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# Diozonides from Coozonolyses of Suitable O-Methyl Oximes and Ketones

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**Abstract:** Ozonolyses of the O-methyl oximes of cyclic ketones 5a - c in the presence of 1,4-cyclohexanedione (6) and ozonolyses of the O-methylated dioxime 8 of 1,4-cyclohexanedione in the presence of cycloketones 7a - c afforded the corresponding diozonides 11. Ozonolysis of the O-methyl oxime of acetone gave diozonide 18 in the presence of 6 and diozonide 21 in the presence of butanedione. Ozonolysis of the O-methyl oxime of cyclohexanone in the presence of butanedione gave diozonide 22. In addition, representatives of the hitherto unknown types of dispiro ozonides 12 having a lactam ring system have been obtained from the ozonolyses of 8 and 7. ◎ 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd.

## INTRODUCTION

Ozonolyses of O-methyl oximes of ketones 1 have been reported to generate the corresponding carbonyl oxides 2 and amides 4, the latter probably *via* intermediates 3. Recently, we have been able to make use of this mode of generation of carbonyl oxides for the preparation of ozonides by coozonolyses of some O-methyl oximes in the presence of acid derivatives. We have now tried whether this mode of reaction can be extended to the syntheses of diozonides.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In our work we tried a two-way approach, viz. ozonolysis of the O-methyl oxime of a monoketone in the presence of a diketone on one hand, and ozonolysis of a O-methylated dioxime in the presence of a monoketone on the other hand. The ozonolysis reactions were carried out in aprotic solvents and the ozonides obtained have been isolated in the yields reported below, and characterized by positive peroxide tests, correct elemental analyses and by their <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra.

Ozonolyses of **5a** - **c** in the presence of **6** via route A gave the crystalline, stable diozonides **11a** - **c** in yields of 29%, 32% and 15%, respectively. By-products of these reactions were the known<sup>3</sup> lactams **9a** - **c** in yields of 22 - 26% and the known<sup>3</sup> γ-oxo ozonides **10a** - **c** in yields of ca. 16%, each. Ozonolyses of **8** in the presence of **7a** - **c** via route B produced diozonides **11a** - **c** in 39%, 44% and 39%, respectively, i.e. in higher yields than via route A. Additional products in these reactions were ozonides **12a** - **c** in yields of 40%, 36% and 26%, respectively.

$$(CH_{2})_{n} C = NOCH_{3} + 0 = 0$$

$$(CH_{2})_{n} C = 0 + CH_{3}ON = NOCH_{3}$$

$$(CH_{2})_{n} C = 0 + CH_{3}ON$$

a: n=4; b: n=5; c: n=6

Reductions of diozonides 11a - c with triphenylphosphine (TPP) gave the expected fragments 6 and 7a - c in a ratio of 1:2 and reductions of ozonides 12a - c gave 13 and 7a - c in ratios of ca. 1:1. The formation of ozonides 12 via route B can be rationalized by ozone cleavage of one of the C=N bonds of 8 to give a carbonyl oxide moiety and epoxidation of the other C=N bond to give an oxaziridine moiety. This can happen simultaneously to give 14 or, more likely, consecutively to give 15 and/or 16 in the first step.

Ozonolysis of 17 in the presence of 6 provided the crystalline, stable diozonide 18 in 9% yield. Additional products were the known monoozonide 19 (4%)<sup>3</sup> and amide 4 (R=CH<sub>3</sub>; 23%).<sup>3</sup> Ozonolysis of 8 in the presence of acetone gave 30% of 18 and 28% of ozonide 20. Reduction of 18 gave acetone and 6 in a ratio of 2:1, and reduction of 20 gave acetone and 13 in a ratio of 1:1.

The above described method can be also applied for the synthesis of  $\alpha$ -diozonides: Ozonolysis of 17 in the presence of butanedione gave a 1:2-mixture of the known<sup>4</sup> meso- and racem.-isomers of structure 21 in 18% yield. Similarly, ozonolysis of 5b in the presence of butanedione gave a mixture of two diastereomers of diozonide 22 in 67% yield. The latter isomers have been individually isolated by HPLC separation and tentatively assigned based on the assumption that, as in the case of ozonides 21, the meso-isomer exhibits the shorter retention time.<sup>4</sup> Reduction of 22 with TPP gave cyclohexanone, butanedione and acetic anhydride (25) in a molar ratio of 1:0.2:0.5. The a priori unexpected formation of 25 is rationalized by a stepwise reduction of 22 to give cyclohexanone and 23, followed by decomposition of 23 to give cyclohexanone and 25 via an intermediate of type 24 by analogy with the decomposition of other  $\alpha$ -oxo ozonides.<sup>5</sup> In a similar manner, diozonide 21 had been shown previously<sup>4</sup> to give acetone, butanedione and 25 via the corresponding  $\alpha$ -oxo ozonide which, in that case had been detected by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

