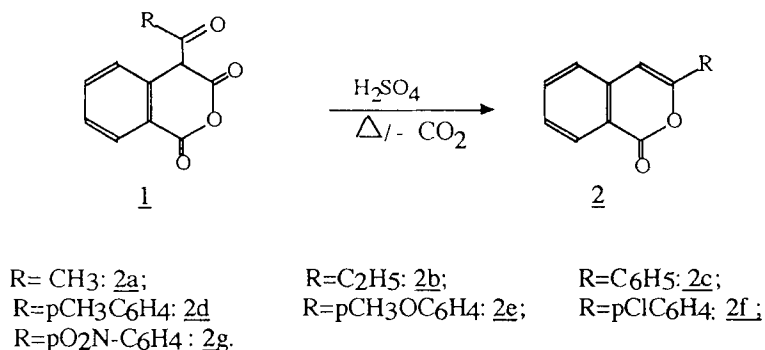
## DISCUSSION

### $^1\text{H}$ NMR study of isocoumarins

$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of isocoumarins present the following signals:

One singlet assigned to the proton H4 resonance between 6 and 7,2 ppm. The chemical shift of this proton depends on nature of R.

One doublet at 8,2-8,3 ppm assigned to the proton Hg ( $J = 8-8,2\text{Hz}$ ) which  $\delta$  is unaffected by the nature of R.



SCHEME 1

These two signals are characteristic of isocoumarins like compounds describe in this paper (10).

One multiplet at 7,3 ppm assigned to protons H5, H6 and H7 and to protons of R in the case of an arylc substitution.

In the case of an aliphatic substituant, the singlet at 6-7,2 ppm is observed at 6,1-6,3 ppm while in arylc substituant it is observed at 6,8-7,2 ppm, in a deshielded field.

This deshielding field is comparable to the withdrawing effect of a phenyl group. So, when R is aliphatic ( $\text{R} = \text{CH}_3$  or  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ) the  $\delta$  value of these protons are respectively at 2,3 and 2,5 ppm like in the case of toluene and ethylbenzene.

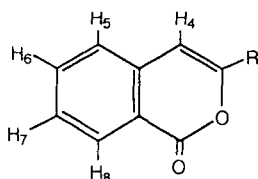
### $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR study of isocoumarins

The chemical shifts assignment was made on the basis of the results obtained by R. N. AYYANGAR and al.(11) and H. DUDDECK and al. (12).

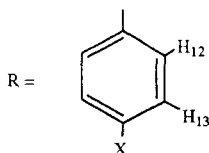
In isocoumarin system the substituant has a small effect on carbon chemical shifts. The carbone C1 is the most deshielded carbon and C4 is the most shielded one. The chemical shift of C4 is about 100 ppm. The  $\delta$  value of this carbon is 105,54 when  $\text{R} = \text{pNO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ , but is between 101 and 102 ppm in the other case where R is arylc. The  $\delta$  value of C1 is 161-163 ppm.

Among the other carbons of the system, C3 and C10 seemed to be perturbed by the nature of R. All these results are in good agreement with those found for AM1 calculations, which indicates the C4 as the more negative charged carbon ( $q = -0,22\text{ev}$ ) and the C1 the more positive charged one

**TABLE I**  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shift (δ in ppm) of isocoumarin ring



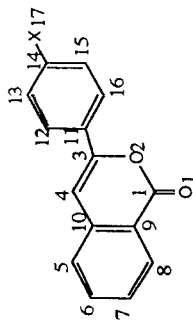
Compd	H <sup>4</sup>			H <sup>8</sup>			H <sup>5</sup> , H <sup>6</sup> H <sup>7</sup>		
<u>2a</u>	6,3	s	1H	8,25	d	1H (J= 8Hz)	7,3	m	3H
<u>2b</u>	6,1	s	1H	8,25	d	1H (J= 8Hz)	7,3	m	3H
<u>2c</u>	6,9	s	1H	8,30	d	1H (J= 7,9Hz)	7,5	m	3H
<u>2d</u>	7,1	s	1H	8,30	d	1H (J= 8,1Hz)	7,5	m	3H
<u>2e</u>	6,8	s	1H	8,25	d	1H (J= 8,0Hz)	7,7	m	3H
<u>2f</u>	6,9	s	1H	8,25	d	1H (J= 8,2Hz)	7,5	m	3H
<u>2g</u>	7,2	s	1H	8,20	d	1H (J= 8,2Hz)	7,5	m	3H



