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THE KINCTICS OF FORMATION OF BENZOTHAZOLCS FROM
ARYLTHIOUREAS

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ABSTRACT

The kinetics of formation of benzothiazolcs by carrying cyclocondensation of aryl thioureas using molecular bromine as reagent in chloroform has been investigated. The order of reaction, thermodynamic parameters, probable mechanism and rate expression are reported.

The kinetics of formation of 2-amino-O-substituted benzothiazolcs has been investigated. The cyclocondensation of arylthioureas in the presence of bromine in chloroform medium was found to yield the title 2-aminobenzothiazoles. The order of the condensation was found to be second order i.e. first order with respect to thioureas and first order with respect to bromine. The effects of substituents on the rate of the condensation have also been investigated.

INTRODUCTION

The thermodynamic parameters are evaluated and the rate expression is derived on the basis of suggested mechanism. Benzothiazoles exhibit wide biological and pharmacological activities and hence occupy prominent position in the field of medicinal chemistry¹. The use of benzothiazoles as vulcanizing accelerators and dye intermediates has been reported⁴. The use of thioureas in the synthetic and industrial field is well explored.

There are various conventional methods to synthesize benzothiazole derivatives⁴. The widely used synthetic strategy to obtain 2-amino benzothiazoles is by carrying cyclocondensation of aryl thioureas in presence of oxidizing agents like sulphuryl chloride / bromine by following Huger-Scholls synthetic method. Recently Varma *et al*⁵ have modified the Huger-Scholls procedure to obtain 2-amino benzothiazoles with quantitative yields. Recently attention is directed towards the investigation of new synthetic strategies and on the modification of the conventional synthetic routes to obtain commercially important benzothiazoles⁶. Literature reveals that there is scanty information on the kinetic study of formation of benzothiazoles from arylthioureas.

In continuation of our work on thioureas⁴⁻⁷ and in view of above the significance of benzothiazoles herein we report the kinetics of formation of benzothiazoles by following cyclocondensation of aryl thioureas in presence of bromine in chloroform medium.

Materials and Methods

All the aryl thioureas were synthesized by known method⁸. The solutions of arylthioureas and bromine (AR grade) were prepared in chloroform. Potassium iodide (10%), sodium thiosulphate (0.1 N), sodium hydroxide (0.1 N) were prepared in glass distilled water, the solvents and reagents used in the work were of AR grade. Stoichiometry and product analysis

The solutions of arylthioureas (50 mmoles) and bromine (50 mmoles) were mixed and the reaction mixture was allowed to reflux for an hour. It was then cooled, to this reaction mixture, 50 ml distilled water was added, content was shaken in separating funnel and the separated aqueous layer was collected. Unreacted bromine present in aqueous layer was neutralized by adding sodium metabisulphide in portions. Then the layer was neutralized by ammonia and the solid obtained was filtered, successively washed with water and dried. The crude product was crystallized from alcohol and authenticity of this obtained 2-amino-6-substituted benzothiazole was confirmed with the help of their melting points. The melting points of these products were found to be in good agreement with those reported in literature⁹⁻¹⁰. Yield of benzothiazole observed were in the range of 85% to 90% under the 1:1 stoichiometric conditions.

Kinetic measurements

Kinetics of reactions of arylthioureas and bromine was studied by measuring the amount of amino benzothiazole hydrobromides, formed as acids by titrating against standard NaOH (aq. solution) using literature procedure. The solutions of desired concentration of aryl thioureas and bromine were mixed, after certain time intervals the reaction was ceased by adding 10 ml potassium iodide (10%), 10 ml sodium thiosulphate solution (0.1 N) and chloroform 25 ml was added. The reaction content was transferred to separating funnel and was thoroughly shaken. The separated aq. layer was collected and

it was diluted to 50 ml using distilled water, then 10 ml of the diluted aq. solution was titrated against standard NaOH solution using phenolphthalein as an indicator. The measurements were carried out at equal concentrations of aryl thioureas and bromine at different temperatures. Also kinetic measurements were recorded at unequal concentrations of arylthioureas and bromine.