The ozonolysis reactions described above open a new access to diozonides, a class of compounds, of which hitherto only a limited amount of representatives have been known. This short-path synthesis has the advantage over the conventional procedure that it obviates the preparation of the parent diolefins and that the synthesis can be performed by a two-way approach, as represented by routes A and B, in which the optimum combination of substrates can be preselected.

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## **EXPERIMENTAL**

All reagents used were of commercial grade. NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as internal reference on a Bruker AC 250 instrument. HPLC separation was carried out on a Merck-Hitachi chromatograph 655 A11.

General procedure for ozonolysis reactions: Coozonolyses of 5a - 5c or of 17 with 6 were carried out in a mixture of 40 mL of pentane and 20 mL of dichloromethane at 0 °C. The solution was decanted from a solid precipitate, the precipitate was dissolved in 50 mL of dichloromethane, the two solutions were combined and the solvents were distilled off at room temperature and reduced pressure. The viscous liquid residue was separated by flash chromatography using silica gel and petroleum ether/ether 97:3 (700 mL), 1:1 (500 mL) and 2:3 (500 mL), followed by acetone (500 mL).

Coozonolyses of 8 with 7a - 7c or acetone were carried out in 60 mL of pentane at 0 °C. The solvent was distilled off at room temperature and reduced pressure and the viscous liquid residue was separated by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ether 97:3 (1000 mL) and 3:2 (400 mL), followed by ether/acetone 7:3 (500 mL).

Coozonolysis of 5a and 6: Ozonolysis of 1.00 g (8.9 mmol) of 5a and 0.33 g (3.0 mmol) of 6 gave 1.35 g of a residue, from which 0.30 g (26%) of 9a, 0.30 g (16%) of 10a and 0.40 g (29%) of 11a were isolated. Compounds 9a and 10a have been assigned based on the identity of their <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data with those of authentic samples.<sup>3</sup>

6,11,17,18,21,22-Hexaoxatetraspiro[4.1.2.1.4.2.2.2]docosane (11a): Colorless solid, m.p. 80 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.68 (m, 8H), 1.90 (m, 8H), 1.93 (s, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  23.72, 31.11, 35.20, 107.51, 107.55, 118.62. Anal. calcd for  $C_{16}H_{24}O_{6}$ : C, 61.52; H, 8.08. Found: C, 61.37; H, 8.27.

Coozonolysis of 5b and 6: Ozonolysis of 1.10 g (8.7 mmol) of 5b and 0.32 g (2.9 mmol) of 6 gave 1.45 g of a residue, from which 0.27 g (22%) of 9b, 0.31 g (16%) of 10b and 0.47 g (32%) of 11b were isolated. Compounds 9b and 10b have been assigned based on the identity of their <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data with those of authentic samples.<sup>3</sup>

7,12,19,20,23,24-Hexaoxatetraspiro[5.1.2.1.5.2.2.2]tetracosane(11b): Colorless solid, m.p. 83.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.40 (m, 4H), 1.59 (m, 8H), 1.71 (m, 8H), 1.92 (s, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  23.79, 24.88, 24.91, 31.42, 34.52, 107.52, 107.60, 109.33. Anal. calcd for  $C_{18}H_{28}O_{6}$ : C, 63.51; H, 8.29. Found: C, 63.41; H, 8.43.

Coozonolysis of 5c and 6: Ozonolysis of 1.30 g (9.2 mmol) of 5c and 0.34 g (3.1 mmol) of 6 gave 1.65 g of a residue, from which 0.33 g (23%) of 9c, 0.37 g (17%) of 10c and 0.25 g (15%) of 11c were isolated. Compounds 9c and 10c have been assigned based on the identity of their <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data with those of authentic samples.<sup>3</sup>

8,13,21,22,25,26-Hexaoxatetraspiro[6.1.2.1.6.2.2.2]hexacosane (11c): Colorless solid, m.p. 90 °C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.56 (broad s, 16H), 1.90 (m, 16H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  22.68, 29.36, 29.46, 31.32, 37.46, 107.76, 107.83, 113.55, 113.60. Anal. calcd for  $C_{20}H_{32}O_{6}$ : C, 65.19; H, 8.75. Found: C, 65.14; H, 8.88.

