#### NOTE

# Synthesis of Hydrazones of Stobbe Acid and its Rearranged Products

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Stobbe anhydride (I and II) was condensed with diazonium salts of various atomatic amines to form hydrazones or dyes [I and II (a-c)] which were further treated with nucleophiles like 10% NaOH and NaBH<sub>4</sub> to give various pyrazolinone [I and II (d-f)], [I and II (g-i)] and cyclic imide [I and II (j-l)] derivatives.

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Stobbe acid system contains an active methylene group due to which it could be subjected to azo-coupling sections for synthesis of hydrazone<sup>1, 2</sup>, which further provide an active centre for a number of nucleophilic reactions. Literature survey reveals that cyclic anhydrides having an active methylene group are convenient starting materials that can yield the derivatives of pyridazones<sup>3, 4</sup> and pyridones possessing some bioactivity. The azo-coupling reaction having active methylene compound produces the corresponding hydrazones<sup>6–8</sup>. The synthesis of stobbe anhydride (I and II) and the condensations of (I and II) with diazonium salt to give stobbe hydrazones<sup>9, 10</sup> [I and II (a-c)] have been reported. These hydrazones synthesized were subjected to various nucleophilic reactions.

In the present paper, a variety of dyes, *i.e.*, hydrazones were prepared by condensation of 3-phenoxy stobbe anhydride (I) and 3,4-dimethoxy stobbe (II) anhydride with different aryl diazonium chloride salts.

Since the azo dyes prepared have their  $\alpha$ -position substituted by a hydrazone group, it was thought worthwhile to carry out similar type of reactions to give pyrazolone derivatives<sup>11</sup> and cyclic amides.

## General procedure for synthesis of anhydride of stobbe acid

To a solution of Stobbe acid (0.002 mol) in dry chloroform redistilled acetyl chloride was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed on a water bath for about 3 h. Excess of chloroform and acetyl chloride was removed by distillation. An anhydride formed as crystallized from suitable solvent.

### General procedure for synthesis of hydrazones

Aromatic amine (0.002 mol) was dissolved in 6 N HCl and was diazotized by dropwise addition of aqueous NaNO<sub>2</sub> solution (0.002 mol) at 0°C with stirring. This was then added dropwise to a solution of stobbe anhydride (0.0014 mol) in acetone at 10°C with constant stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min till an orange coloured solid separated out. About 50 mL of water was added

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to it and then the dye was filtered. It was washed with water, dried and crystallized from suitable solvent.

The melting and analytical characteristics of the synthesized compounds are given in Table-1<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-300SH (300 MHz) NMR spectrometer using DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as solvent and TMS as imternal standard.

TABLE-1 PHYSICAL DATA OF THE COMPOUNDS

Compd. No.	m.f.	m.p. (°C)	Yield (%)	IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	UV (nm)
I	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	68	81.00	1789, 1651	
II	$C_{13}H_{12}O_5$	170	93.00	1767, 1707	
Ia	$C_{25}H_{20}N_2O_4$	138	50.41	3219, 1657, 1641	305, 335
Ib	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Cl	145	50.19	3269, 1810, 1671	-
Ic	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	136	53.94	3285, 1709, 1668	
IIa	$C_{21}H_{20}O_5N_2$	165	67.21	2916, 1707, 1760	319
IIb	$C_{19}H_{15}N_2O_5Cl$	175	54.42	2917, 1769, 1710	292, 316
IIc	$C_{19}H_{16}O_5N_2$	158	80.00	2925, 1765, 1706	281, 310
Id	$C_{25}H_{20}N_2O_4$	182	67.96	1703, 1636	275
Ie	$C_{23}H_{15}N_2O_4Cl$	176	86.60	1703, 1637	
If	$C_{24}H_{18}N_2O_4$	182	82.91	1702, 1637	
IId	$C_{19}H_{16}O_5N_2$	185	60.12	1708, 1669	228, 311
IIe	$C_{19}H_{15}O_5N_2Cl$	156	63.25	1707, 1669	287, 310
IIf	$C_{21}H_{20}O_5N_2$	186	60.05	1705, 1669	283, 311
Ig	$C_{25}H_{22}N_2O_3$	90	33.08	3440, 1701, 1637	285
Ih	$C_{23}H_{16}N_2O_4Cl$	88	52.10	3421, 1710, 1671	
Ii	$C_{24}H_{20}N_2O_3$	92	45.74	3449, 1655, 1624	
IIg	$C_{21}H_{22}O_4N_2$	99	68.01	3427, 1679	295, 326
IIh	$C_{19}H_{17}O_5N_2Cl$	120	61.18	3433, 1667	232, 313
IIi	$C_{19}H_{18}O_4N_2$	95	57.12	3328, 1671	
IJ	$C_{31}H_{25}N_3O_3$	168	86.41	3286, 1667	235, 265
Ik	$C_{29}H_{20}N_3O_3Cl$	168	89.50	3288, 1681	
11	$C_{30}H_{23}N_3O_3$	165	87.47	3289, 1668	
IIj	$C_{27}H_{25}O_4N_3$	180	62.00	2919, 1703, 1649	298, 335
IIk	$C_{25}H_{20}O_4N_3CI$	195	59.10	2923, 1704, 1649	296, 329
III	$C_{25}H_{21}O_4N_3$	178	65.61	2982, 1673, 1635	289, 313

### General procedure for synthesis of pyrazolone (III)

**Reaction of hydrazone with 10% NaOH (IId-f):** A mixture of 10% NaOH and stobbe hydrazone 0.001 mol was refluxed for 2 h. The clear solution obtained was cooled and acidified with 1: 1 HCl; when a solid separated out, it was filtered, washed with water and crystallized from suitable solvent.

Reaction of hydrazone with sodium borohydride (IIg-i): Sodium borohydride 0.00025 mole was added to a suspension of stobbe hydrazone 0.001 mol in methanol. The mixture was stirred at room temperature vigorously. The clear solution obtained was acidified with 1:1 HCl; when a solid separated out, it was washed with water and crystallized with suitable solvent.

Reaction of hydrazone with amine (IIj-I): Stobbe hydrazone was refluxed with amine 0.001 mol in ethanol for 4 h on a water bath. Ethanol was distilled off and water was added to the residue obtained; the solid separated was filtered, washed with water and crystallized with suitable solvent.

Synthetic strategy has been outlined below:

$$R_{2} = C_{0} + C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{2} + C_{2} + C_{3} + C_{4} + C_{4$$

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**Ia:** A singlet occurring between  $\delta$  3.2 ppm to  $\delta$  3.4 ppm may be due to the methylene protons. A broad multiplet in the region of  $\delta$  7.0 ppm to  $\delta$  7.7 ppm could be assigned to the protons ( $^{13}$ H) attached to the benzene ring.

Id: A singlet occurring between  $\delta$  3.2 ppm to  $\delta$  3.6 ppm may be due to the methylene protons. A multiplet in the region of  $\delta$  7.0 ppm to  $\delta$  7.8 ppm could be assigned to the protons ( $^{13}$ H) attached to the benzene ring. The broad signal at  $\delta$  126 ppm may be due to carboxylic proton.

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