Compd	R	H <sub>12</sub>		H <sub>13</sub>		X
<u>2a</u>	CH <sub>3</sub>	2,3	s 3H	-		-
<u>2b</u>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	2,5	q 2H(J=8Hz)	1,2	t 3H(J=8Hz)	-
<u>2c</u>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	7,3	m 5H	-		-
<u>2d</u>	pCH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	7,7	d 2H(J=10Hz)	7,2	d 2H(J=10Hz)	2,4 s 3H
<u>2e</u>	pCH <sub>3</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	7,9	d 2H(J=10Hz)	7,1	d 2H(J=10Hz)	3,9 s 3H
<u>2f</u>	pClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	7,8	d 2H(J=8Hz)	7,3	d 2H(J=8Hz)	-
<u>2g</u>	pNO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	8,1	d 2H(J=8Hz)	7,5	d 2H(J=8Hz)	-

TABLE II

Atomic charges densities and <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>17</sup>O NMR chemical shifts



a)  $\delta$  in ppm from TMS for <sup>13</sup>C and for external water for <sup>17</sup>O  
b) charge density obtained by AM1

	2a		2b		2c		2d		2e		2f		2g	
	$\delta$	q	$\delta$	q	$\delta$	q	$\delta$	q	$\delta$	q	$\delta$	q	$\delta$	q
O1	-	-0.2966	321.46	0.2963	322.05	-0.2963	321.85	-0.2952	332.18	-0.2957	-	-0.2921	-	-0.2862
O2	-	-0.1962	230.89	-0.1924	217.19	-0.1924	219.58	-0.1826	222.51	-0.1838	-	-0.1842	-	-0.1843
C1	162.66	+0.3472	162.82	+0.3436	162.19	+0.3436	162.42	+0.3435	162.90	+0.2957	162.14	+0.344	162.31	+0.3441
C3	154.35	+0.3472	159.40	+0.1183	153.56	+0.1183	153.93	+0.1221	155.00	+0.1242	152.62	+0.1132	156.54	+0.0960
C4	103.34	-0.2402	101.85	-0.2235	101.76	-0.2235	101.12	-0.2245	101.32	-0.2250	102.18	-0.2186	105.54	-0.2058
C5	127.33	-0.1414	127.41	-0.1392	128.10	-0.1392	127.95	-0.1393	127.03	-0.1396	128.50	-0.1379	129.52	-0.1346
C6	129.20	-0.0872	129.31	-0.0882	129.55	-0.0882	129.68	-0.0883	128.80	-0.0884	130.52	-0.0880	129.72	-0.0875
C7	124.75	-0.1514	125.01	-0.1506	125.97	-0.1506	125.90	-0.1512	126.61	-0.1510	126.13	-0.1489	127.20	-0.1448
C8	134.54	-0.0562	134.58	-0.0574	129.92	-0.0574	129.26	-0.0571	129.92	-0.0573	129.81	-0.0574	129.13	-0.0571
C9	119.73	-0.1569	120.07	-0.1547	120.50	-0.1547	120.48	-0.1552	120.07	-0.1550	120.63	-0.1534	121.76	-0.1498
C10	137.50	+0.0328	137.58	+0.0272	131.92	+0.0272	137.78	+0.0270	136.00	+0.0273	135.08	+0.0248	135.03	+0.0186
C11	19.40	-0.1841	26.57	-0.0591	137.47	-0.0591	140.32	-0.0660	139.00	-0.0976	137.35	-0.0570	137.59	-0.0241
C12-C16	-	-	11.12	-0.0944	128.78	-0.0944	129.60	-0.0905	127.62	-0.0636	129.20	-0.0865	123.83	-0.0923
C13-C15	-	-	-	-0.1342	125.20	-0.1342	125.23	-0.1350	115.33	-0.2108	126.57	-0.1297	126.75	-0.0912
C14	-	-	-	-0.1128	134.81	-0.1128	134.86	-0.1350	162.00	+0.0971	136.10	-0.0469	148.44	-0.0864
C17	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.44	-	56.15	-	-	-	-	-

