



Unexpected Synthesis of Three Components from the Reaction of 4-Chloro-3-Formylcoumarin with Hydroxylamine Hydrochloride

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ABSTRACT

A mild and simple oximation reaction of 4-chloro-3-formylcoumarin with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in basic medium gave unexpected three components via oxime. Those compounds were separated in good yields by preparative TLC and by chemical means using different reaction conditions. IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectral data confirmed the structure of the separated compounds.

Key words: 4H-coumarin[3,4-d]isoxazol-4-one; ethyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-isoxazole-4-formate; methyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-isoxazole-4-formate; 4-chloro-3-cyano-coumarin.

INTRODUCTION

Derivatives of 4H-1-benzopyran-4-one, also known as 4H-chromen-4-ones or chromones, are an important scaffold in heterocyclic chemistry and represent useful synthetic building blocks in organic and medicinal chemistry¹. Coumarins or Chromones are natural products possessing a wide range of valuable physiological activities². From literature survey the syntheses of 2-aminochromone-3-carboxamide, 3-amino-4H-chromeno[3,4-d]isoxazol-

4-one, and 3-(diaminomethylene) chroman-2,4-dione were developed³ from the reactions of 3-substituted chromones (3-formylchromone, 3-formylchromone-3-oxime, and 3-cyanochromone) with hydroxylamine in alkaline medium. 3-Formylchromones when treated with hydroxylamine formed via 3-formylchromone-oximes 3-cyanochromones^{4,5}. The ability of 3-cyanochromones to interact with water followed by pyrone ring opening and cyclization at the CN group formed 2-amino-3-formylchromone^{5,6}.

In this study we have investigated the reaction of 4-chloro-3-formylcoumarin with hydroxylamine hydrochloride at different conditions to see if the reaction will have the same behavior as previously described in literature³.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The literature survey revealed some debate about the assignment of the structure of the reaction products of coumarin derivatives with hydroxylamine.

Among these investigations, Sosnovskikh *et al.* in 2008³ studied the reactions of chromones **1-3** with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in strongly basic medium to give 3-amino-4H-chromeno[3,4-d]isoxazol-4-one **4** which was converted into acid **5** when heated in 10% boiling sodium hydroxide.

Further recyclization and reduction of compound **4** led to the formation of 3-(diaminomethylene) chroman-2,4-dione **6**.

Therefore, we studied the reaction of 4-chloro-3-formylcoumarin **8** instead of compounds **1-3** with hydroxylamine under different conditions. We identified three unexpected compounds; 4-chloro-3-cyano-coumarin (**10**); 4H-chromeno[3,4-d]isoxazol-4-one (**11**); Ethyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-isoxazole-4-formate (**12a**); (or methyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-

isoxazole-4-formate (**12b**) (depending on the solvent) formed through oxime (**9**) (Scheme 1).

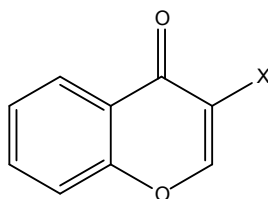
These 3 compounds were prepared as follows: 1 equivalent of starting compound **8** with 1 eq. of hydroxylamine hydrochloride in the presence of 1 eq. of sodium acetate as a basic medium were refluxed for 4 hrs. Formation of compounds **10-12** was monitored by TLC and GC/MS. When the reaction was carried out by using 3 eq. hydroxylamine/3 eq. sodium acetate in ethanol and was refluxed for 10 hrs. pure compound **11** was isolated and the structure confirmed on the basis of IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectra. A characteristic singlet peak at δ 10.21 due to CH-isoxazole moiety was present in ¹H NMR. Treatment of chromones **8** (1 eq) with 3 eq. of hydroxylamine and 3 eq. of sodium acetate under reflux 24 hrs. gave pure **12a** in ethanol or **12b** in methanol (Scheme 2).