Reductions of diozonides 11a - c: Solutions of 0.04 g of an ozonide of structure 11 in 1 mL of CDCl<sub>3</sub> were admixed with excess triphenyl phosphine and kept in sealed NMR tubes at 50 °C for 48 h. Subsequent <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed that 11a gave 6 and 7a, 11b gave 6 and 7b, and 11c gave 6 and 7c in a ratio of ca. 1:2, each. The assignments of these products were confirmed by <sup>13</sup>C NMR analyses.

Coozonolysis of 8 and 7a: Ozonolysis of 0.77 g (4.5 mmol) of 8 and 1.51 g (18.0 mmol) of 7a gave 2.10 g of a residue, from which 0.55 g (39%) of 11a and 0.46 g (40%) of 12a were isolated.

*N-Methoxy-6,14,15-trioxa-10-azadispiro*[4.1.6.2]pentadecan-11-one (12a): Colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.65 - 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.85 - 1.95 (m, 4H), 1.95 - 2.10 (m, 4H), 2.50 - 2.60 (m, 2H), 3.72 - 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 23.63, 23.72, 30.88, 31.76, 34.81, 35.27, 36.38, 46.89, 62.08, 108.27, 119.30, 170.78. Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{19}NO_5$ : C, 56.02; H, 7.44; N, 5.44. Found: C, 56.10; H, 7.67; N, 5.60.

Coozonolysis of 8 and 7b: Ozonolysis of 0.77 g (4.5 mmol) of 8 and 1.76 g (18.0 mmol) of 7b gave 2.30 g of a residue, from which 0.68 g (44%) of 11b and 0.44 g (36%) of 12b were isolated.

*N-Methoxy-7,15,16-trioxa-11-azadispiro*[5.1.6.2]hexadecan-12-one (12b): Colorless liquid;  $^{1}H$  NMR  $\delta$  1.30 - 1.80 (m, 10H), 1.90 - 2.10 (m, 4H), 2.50 - 2.60 (m, 2H), 3.70 - 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR  $\delta$  23.51, 23.59, 24.59, 30.69, 31.97, 34.18, 34.33, 36.55, 46.67, 61.89, 108.10, 110.06, 170.66. Anal. calcd for  $C_{13}H_{21}NO_{5}$ : C, 57.55; H, 7.80; H, 5.16. Found: H, 7.77; H, 5.30.

Coozonolysis of 8 and 7c: Ozonolysis of 0.77 g (4.5 mmol) of 8 and 2.02 g (18.0 mmol) of 7c gave 0.65 g (39%) of 11c and 0.34 g (26%) of 12c.

*N-Methoxy-8,16,17-trioxa-3-azadispiro*[6.1.6.2]heptadecan-4-one (12c): Colorless liquid;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.57 (m, 8H), 1.85 - 2.05 (m, 8H), 2.50 - 2.60 (m, 2H), 3.72 - 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 22.36, 22.42, 29.12, 30.67, 31.82, 36.39, 37.10, 37.19, 46.68, 61.83, 108.31, 114.22, 170.64. Anal. calcd for  $C_{14}H_{23}NO_{5}$ : C, 58.93; H, 8.12; N, 4.91. Found: C, 59.00; H, 8.00; N, 5.00.

Reductions of ozonides 12a - c: Solutions of 1 drop of an ozonide of structure 12 in 1 mL of CDCl<sub>3</sub> were admixed with excess triphenylphosphine and kept in sealed NMR tubes at 50 °C for 24 h. Subsequent <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses showed the presence of equimolar amounts of 7a and 13, 7b and 13 as well as 7c and 13.

*N-Methoxy-azepan-2.5-dione (13)*: Colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 2.61 (s, 4H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.83 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 30.90, 38.72, 42.50, 46.59, 61.95, 169.79, 206.14.

