DEGRADATIONAL CYCLIZATION OF \( \alpha \)-[2-PHENYL-2-(PHENYLSULFONYL-HYDRAZONO)ETHYL]PHENACYLIDENETRIPHENYLPHOSPHORANES TO 3,6-DIPHENYLPYRIDAZINES AND 5-BENZOYL-3-PHENYLPYRAZOLES

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Abstract — \( \alpha \)-[2-Phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonylhydrazono)ethyl]phenacylidene-triphenylphosphoranes were obtained (60－71\%) by the reaction between phenylsulfonylhydrazones of phenacyl bromides and phenacylidenetriphenylphosphoranes. Thermolysis of the phosphoranes gave 3,6-diphenyropyridazines (43－66\%) and 5-benzoyl-3-phenylpyrazoles (13－27\%), together with triphenylphosphine oxide and S-phenyl benzenethiosulfonate, a disproportionation product from benzenesulfinic acid. The structure of the intermediate \( \alpha \)-substituted phenacylidenetriphenylphosphorane was confirmed by an X-Ray diffraction method.

\( \alpha \)-Halo ketone arylsulfonylhydrazones bearing a nucleophilic and an electrophilic center are utilizable bifunctional reactants. A stepwise reaction of the hydrazones, the substitution of \( \alpha \)-halogen by suitable nucleophiles and the subsequent intramolecular process of the intermediates, may give nitrogen-heterocycles.

In a previous paper, we reported that the reaction of phenacyl bromide phenylsulfonylhydrazone with quinoline and isoquinoline gives 2-phenylimidazoquinoline and -isoquinoline, respectively, with the release of benzenesulfonamide. Analogously, 4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazoles and 6-phenyl-3,4-diphenyl-2-phenylsulfonyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,2,4-triazines were obtained by the reaction of title hydrazones with sodium azide and with benzylideneaniline.

In the present paper, we describe the reaction of phenacylidenetriphenylphosphoranes (2) with phenylsulfonylhydrazones (1) of phenacyl bromides to form 3,6-diphenyropyridazines (5) and 5-benzoyl-3-phenylpyrazoles (6) after thermolysis of the intermediate \( \alpha \)-[2-phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonylhydrazono)ethyl]phenacylidenetriphenylphosphoranes (4).

Acyl- or aroylmethylenetriphenylphosphoranes react with azides, nitrile imines, and nitrile oxides to give 1,2,3-triazoles, pyrazoles, and isoxazoles, respectively. The present work affords an alternative application of aroylmethylenetriphenylphosphoranes for the synthesis of
heterocycles.
Phenylsulfonylhyrazones (1), prepared from phenacyl bromides and phenylsulfonylhydrazine, were allowed to react in THF with two molar amounts of phenacylideneephosphoranes (2) at room temperature. The precipitation of phenacyltriphosphonium salts (3) was observed. After removal of the precipitated phosphonium salts by filtration (yields: almost quantitative), the THF solution was concentrated. To the concentrate, a portion of benzene was added to give precipitates of \(-\text{[2-phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonylhydrazono)ethyl]phenacylidenedetriphenylphosphoranes} (4) \) (Scheme 1), which were separated by filtration. The results are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.

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\begin{array}{c}
\text{X} \quad \text{C} - \text{CH}_2\text{Br} + 2 \text{Ph}_3\text{P} = \text{CH} - \text{C} \quad \text{N} \\
\text{NH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{Ph} \quad \text{Y} \\
\text{1} \quad \text{a} \quad \text{b} \quad \text{c} \\
\text{X} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{Br} \quad \text{Cl} \\
\text{Y} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{Br} \quad \text{Cl} \\
\text{2, 3} \quad \text{a} \quad \text{b} \quad \text{c} \\
\text{Ph}_3\text{P}^+ \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{C} \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Y(\text{Br})} + \text{X} \quad \text{C} - \text{CH}_2\text{C} \quad \text{C} \\
\text{O} \quad \text{N} \\
\text{Br}^- \quad \text{NH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{Ph} \\
\text{3} \quad \text{4} \quad (60 - 71\%) \\
\text{4} \quad \text{a} \quad \text{b} \quad \text{c} \quad \text{d} \quad \text{e} \quad \text{f} \quad \text{g} \quad \text{h} \quad \text{i} \\
\text{X} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{Br} \quad \text{Br} \quad \text{Br} \quad \text{Cl} \quad \text{Cl} \quad \text{Cl} \\
\text{Y} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{Br} \quad \text{Cl} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{Br} \quad \text{Cl} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{Br} \quad \text{Cl} \\
\end{array}
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Scheme 1.

