

Short Note

Synthesis of *N*-(2,8-Dioxo-1-oxaspiro[4.5]deca-6,9-dien-7-yl) Acetamide and Benzamide

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Abstract: The syntheses of two new spiroactones are described. Each compound was obtained as an off-white solid in 66% yields from 4-hydroxy-3-nitrobenzaldehyde.

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We recently reported the syntheses and the absolute configurations of two optically active spiroactones obtained from derivatives of L-3-nitrotyrosine [1-3]. However, during the development of these asymmetric syntheses two other spiroactones were prepared in racemic forms but have not yet been reported. We now wish to report the synthesis of these two new spiroactones.

The syntheses of the title compounds were required in order to optimize the conditions we planned to use in the diastereoselective spiroannulation of the tyrosine derivatives [1,2]. The syntheses are described in Scheme 1. All intermediates and products were obtained in good to excellent yields and were fully characterized, except for **2** which appeared to decompose during the purification step. All our attempts to purify **2** by column chromatography or recrystallization resulted in the decomposition of this compound as observed by thin layer chromatography and ¹H-NMR. Therefore, this amino acid derivative (**2**) was used in the following steps without further purification and as such the percentage yields for compounds **3** and **4** are reported for two steps from **1**.

To a solution of **2** in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was added acetyl chloride (79 mg, 1.13 mmol) and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 60 minutes. Water (15 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL). The organic fractions were combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent was evaporated to afford an off-white solid. The product was recrystallized from hexane/acetone to afford a white solid (104 mg) in 72% yield from **1**. mp: 169-170°C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3393 (NH, OH), 1699 (CO₂H), 1657 (NHAc). ¹H-NMR (acetonitrile-d₃) δ: 2.15 (s, 3H, H-2'), 2.54 (t, 2H, *J*=7.5 Hz, H-3), 2.78 (t, 2H, *J*=7.5 Hz, H-2), 6.82 (d, 1H, *J*=8.3 Hz, H-8), 6.95 (dd, 1H, *J*=2.1, 8.3 Hz, H-9), 7.06 (d, 1H, *J*=2.1 Hz, H-5), 8.53 (broad s, 1H, OH), 8.81 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C-NMR (acetonitrile-d₃) δ: 23.5 (C-2'), 31.0 (C-3), 36.0 (C-2), 119.5 (C-5), 123.0 (C-8), 127.1 (C-6), 127.3 (C-9), 133.7 (C-4), 147.9 (C-7), 172.1 (C-1), 174.4 (C-1'). MS m/e (rel. %): 223 [M⁺] (> 1%), 206 (23), 205 (36), 159 (17), 146 (100), 105 (11).

3-(3-Benzamido-4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoic acid (4):

To a solution of **1** (222 mg, 1.06 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (33 mg). The resulting mixture was then placed in a hydrogenator, flushed (5 times) with hydrogen and left to agitate under pressure (36 psi.) overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite[®] (rinsing with tetrahydrofuran) and the solvent was evaporated to afford **2** which was used without further purification.

To a solution of **2** in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was added benzoyl chloride (154 mg, 1.1 mmol) and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. 10% HCl (25 mL) was added, the mixture was stirred for 5 minutes and extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 35 mL). The organic fractions were combined, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvents were evaporated to afford an off-white solid. The crude product was recrystallized with hexane/acetone to afford an off-white solid (250 mg) in 83% yield from **1**. mp: 206-207°C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3201 (NH, OH), 1692 (CO₂H), 1636 (NHBz). ¹H-NMR (acetone-d₆) δ: 2.60 (t, 2H, *J*=7.9 Hz, H-3), 2.84 (t, 2H, *J*=7.9 Hz, H-2), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J*=8.2 Hz, H-8), 7.00 (dd, 1H, *J*=2.1, 8.2 Hz, H-9), 7.57 (m, 4H, H-5, H-4', H-5', H-6'), 8.05 (d, 2H, *J*=8.2 Hz, H-3', H-7'), 9.07 (broad s, 1H, NH), 9.54 (broad s, 1H, OH), 10.58 (broad s, 1H, CO₂H). ¹³C-NMR (acetone-d₆) δ: 30.9 (C-3), 36.2 (C-2), 118.7 (C-8), 123.3 (C-5), 123.4 (C-6), 126.9 (C-9), 127.4 (C-4), 128.5 (C-4', C-6'), 129.6 (C-3', C-7'), 133.0 (C-5'), 135.0 (C-2'), 148.0 (C-7), 167.3 (C-1'), 173.9 (C-1). MS m/e (rel. %): 285 [M⁺] (12), 267 (100), 221 (16), 208 (95), 146 (24), 77 (25).