Structures of **12a** and **12b** were confirmed on the basis of spectral analysis. Compound **10** was obtained directly when the reaction was carried out under stirring 5 minutes by using 3 eq. hydroxylamine/3 eq. sodium acetate in ethanol as a solvent (Scheme 3).

It was found that the spectral data of **10** were in agreement with literature results [7] (m.p. 199-200°C). These compounds **10-12** were separated and purified by chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (8:2) as eluent.

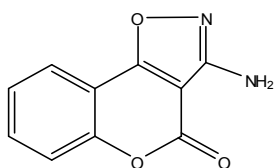
Concerning the mechanism **10** was formed by elimination of water from oxime (**9**); **11** was formed by elimination of HCl to ring closure. Finally, the ethylesterisoxazole **12a** was obtained via ring opening of coumarin (lactone) by the action of ethanol.

In order to study the effect of solvent, we have repeated the reaction in methanol instead of ethanol to give methylesterisoxazole **12b** (Scheme 2).

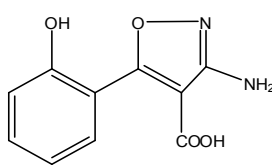


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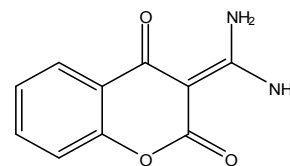
X = CHO, CH=NOH, CN



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A possible route for the multi-step mechanism is outlined in (Scheme 4).

We suggest that the hydroxylamine in basic medium converts **8** into the key intermediate compound **9** which then undergoes further recyclization by elimination of HCl to afford coumarino[3,4-d]isoxazole **11**. Ethanol or methanol makes the ring opening of the lactone part to form compounds **12a,b**.

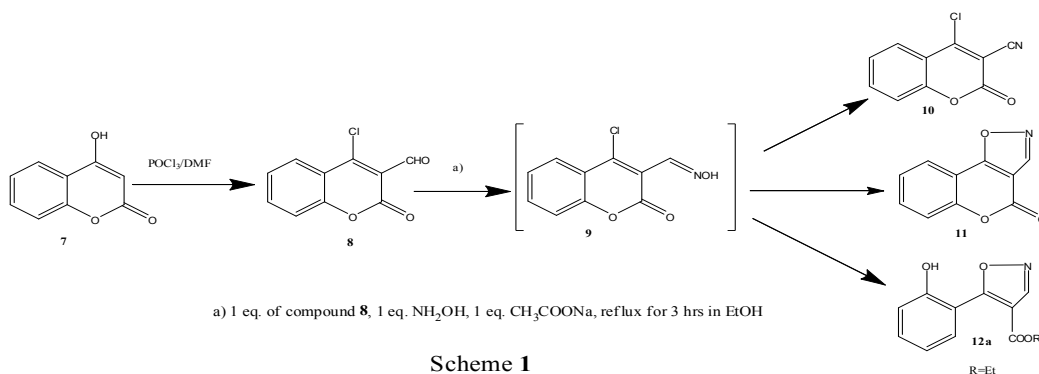
In conclusion, the starting compound 4-chloro-3-formyl coumarin **8** showed different reactivity depending on the reaction conditions. Its reaction with hydroxylamine gives a variety of products. The obtained products were 4H-coumarino[3,4-d]isoxazol-4-one; ethyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-isoxazole-4-formate or methyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-isoxazole-4-formate) and 4-chloro-3-cyano-coumarin.

Experimental Section

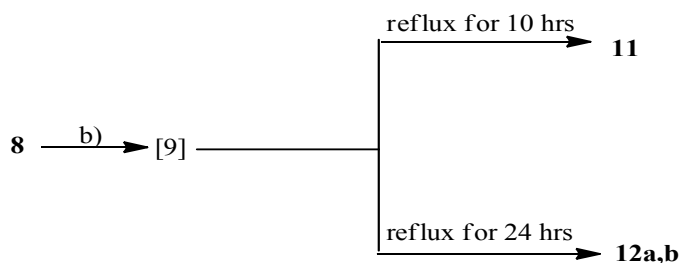
General Procedures.