Thermolysis of 4 was performed in dry benzene under reflux. Removal of the solvent from reaction mixtures followed by addition of ethanol brought about the separation of 3,6-diphenylpyridazines (5) as crystals, which were freed from the ethanolic solution by filtration. Chromatographic treatment of the ethanol-soluble fraction gave 5-benzoyl-3-phenylpyrazoles (6) (Scheme 2) together with triphenylphosphine oxide and S-phenyl benzenethiosulfonate, one of the disproportionation products of benzenesulfonic acid. The results are summarized in Tables 3, 4, and 5.

The structure assignment of 4, 5, and 6 was achieved on the basis of their analytical and spectral data; the confirmation of 4a was made also by an X-Ray diffraction method. For direct comparison, compound (5a) was prepared by an alternative procedure.
Table 1. \( \alpha \)-Substituted Phenacylidenetriphenylphosphoranes (4a–4i) Prepared by the Reaction of 1 with 2

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<th>Compd</th>
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\(^a\) Isolated Yield.

Table 2. Spectral Data of Phosphoranes (4a–4i)

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\(^a\) Multiplets near 7–8 ppm due to aromatic protons are omitted. Abbreviations are as follows: br s, broad singlet; d, doublet.

\(^b\) The areas of the downfield absorption relative to those of the upfield one (= 1.0) are as follows: 4a, 1.0; 4b, 0.79; 4c, 0.87; 4d, 3.2; 4e, 2.7; 4f, 3.9; 4g, 4.7; 4h, 3.1; 4i, 3.2.
Scheme 2.

Table 3. 3,6-Diphenylpyridazines (5a–5i) Obtained from 4a–4i

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a. Isolated Yield.
b. 5f, Found(Calcd)/%: C, 55.36(55.60); H, 2.94(2.92); N, 7.84( 8.11).
5h, Found(Calcd)/%: C, 55.68(55.60); H, 2.95(2.92); N, 8.22( 8.11).
Satisfactory microanalyses (C, ±0.24; H, ±0.13; N, ±0.27%) were also obtained for all known compounds.
d. Ref. 15.
### Table 4. 5-Benzoyl-3-phenylpyrazoles (6a—6i) Obtained from 4a—4i

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<th>Compd</th>
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<td>60.35(60.59)</td>
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\(^a\) Isolated Yield.

### Table 5. Spectral Data of 5-Benzoyl-3-phenylpyrazoles (6a—6i)

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\(^a\) Multiplets near 7—8 ppm due to aromatic protons are omitted.
From the IR spectra of 4, these compounds may be classified into two categories: in the IR spectra of 4a,b,c,e,f,h,i, a broad band was found near 2500 cm\(^{-1}\) and a strong to medium peak near 1410 cm\(^{-1}\) assignable to \(\nu\) CO. The \(\nu\) CO-absorption peak of phenacylidendetriphenylphosphorane (2a) can be seen at 1520 cm\(^{-1}\); the shift of \(\nu\) CO-absorption (from 1520 to 1410 cm\(^{-1}\)) observed in 4a,b,c,e,f,h,i should be due to intramolecular hydrogen bonding. Thus, the broad band near 2500 cm\(^{-1}\) may be attributed to the NH-stretching vibration of amino group which is strongly linked to the carbonyl oxygen by a hydrogen bond.