N-(2,8-Dioxo-1-oxaspiro[4.5]deca-6,9-dien-7-yl)acetamide (5):

To a cold (0°C) solution of **3** (122 mg, 0.55 mmol) in acetone (10 mL) was added phenyliodine (III) bistrifluoroacetate (PIFA) (306 mg, 0.71 mmol) in one portion and the resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 25 minutes. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL), and washed with cold water (10 mL). The organic fraction was separated, dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to afford a beige solid. The crude product was triturated from chloroform affording an off-white solid (120 mg) in 98% yield. mp: 116°C (decomposes). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3333 (NH), 1777 (lactone), 1668 (amide), 1650 (ketone). ¹H-NMR (chloroform-d) δ: 2.17 (s, 3H, H-2'), 2.44 (m, 2H, H-4), 2.81 (m, 2H, H-3), 6.35 (d, 1H, *J*=10.0 Hz, H-9), 6.94 (dd, 1H, *J*=3.1, 10.0 Hz, H-10), 7.75 (d, 1H, *J*=3.1 Hz, H-6), 7.99 (broad s, 1H, NH). ¹³C-NMR (chloroform-d) δ: 24.9 (C-2'), 28.4 (C-4), 32.9 (C-3), 79.8 (C-5), 124.3 (C-6),

127.1 (C-9), 131.6 (C-7), 148.4 (C-10), 169.5 (C-1'), 175.5 (C-2), 179.4 (C-8). MS m/e (rel.%): 221 [M⁺] (> 1%), 206 (5), 178 (12), 177 (32), 143 (5), 136 (8), 135 (100), 106 (21).

N-(2,8-Dioxo-1-oxaspiro[4.5]deca-6,9-dien-7-yl)benzamide (6):

To a cold (0°C) solution of **4** (262 mg, 0.92 mmol) in acetone (30 mL) was added PIFA (396 mg, 0.92 mmol) in one portion and the solution was stirred at 0°C for 25 minutes. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL), and washed with cold water (20 mL). The organic fraction was separated, dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to afford a beige solid. Purification by column chromatography using 40% ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent afforded an off-white solid (243 mg) in 86% yield. mp: 137-138°C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3381 (NH), 1781 (lactone), 1665 (amide), 1650 (ketone) ¹H-NMR (chloroform-d) δ: 2.49 (m, 2H, H-4), 2.84 (m, 2H, H-3), 6.42 (d, 1H, *J*=10.0 Hz, H-9), 6.99 (dd, 1H, *J*=3.1, 10.0 Hz, H-10), 7.54 (m, 3H, H-4', H-5', H-6'), 7.86 (m, 2H, H-3', H-7'), 7.95 (d, 1H, *J*=3.1 Hz, H-6), 8.81 (broad s, 1H, NH). ¹³C-NMR (chloroform-d) δ: 28.4 (C-4), 33.0 (C-3), 79.8 (C-5), 124.5 (C-6), 127.2 (C-9), 127.3 (C-4', C-6'), 129.2 (C-3', C-7'), 131.7 (C-7), 132.7 (C-5'), 133.9 (C-2'), 148.6 (C-10), 166.2 (C-1'), 175.4 (C-2), 179.7 (C-8). MS m/e (rel.%): 283 [M⁺] (> 1%), 239 (25), 106 (11), 105 (100), 77 (49), 51 (14).

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