( $q = +0,34$  ev). The  $\delta$  value of C3 and C10 are 152-159 ppm and 131-138 ppm respectively. The AM1 calculation values of these carbon's charges are respectively  $q = +0,11-0,12$  ev for C3 and  $q = +0,018-0,033$  ev for C10.

In the AM1 data, the carbon C4, C5, C7 and C9 are negatively charged and they are more shielded than the others. These results are in good agreement with the NMR experimental data.

The positive charge of the C3 carbon explain the electronic withdrawing effect of isocoumarins for substituents which are in this position. Thus when  $R = \text{CH}_3$ , the carbon of this methyl group appear at 19,4 ppm while the carbons of an ethyl group appear at 26,57 for methylene and 11,12 ppm for methyl. For example in toluene the carbon of methyl group appear at 21,3 ppm while in ethylbenzene the carbons of ethyl group appear at 29,7 and 15,8 ppm (13)

### *$^{17}\text{O}$ NMR study of isocoumarins*

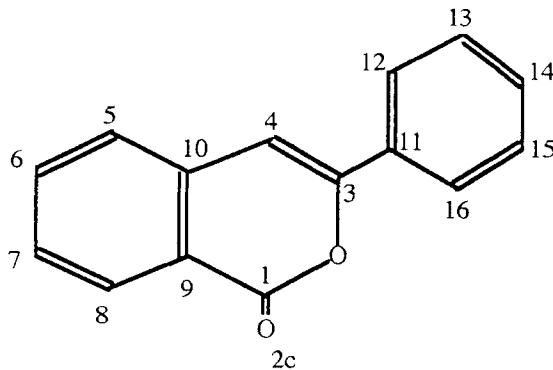
We reported the first  $^{17}\text{O}$  NMR data for isocoumarins. The chemical shift of the two oxygens of these compounds are respectively 320-333ppm for carbonyl oxygen O<sup>1</sup> and 217-222,5ppm for lactonic one O<sup>2</sup> (Cf Table II).

The chemical shift of carbonyl oxygen (O<sup>1</sup>) is similary to that observed for the benzenic esters and lactones. The chemical shift of lactonic oxygene (O<sup>2</sup>) of isocoumarins is however more deshielded than that of their homologs of esters and lactones which  $\delta$  values are about 120 and 170 ppm respectively (14).

### *AM1 study of geometrie of isocoumarins*

This study is the first for isocoumarins. We do not found any correlation between chemical shift and charge densities of oxygen in isocoumarins. This is probably du to the geometry of these compounds which defavorise conjugaison of phenyl group in 3 position and isocoumarin ring.

We select 3-Phenylisocoumarin 2c as reference compound for this study



The compound contain two plane systems: isocoumarin ring and phenyl ring. Although there is no proton on 2 position of isocoumarin ring, it is possible to suspect the existence of interaction like those of biphenyl. The protons H<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>12</sub> (or H<sub>16</sub>) could exerce on themselves Van der Waal type of interaction and put out the plane structure of the molecule.

AM1 calculation method is a successfull method in determining the more stable conformation of this kind of structure. The diedral angle chosen for the heat of formation calculation was  $\theta = \text{C4-C3-C11-C12}$ . It is found that the more stable conformation is that where  $\theta = 30^\circ$  ( $\Delta H = -5,599\text{Kcal/mole}$ ).

#### Conclusion:

The AM1 semiempirical method is usefull for assignment of chemical shifts in NMR spectrometry and in geometrical and electronic effets study in organic polar compounds.

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