Melting points were determined by using the Kofler melting point apparatus, and were uncorrected. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) spectra were recorded on a Pye-Unicam SP3-100 instrument at Taif University. ^1H NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian (400 MHz) EM 390 USA instrument at King Abdel-Aziz University. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a JNM-LA spectrometer (100 MHz) at King Abdel-Aziz University, Saudi Arabia. For both ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ was used. Spectra were internally referenced to TMS. Peaks are reported in ppm downfield of TMS. Multiplicities are reported as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q).

Mass spectra were recorded on ISQ Thermo Scientific GC-MS. GC column TG-SQC, Trace GC ultra at Taif University KSA. Purity of the compounds



Scheme 1



$\text{R}=\text{Et}$ (**12a**), $\text{R}=\text{Me}$ (**12b**)

b) 1 eq. of compound **8**, 3 eq. NH_2OH , 3 eq. CH_3COONa , in EtOH (**12a**), MeOH (**12b**)

Scheme 2

was checked by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel plates. Column chromatography was carried out on 0.04"0.063 mm (Merck) silica gel, thin layer chromatography was carried out on aluminum backed silica plates by Merck and plates were revealed using a UV 254 light.

MATERIALS

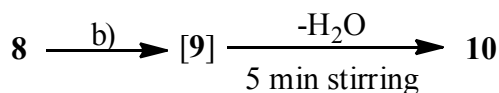
The 4-hydroxycoumarin **7** was a gift from the Lab of Prof. Gilbert Kirsch, Laboratoire d'Ingénierie Moléculaire et Biochimie Pharmacologique, Institut Jean Barriol, FR Metz, France..

4-Chloro-3-coumarincarbaldehyde (**8**)

Compound **8** was prepared as previously describe by *sabita et al.* with a little bit modification⁸.

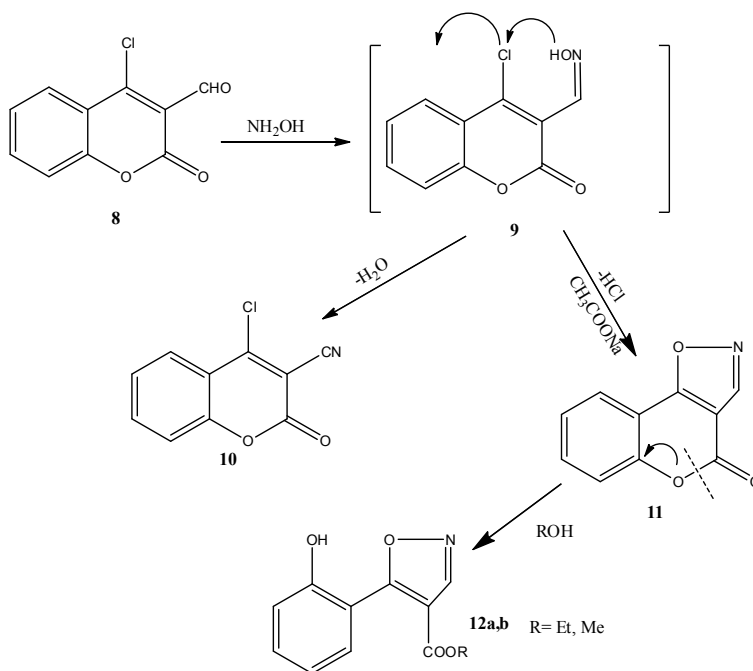
To a stirred mixture of 4-hydroxycoumarin **7** (9.72 g, 0.06 mol) in anhydrous DMF (46.2 mL, 0.6 mol) were added dropwise POCl₃ (27.6 g, 0.18 mol) at -10° to -5 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 1 hr at room temperature after that heated and stirred for 5 hrs. at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was poured onto crushed ice (300 g) under vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was kept overnight at 0°C. The pale yellow solid was collected by filtration and recrystallized from acetone to give 10.5 g (84%) of **8**; m.p. 133-135°C (lit. 130 °C)⁹