Result and Discussion

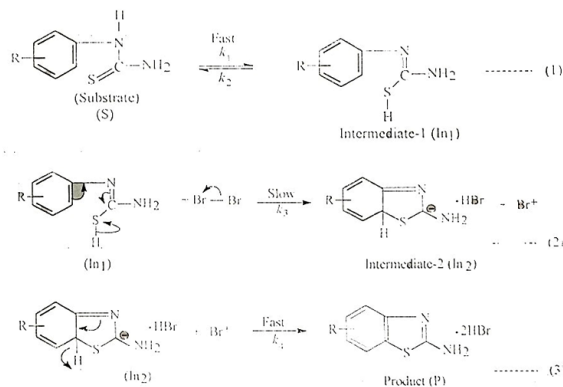
The stoichiometric study indicates that one mole of thiourea reacts with one mole of bromine. The reaction rates were determined at different concentrations of thioureas by keeping concentration of bromine constant (Table I). Similarly the rates were determined at different concentrations of bromine by keeping the concentrations of thioureas constant (Table II). The order of reaction was also determined with respect to thioureas and bromine by using van't Hoff's differential method. Kinetic measurements were carried out at five different temperatures (Table III). The activation energy (E_a) was determined from the slope of Arrhenius plots of $\log k$ vs T and other thermodynamic parameters were computed in Table III.

The entropies of activation (ΔS^\ddagger) for the reaction are all negative, suggesting rigid nature of transition state and lower frequency factor (E_a) shows that the conversion of thiourea into the cyclic products. Almost equal values of free energy of activation (ΔG^\ddagger) indicate that probably a similar type of mechanism prevails in all the cases.

When the rate constant for the reactions were compared, the order observed was p -ethoxy phenylthiourea > p -methyl phenyl thiourea > phenyl thiourea > p -bromophenyl thiourea > p -chlorophenyl thiourea. This may be explained on the basis of mesomeric effect of ethoxy group, hyper conjugation effect of methyl group and inductive effect of bromo and chloro group and this is expected as per substitution of the groups present in benzene ring.

It is found that order of reaction is two, first order with respect to thiourea and first order with respect to bromine. The rate constant calculated from second order rate law are fairly constant (Table II).

On the basis of these results the mechanism of cyclocondensation of bromine has been proposed as in Scheme 1.



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Consistent with above proposed mechanism the rate expression for the cyclo- condensation has been derived.

The product is formed in step (3). Hence the rate of the reaction is given by equation (4)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} \propto [In_2][Br]$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k_4 [In_2][Br]$$

It is difficult to determine the concentration of In_2 \therefore It should be expressed in terms of measurable quantities. Hence applying steady state conditions to In_2 which is formed in step 2 and removed in step i.e. rate of formation of In_2 Rate of removal of In_2

I lence it can be neglected, thus liqn (10) becomes

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{k_1 k_3}{k_2} [Br_2] [S] \quad \dots(11)$$

Where $\frac{k_1 k_3}{k_2}$ is constant k'

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = k' [Br_2] [S] \quad \dots(12)$$

$$\text{Or } \frac{dx}{dt} \propto [Br_2] [S]$$

Total order of reaction = 1 + 1 = 2.

Hence, theoretically derived rate law expression is in good agreement with the experimental results.

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$$\therefore k_3[\ln_2][Br_2] = k_4[\ln_2][Br']$$

$$\ln_2 = \frac{k_3[\ln_2][Br_2]}{k_4[Br']}$$

Substituting the value of τ_{n_2} in eqn. (4) we get,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k_3[\ln_2][Br_2] \quad \dots(6)$$

It is difficult to determine the concentration of intermediate-1(τ_{n_1}) experimentally. Therefore applying the steady state conditions to τ_{n_1} . which is formed in step-1 and removed in backward direction in step-1 and in forward direction in step-2.

We find that rate of formation of τ_{n_2} = rate of removal of τ_{n_2} (use of steady state condition).

$$k_1[S] = k_2[\ln_1] + k_3[\ln_1][Br_2] \quad \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

$$k_1[S] = \ln_1[k_2 + k_3[Br_2]]$$

$$\ln_1 = \frac{k_1[S]}{k_2 + k_3[Br_2]} \quad \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

Substituting the Value of τ_{n_1} in eqn. (6) we get

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{k_3[Br_2] k_1[S]}{k_2 + k_3[Br_2]} \quad \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

Dividing the numerator and denominator by k_2 we get

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\frac{k_2 + k_3[Br_2]}{k_2} [S]}{\frac{k_3[Br_2]}{k_2}}$$

as $\frac{k_3[Br_2]}{k_2} \lll 1$

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Table III. - Rate constants for the reaction of benzohydroxamic acid and acetic anhydride using acetonitrile / dioxane in absence and in presence of catalyst, pyridine / triethyl amine at 303 K.