On the other hand, the spectra of 4d,g have a \(\nu\) NH- and a \(\nu\) CO-absorption peaks near 3200 and near 1500 cm\(^{-1}\), respectively, which suggest the absence of intramolecular hydrogen bond to the carbonyl oxygen for these two compounds. In each member of 4, other characteristic absorption bands, \(\nu\) Ph-P, asym. \(\nu\) SO\(_2\), sym. \(\nu\) SO\(_2\), and that owing to Ph\(_3\)P\(^+\), were found near 1440, 1340, 1170, and 1100 cm\(^{-1}\) respectively.\(^{13}\) The spectral difference between 4d,g and other members was found also in the \(^1\)H NMR spectra: those of 4d,g have a broad singlet owing to an NH proton near \(\delta = 10.5\), while those of other members in the range of \(\delta = 11.2-11.9\). This fact should reflect the absence or presence of intramolecular hydrogen bonding to the carbonyl oxygen for 4. Two sets of doublet assignable to methylene protons were observed near \(\delta = 3.1\) and near \(\delta = 3.5\), which may be due to the presence of conformational isomers for the phosphoranes. The split of methylene proton signal into a doublet is attributable to the coupling with the P atom in a \(\gamma\)-position.

In view of the intramolecular hydrogen bond in compounds (4a,b,c,e,f,h,i), their hydrazono moieties should be in an \(E\) configuration and the P=C and the C=O bond in an \(s\text{-}trans\) manner; thus, these compound probably take an eight-membered, non-planar quasi-cyclic structure (Figure 1). The rotational barrier of triphenylphosphoranylidene group due to the \(p\pi-d\pi\) bond located in the P=C and the steric effect by the aryl group of Ar\(-\)C=O should result in the generation of two conformational isomers.

![Figure 1. Configuration of 4](image-url)
For 4d,g lacking such intramolecular hydrogen bonding, the hydrazono moieties in a Z configuration might be conceivable. However, it is difficult to explain the absence of intramolecular hydrogen bonding on the basis of this type of isomerization, because 4d,g are different from 4a,b,c,e,f,h,i merely in their p-substituents (X and/or Y) in the two aryl groups. The hydrazono moieties of 4d,g are probably also in an E configuration. For explaining this serious difference between 4a,b,c,e,f,h,i and 4d,g, we have assumed the resonance effect of the p-substituents. That is to say, the mesomeric effect of X in the β-hydrazonophenethyl groups would weaken the acidity of hydrazono hydrogen, while that of Y in the aroyl groups would strengthen the proton affinity of the carbonyl oxygen. In 4d,g, only the proton-acidity weakening effect of X (X=Br, CI) operates, from which the no formation of the hydrogen bonding results. The same situation as in 4a,b,c,e,f,h,i is possible for the formation of two conformational isomers in 4d,g.

The X-Ray analysis established the structure of 4a unambiguously as α-[2-phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonylhydrazono)ethyl]phenacylidenetriphenylphosphorane. A single crystal of 4a14 was obtained as an almost colorless prism without further recrystallization. The PLUTO drawing for 4a is shown in Figure 2.

The observed nitrogen-hydrogen bond length in the sulfonylhydrazono group (N1—H1) is 1.243 Å, which is longer than that in ordinary amines (~1.01 Å). This fact suggests strongly the intramolecular hydrogen bonding between the amino hydrogen and the carbonyl oxygen in 4a. Furthermore, the acidity of the hydrazono hydrogen partly enhanced by the electron-withdraw-
ing phenylsulfonyl group seems to contribute to the unusual nitrogen-hydrogen bond length. The IR spectra of 5 have characteristic absorption bands of pyridazines near 1485 and near 1420 cm\(^{-1}\), which have been assigned to \(\nu\) C=C and C=N in pyridazine ring systems, respectively.\(^{15}\) Compound (5a) was confirmed to be analytically and spectroscopically identical with 3,6-diphenylpyridazine which was prepared by an alternative procedure.\(^{16}\) In the IR spectra of 6, the absorptions owing to \(\nu\) NH and \(\nu\) CO could be found near 3240 and near 1630 cm\(^{-1}\), respectively. Two bands near 1400 and 1250 cm\(^{-1}\) are observed also in 6, which can be assigned to the pyrazole-ring vibrations.\(^{17}\) The \(\nu\) NH-absorption of 3-benzoyl-5-phenylpyrazole, the isomer of 6a, has been reported to be 3356 cm\(^{-1}\) (dichloromethane),\(^{18}\) while those of 6 are seen near 3200 cm\(^{-1}\). In addition, no change was observed in the \(\nu\) NH-absorption region of 6a in a variety of concentration in chloroform (\(\nu\) NH: 3216 cm\(^{-1}\)); thus, the shift of \(\nu\) NH-absorption to a region of lower wave number suggests an intramolecular hydrogen bond in 6.