¹H-NMR δ 10.39 (1H, s, CH=O), 8.16–7.28 (4H, m, Ar-H); IR ν̄ 1720 (C=O-pyrone), 1663 (CHO) cm⁻¹. EI-MS *m/z*: 208 (M⁺, 11), 182 (31), 180 (100), 154 (31), 152 (91), 124 (20), 101 (11), 89 (80), 63 (37), 62 (31), 61 (14); EI-HRMS: *m/z* 207.9909 (calculated for C₁₀H₅ClO₃, 207.9927)



b) 1 eq. of compound **8**, 3 eq. NH₂OH, 3 eq. CH₃COONa, in EtOH

Scheme 3



Scheme 4

3-Cyano-4-chlorocoumarin (10), 4H-chromeno [3,4-d]isoxazol-4-one (11), ethyl 5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)isoxazole-4-carboxylate (12a) and Methyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-isoxazole-4-formate (12b)

General procedure

To a mixture of $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$ (1 eq.) and anhydrous sodium acetate (1 eq.) in ethanol, or methanol a solution of compound **8** (1 eq.) in ethanol was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3hrs. After the reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured onto crushed ice (300 g) under vigorous stirring. The pale yellow solid was collected by filtration and further purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate (8:2) as eluent to afford the desired three compounds **10**, **11** and **12a,b**.

Notes

Compound **10** was prepared by using 3eq of $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$ / 3eq anhydrous sodium acetate and 1eq of compound **8** in ethanol. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minute to give compound **10** as yellow crystal m.p. 198-200°C (Lit, 199-200 °C)⁹

4H-Chromeno [3,4-d]isoxazol-4-one (11)

m.p. 222-224 °C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ δ 10.21 (1H, s, CH-isoxazole), 8.03–7.41 (4H, m, Ar-H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$

δ 165.50, 155.04, 154.90, 152.80, 133.36, 125.29, 124.07, 117.67, 110.24, 107.83. IR ν 1761 (C=O-pyrone), 1608 (C=N) cm^{-1} . EI-MS m/z : 187 (M+, 100), 159 (33), 131 (11), 119(4), 103 (54), 76 (26). EI-HRMS: m/z 187.0268 (calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5\text{NO}_3$: 187.0269)

Ethyl-5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-isoxazole-4-formate (12a)

m.p. 218-220°C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 9.02 (1H, s, CH-isoxazole), 8.12–7.01 (4H, m, Ar-H), 4.37 (2H, q, $J=6.80$ Hz, CH_2); 1.36 (3H, t, $J=6.80$ Hz, CH_3). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ δ 175.80, 163.49, 160.60, 155.68, 134.01, 125.66, 122.80, 118.68, 116.20.93.54, 60.29, 13.72. IR ν 1669 (C=O...H-bond), 1601 (C=N) cm^{-1} . EI-MS m/z 233 (M+, 33), 187 (100), 159 (41), 131 (12), 119 (4), 103 (35), 76 (8); EI-HRMS: m/z 233.0684 (calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4$: 233.0688)

Methyl 5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)isoxazole-4-carboxylate (12b)

m.p. 210-212°C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 9.02 (1H, s, CH-isoxazole), 8.12–7.01 (4H, m, Ar-H), 3.91 (3H, s, OCH_3). IR ν 1670 (C=O...H-bond), 1600 (C=N) cm^{-1} . EI-MS m/z 219 (M+, 49), 187 (100), 159 (34), 131 (15), 119 (4), 103 (99), 76 (40). EI-HRMS: m/z 219.0492 (calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4$: 219.0532).

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