$$k \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$[\text{HA} = 0.0025 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}] [\text{AA} = 0.0025 \text{ jr.ol dm}^{-3}]$$

$$[\text{Base } 10.0025]$$

Catalyst	BHA		p-Me BHA		p-OMe BHA		p-C1 BHA		Ph.Ac. HA	
	Acetonitrile	Dioxane	Acetonitrile	Dioxane	Acetonitrile Dioxane	Dioxane	Acetonitrile	Dioxane	Acetonitrile	Dioxane
Without catalyst	0.090	-	0.066	-	0.514	-	0.039	-	0.054	-
	±0.001		± 0.001		± 0.001		± 0.002		± 0.001	-
Pyridine	0.190	0.392	0.140	0.299	0.121	0.264	0.098	0.218	0.12-1	-
	± 0.002	± 0.002	± 0.003	±0.001	±0.001	± 0.004	± 0.002	± 0.001	± 0.02	-
Triethyl amine	0.501	1.340	0.391	0.987	0.304	0.712	0.243	0.533	0.337	-
	± 0.005	±0.02	± 0.006	± 0.01	± 0.007	± 0.01	± 0.003	± 0.004	±0.001	-

Table II -- Rate constants for reaction of hydroxamic acids with acetic anhydride in acetonitrile / dioxane medium at 303 K using pyridine [Hydroxamic acid = 0.0025 Mol dm⁻³] k_{dnr} mol⁻¹ s⁻¹ at [acetic anhydride] mol dm⁻³

Acids	0.0025		0.00225		0.002		0.00175		0.0015	
	Acetonitrile	Dioxane	Acetonitrile	Dioxane	Acetonitrile	Dioxane	Acetonitrile	Dioxane	Acetonitrile	Dioxane
Benzohydroxamic acid	0.190	0.392	0.188	0.382	0.186	0.375	0.181	0.371	0.176	0.358
	± 0.002	± 0.002	± 0.004	± 0.002	± 0.002	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.002	± 0.003	±0.001
p-Me BHA	0.140	0.299	0.139	0.292	0.138	0.286	0.138	0.279	0.132	0.282
	± 0.003	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.002
p-OMe BHA	0.120	0.264	0.121	0.260	0.116	0.253	0.114	0.260	0.116	0.250
	± 0.001	± 0.004	± 0.002	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.003	± 0.002	± 0.001	± 0.001	±0.001
PM BHA	0.093	0.218	0.100	0.20	0.095	0.120	0.093	0.196	0.090	0.192
	±0.002	±0.001	± 0.002	± 0.001	± 0.003	±0.001	± 0.001	± 0.002	± 0.002	±0.002
Ph Ac HA	0.124	-	0.123	-	0.121	-	0.118	-	0.113	-
	±0.002		± 0.001		± 0.001		± 0.001		± 0.002	

Table IV - Rate constants at different temperatures and activation parameters for the reaction of hydroxamic acids with acetic anhydride using acetonitril dioxane medium in presence of pyridine.

[Hydroxamic acids = 0.0025 M] [Acetic anhydride - 0.0025 M]

Add s	303 K		308K		313 K		318 K		323 K		ΔH^* kJ mol ⁻¹		ΔS^* J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹		ΔG^* kJ mol ⁻¹	
	Aceto. Diox.	Diox.	Aceto. Diox.	Diox.	Aceto. Diox.	Diox.	Aceto. Diox.	Diox.	Aceto. Diox.	Diox.	Aceto. Diox.	Diox.	Aceto. Diox.	Diox.	Aceto. Diox.	Diox.
BHA	0.190	0.392	0.25-1	0.62 4	0.363	1.02	0.502	1.60 1	0.704	-	50.56	71.6 8	-87.46	-78.36	76.79	74.1 2
	± 0.002	± 0.002	± 0.00-1	± 0.00 5	± 0.002	± 0.00 1	± 0.002	± 0.02	= 0.001	-						
p- Me BHA	0.140	0.299	0.192	0.42 1	0.246	0.60 7	0.304	0.90 2	0.412	-	39.40	55.0 1	- 122.8 8	-65.23	77.86	75.2 7
	0.003	± 0.001	+ 0.001	± 0.00 3	± 0.003	± 0.00 5	± 0.001	± 0.00 3	= 0.001							
p- OMe BHA	0.120	0.264	0.142	0.36 2	0.172	0.50 1	0.215	0.68 0	0.254		27.98	47.4 7	- 162.0 9	-91.05	78.71	75.7 5
	± 0.001	± 0.00 4	± 0.003	± 0.00 2	± 0.002	± 0.00 1	± 0.002	± 0.00 2	= 0.004							
p-Cl BHA	0.098	0.218	0.124	0.30 9	0.146	0.36 2	0.173	0.43 7	0.203		25.29	33.2 9	- 172.0 3	- 139.1 0	80.00	76.4 8
	± 0.002	± 0.001	± 0.003	± 0.00 3	± 0.004	± 0.00 1	± 0.002	± 0.00 4	= 0.005	-						
Ph. Ac. HA	0.124	-	0.152	-	0.134	-	0.223	-	0.293	-	30.82 -		- 152.3 2	-	78.50	-
	±0.00 2		±0.00 4		±0.00 3		±0.00 4		=0.00 4							