Coozonolysis of 17 and 6: Ozonolysis of 1.29 g (14.8 mmol) of 17 and 0.55 g (5.0 mmol) of 6 gave 1.65 g of a viscous residue, from which 0.37 g (23%) of 4 (R=CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.17 g (9%) of 18 and 0.70 g (24%)

of 19 were isolated. The structures of 4 (R=CH<sub>3</sub>) and of 19 were assigned based on the identity of their <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data with those of authentic samples.<sup>3</sup>

3,3,11,11-Tetramethyl-1,2,4,9,10,12-hexaoxadispirof4.2.4.2]tetradecane (18): Colorless solid, m.p. 68 °C;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.47 (s, 12H), 1.92 (s, 8H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  24.74, 31.20, 107.93, 107.98, 108.75. Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{20}O_{6}$ : C, 55.37; H, 7.74. Found: C, 55.49; H, 7.87.

Reduction of 18: A solution of 0.02 g of 18 in 1 mL of CDCl<sub>3</sub> was admixed with excess triphenyl-phosphine and kept in a sealed NMR tube at 50 °C for 24 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed the presence of acetone and of 6 in a ratio of 2:1.

Coozonolysis of 8 and acetone: Ozonolysis of 0.77 g (4.5 mmol) of 8 and 1.05 g (18.0 mmol) of acetone gave 0.80 g of a viscous residue, from which 0.35 g (30%) of 18 and 0.29 g (28%) of 20 were isolated.

*N-Methoxy-3,3-dimethyl-1,2,4-trioxa-8-azaspiro[4.6]undecan-9-one (20)*: Colorless liquid;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 1.48(s, 6H), 1.90 - 2.10 (m, 4H), 2.50 - 2.60 (m, 2H), 3.70 - 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR δ 24.51, 24.77, 30.80, 31.91, 36.48, 46.77, 62.07, 108.68, 109.50, 170.81. Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_{17}NO_{5}$ : C, 55.37; H, 7.74; N, 6.06. Found: C, 55.60; H, 7.67; N, 6.00.

**Reduction of 20:** A solution of 1 drop of **20** in 1 mL of CDCl<sub>3</sub> in a sealed NMR tube was kept at 50 °C for 24 h. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed the presence of acetone and **13** in a ratio of 1:1.

Coozonolysis of 17 and butanedione: A solution of 0.56 g (6.4 mmol) of 17 and 0.10 g (1.2 mmol) of butanedione in 40 mL of pentane was ozonized at -20 °C. The crude product was poured into a mixture of 20 mL of pentane and 20 mL of water, the pentane phase was washed with an aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Distillation of the solvent at room temperature and reduced pressure left 0.45 g of a liquid residue, from which 0.05 g (18%) of 21 was isolated (solvent: pentane/ether, 10:1). Diozonide 21 was a 1:2 mixture of meso-21 ( $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.52, s) and racem.-21 ( $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.53, s), based on the identity of their  $^{1}$ H NMR data with those of authentic samples.<sup>4</sup>

Coozonolysis of 5b and butanedione: A solution of 1.15 g (9.1 mmol) of 5b and 0.23 g (2.7 mmol) of butanedione in 70 mL of pentane was ozonized at -20 °C. The product was worked up as described above for the coozonolysis of 17 and butanedione to give 1.27 g of a liquid residue, from which

0.56 g (67%) of a mixture of meso-22 and racem.-22 was isolated. HPLC separation (column: 3.2 x 25 cm, LiChrosorb Si 60; pentane/ether, 98:2) gave 0.12 g (14%) of meso-22 and 0.29 g (34%) of racem.-22.

## 3-Methyl-3-(3-methyl-1,2,4-trioxaspiro[4.5]decan-3-yl)-1,2,4-trioxaspiro[4.5]decane (22)

- a) Mixture of meso- and racem.-22: Colorless liquid; Anal. calcd for  $C_{16}H_{26}O_6$ : C, 61.13; H, 8.34. Found: C, 61.20; H, 8.65.
- **b) meso-22:** Colorless liquid;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  1.53 (s, 6H), 1.30 2.00 (m, 20H);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  20.44, 23.80, 23.83, 24.99, 32.86, 34.54, 108.55, 110.32.
- **c) racem.-22:** Colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 1.53 (s, 6H), 1.30 2.00 (m, 20H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 20.48, 23.76, 23.87, 24.93, 33.10, 34.63, 108.51, 110.46.

**Reduction of 22:** A solution of one drop of 22 in 0.8 mL of CDCl<sub>3</sub> was admixed with excess triphenylphosphine and kept at room temperature for 2 d.  $^{1}$ H NMR analysis showed the presence of cyclohexanone ( $\delta$  1.80 - 2.20), butanedione ( $\delta$  2.33) and acetic anhydride (25) ( $\delta$  2.22) in a ratio of 1:0.2:0.5.

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