The \(^1\)H NMR spectra of 6 have a broad singlet due to an NH proton near \(\delta = 14.3\). The MS spectrum of 6a (ionization energy: 70 eV) has the M\(^{+}\) ion peak (m/z 248, 100%) along with the following fragment ion peaks: m/z 220 (12%), 219 (10), 191 (12), 171 (16), 145 (5.3), 142 (13), 115 (14), 105 (51), 77 (70), 51 (28), 43 (67), and other minor ion peaks, thus, this MS fragmentation should lead to the 5-benzoyl-3-phenylpyrazole structure (Scheme 3).

The reaction of phenacyl bromide with phenacylidenetriphenylphosphorane does not give \(\alpha\)-phenacylphenacylidenetriphenylphosphorane but 1,2-dibenzoylethylene.\(^{6}\) This product should

![Scheme 3](image-url)
be formed via the β-elimination of a proton and triphenylphosphine from the intermediate (1,2-dibenzoyl)ethyltriphenylphosphonium ion by the action of phenacyldenetriphenylphosphorane as a base. However, as mentioned above, the reaction between phenylsulfonylhydrazones (1) of phenacyl bromides and phenacyldenetriphenylphosphoranes (2) does not proceed via such type of reaction course.

The difference of hydrazones (1) from phenacyl bromide in reactivity may be attributable to the acidity of the hydrazono hydrogen in the intermediate α-[2-phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonylhydrazono)ethyl]phenacyltriphenylphosphonium bromides. That is, the second molecule of 2 should abstract the acidic hydrazono hydrogen of intermediate phosphonium bromide in preference to methylene hydrogens. The resulting phosphonium betaine will isomerize to 4. (Scheme 4.)

Scheme 4.

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\text{Path A} \quad \begin{array}{c}
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\text{O}
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\text{O}
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\text{C} \quad \text{C} \quad \text{P} \quad \text{Ph}_3 \\
\text{N} \quad \text{C} \quad \text{Ar'} \\
\text{PhSO}_2 \text{NH} \\
\text{O}
\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}
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Scheme 5.
The formation of 5 and 6 from 4 can be reasonably interpreted by considering intermediacy of phosphonium betaines regenerated from 4. (Scheme 5.)

In the betaine form, intramolecular nucleophilic process (nucleophilic addition) of the hydrazonide nitrogen to the carbonyl carbon results in the formation of a six-membered ring, a phosphonioalkoxide, from which pyridazines (5) are generated via the elimination of triphenylphosphine oxide followed by that of benzenesulfonic acid (Path A). Another intramolecular nucleophilic course (substitution) by the hydrazonide nitrogen may cause release of triphenylphosphine from the phosphonium betaine and subsequent elimination of benzenesulfonic acid will afford pyrazoles (6) (Path B).

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were measured with a Yanaco MP-J3 micromelting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The microanalysis was done on a Perkin-Elmer 240 elemental analyzer. The IR, NMR, and MS spectra were recorded with a Jasco FT/IR-5800s spectrophotoeter, a Varian 230A spectrometer, and a Hitachi M-80B mass spectrometer, respectively.

Phenylsulfonylhydrazones (1) of phenacyl bromides were obtained by the method previously reported, and phenacyldenetriphenylphosphoranes (2) were prepared according to the method described in the literature.

Reaction of Phenylsulfonylhydrazones (1) of Phenacyl Bromides with Phenacyldenetriphenylphosphoranes (2). General Procedure: A solution of 2 (8 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of 1 (4 mmol) in THF (10 mL) and the reaction mixture was allowed to stand overnight. After removal of phenacyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (3) that precipitated by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated and then a 30-mL portion of benzene was added to the concentrate. The separated crystalline product (almost colorless columns), α-[2-phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonylhydrazono)ethyl]phenacyldenetriphenylphosphorane (4) was collected by filtration and washed with benzene. The results are summarized in Tables 1 and 2. The products were in a fairly or almost pure state and further purification was not required.

Thermolysis of α-[2-Phenyl-2-(phenylsulfonylhydrazono)ethyl]phenacyldenetriphenylphosphoranes (4). Typical Procedure: A 3-mmol portion of phosphorane (4a) (1.96 g) was heated for 6 h in dry benzene (100 mL) under reflux. After removal of solvent, a 30-mL portion of ethanol was added to the resulting residue to separate pyridazine (5a) as crystals, which was collected by filtration and recrystallized from chloroform. The ethanol-soluble fraction was concentrated and chromatographed on a silica gel column (15 g, 2-cm d, 12-cm h; eluent: a hexane-benzene-ethanol system) to give pyrazole (6a) (98.3 mg, 13%) along with triphenylphosphine oxide and a small amount of S-phenyl benzenethiosulfonate (identified by means of IR-spectroscopy, respectively). Product (6a) was recrystallized from chloroform.

Other phosphoranes (4b–4i) were treated in a similar manner. The results are shown in Tables 3, 4, and 5.

X-Ray Structural Determination of 4a. Crystallographic data were collected on a Rigaku
AFC5S diffractometer with graphite monochromated MoKα radiation (λ =0.71069 Å) using the ω-2θ (2θ max =55.0°) scan technique (4396 reflexions).

The crystal structure was solved by a direct method (MITHRIL, an integrated direct method computer program: C. J. Gilmore, J. Appl. Cryst., 1984, 17, 42) and refined by a full-matrix least-squares procedure on 4F02/a2(Fo2), using 2161 reflexion [I > 3.00σ(I)] for 424 variables. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The final R and Rw values are 0.064 and 0.068, respectively (max shift/error, 0.73Δρmax/e Å3, 0.90; Δρmin/e Å3, -3.84).

(Computer program: TEXAN system, TEXAN—TEXRAY Structure Analysis Package, Molecular Structure Corporation, (1985)). Crystallographic details: C40H33N2O3SP, M = 652.75; orthorhombic, space group, P212121(Z=4); lattice parameter, a = 16.851(6) Å, b = 17.685(2) Å, c = 11.484(1) Å, α = β = γ = 90°, V/Å3 = 3423(1). Dcalcd = 1.267 gcm-1; crystal size, 0.30×0.40×0.64 mm.

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16. A mixture of trans-dibenzoylethylene (0.5 g, 2.21 mmol) and phenylsulfonylhydrazine (0.36 g, 2.21 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was heated under reflux for 2 h. The reaction mixture was left overnight and concentrated to its half volume to give 3,6-diphenylpyridazone as precipitates (yield: 0.12 g, 52%), which were collected and recrystallized from chloroform, mp 225—226 °C; IR(KBr): 1487 (ν C=C); 1406 cm⁻¹ (ν C=N). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₂: C, 82.73; H, 5.21; N, 12.06%. Found: C, 82.70; H, 5.22; N, 12.08%.

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Selected bond angles (°): C5-S1-C1, 104.9(4); S1-N1-H1, 91.86; S1-N1-N2, 111.6(6); H1-N1-N2, 137.37; N1-N2-C1, 115.5(7); N2-C1-C2, 127.3(8); N2-C1-C11, 112.0(9); C2-C1-C11, 120.6(9); C1-C2-C3, 117.4(8); C2-C3-C4, 117.3(6); C2-C3-P1, 122.1(6); C4-C3-P1, 120.5(6); C3-C4-O3, 123.1(9); C3-C4-C35, 125.1(8); O3-C4-C35, 111.4(9); C3-P1-C17, 111.2(4); C3-P1-C23, 114.1(3); C3-P1-C29, 109.6(4); C17-P1-C23, 108.7(4); C17-P1-C29, 108.0(3); C23-P1-C29, 104.9(4).

Tables of the coordinates, bond lengths, bond and torsion angles, and F₀-Fc tables have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

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