# Synthesis and reactions of both tautomers of 2-hydrazinobenzothiazole

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The structure of both 2-hydrazinobenzothiazole tautomers was proved by acetylation and formylation of 2-hydrazinobenzothiazole and 2-hydrazonobenzothiazolinone.

В работе описывается ацетилирование и формилирование 2-гидразинбензотиазола и 2-гидразонбензотиазолинона, что является синтетическим доказательством строения индивидуальных таутомеров.

Heterocyclic hydrazines were reported [1—4] to exist in two tautomeric forms— as hydrazines and hydrazones. The hydrazine form is created in acid, the hydrazone one in alkaline media. Both tautomers exist side by side in the reaction medium.

The attempted synthesis of 2-hydrazinobenzothiazole (I) also afforded 2-hydrazonobenzothiazolinone (II)

Due to a very little solubility either in deuteriochloroform or in deuteriodimethyl sulfoxide no definite structure assignment could be attained by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. The IR spectra of both tautomers are identical as far as the position of bands is concerned; difference could be seen in the intensity of the band at  $\tilde{v} = 1580 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , corresponding to v(C=N) in the > N-C=N grouping. The higher intensity of this band of compound I suggests the presence of an imine form. Since these data are insufficient, both tautomers were acetylated and formylated.

Acetylation with acetic anhydride in an equivalent amount and in excess brought a decisive evidence: Acetylation of I and II with an equivalent amount of acetic anhydride in benzene furnished 2-(N-acetylhydrazino)benzothiazole (III), and 3-acetyl-2-hydrazonobenzothiazolinone (IV), respectively. Acetylation with an excess of acetic anhydride in the same solvent yielded 2-(N,N'-diacetylhydrazino)benzothiazole (V) and 3-acetyl-2-(N-acetylhydrazono)benzothiazolinone (VI).

Formylations were carried out with formic acid or formamide. As found, a 3 h reflux of I in 50 % formic acid afforded 2-(N-formylhydrazino)benzothiazole (VII), whilst formylation with an excess of formamide led to 1,2,4-triazolo-2,3-benzothiazole (VIII).

Compound II gave on formylation only 3-formyl-2-(hydrazono)benzothia-zolinone (IX) independently on the formylation carried out by various procedures: a) with 50 % formic acid in excess, b) with concentrated formic acid in excess, c) with an equimolar amount of concentrated formic acid in xylene. Heating of IX to 80 °C for 30 min yielded VIII. Acetylation of VII with an excess of acetic anhydride led to V.

## **Experimental**

# 2-Hydrazinobenzothiazole (I)

A solution consisting of 2-mercaptobenzothiazole (16.7 g; 0.1 mol) and hydrazine hydrate (30 %, 0.2 mol) in ethanol (150 cm<sup>3</sup>) was refluxed for 8 h, cooled, the yellowish compound was filtered off and crystallized from chloroform. Yield = 35 %, m.p. = =185—187 °C. For  $C_7H_7N_2S$  ( $M_r$ =165.2)  $w_i$ (calc.): 50.88 % C, 4.26 % H, 25.43 % N, 19.40 % S;  $w_i$ (found): 50.57 % C, 4.19 % H, 25.19 % N, 19.33 % S. IR spectrum (nujol),  $\bar{v}/cm^{-1}$ : 1520  $\delta$ (NH), 1580 v(C=N), 3080 v(NH<sub>2</sub>).

## 2-Hydrazonobenzothiazolinone (II)

The preceding procedure was applied for preparation of II with the difference that 70 % hydrazine hydrate (0.5 mol) was used. The white crystals recrystallized from ethanol had m.p. = 200—201 °C, the crude white crystals (yield = 85 %) had m.p. = 200—202 °C. For  $C_7H_7N_2S$  ( $M_c = 165.2$ )  $W_c$ (calc.): 50.88 % C, 4.26 % H, 25.43 % N, 19. 40 % S;  $W_c$ (found):

50.74 % C, 4.22 % H, 25.00 % N, 19.32 % S. IR spectrum (nujol),  $\bar{v}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1520  $\delta(\text{NH})$ , 1580  $\nu(\text{C=N})$ , 3080  $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$ .

### 2-(N-Acetylhydrazino)benzothiazole (III)

2-Hydrazinobenzothiazole (3.6 g; 25 mmol) dissolved in benzene (70 cm³) was refluxed with acetic anhydride (2.5 g; 250 mmol) for 5 h. The white precipitate separating after cooling was filtered off and crystallized from benzene. Yield = 85 %, m.p. = 98—100 °C. For  $C_{11}H_{13}N_3O_3S$  ( $M_c$  = 267.3)  $w_c$ (calc.): 49.43 % C, 4.90 % H, 15.72 % N, 11.99 % S;  $w_c$ (found): 49.27 % C, 4.83 % H, 15.59 % N, 12.09 % S. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (deuteriochloroform, hexadeuteriodimethyl sulfoxide),  $\delta$ /ppm: 2.15 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 7.2—7.9 (m, 4H, Ar—H). IR spectrum (nujol),  $\bar{v}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1520  $\delta$ (NH), 1580 v(C=N), 1680 v(C=O), 2660 v(NH)<sub>assoc</sub>, 1760 v(C—O).

## 3-Acetyl-2-hydrazonobenzothiazolinone (IV)

The title product was prepared from 2-hydrazonobenzothiazolinone according to procedure described with *III*. Yield = 73 %, m.p. = 136—139 °C (ethanol). For  $C_{11}H_{13}N_3O_3S$  ( $M_r$  = 267.3)  $w_i$ (calc.): 49.43 % C, 4.90 % H, 15.72 % N, 11.99 % S;  $w_i$ (found): 49.32 % C, 4.81 % H, 15.66 % N, 12.11 % S. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (hexadeuteriodimethyl sulfoxide),  $\delta$ /ppm: 2.15 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 2.3 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 7.2—7.85 (m, 4H, Ar—H). IR spectrum (nujol),  $\bar{v}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1310 v(C—N), 1520  $\delta$ (NH), 1570 v(C=N), 1690 v(C=O), 1770 v(C—O).

## 2-(N,N'-Diacetylhydrazino)benzothiazole (V)

- a) 2-Hydrazinobenzothiazole (3.6 g; 25 mmol) and acetic anhydride (10 cm³) were refluxed with benzene (30 cm³) for 6 h, the mixture was cooled and poured into ice-cold water. The separated crystals were filtered and crystallized from methanol. Yield = 73 %, m.p. = 183—185 °C. For  $C_{11}H_{11}N_3O_2S$  ( $M_1$  = 249.3)  $w_1$  (calc.): 52.99 % C, 4.44 % H, 16.85 % N, 12.86 % S;  $w_1$  (found): 52.84 % C, 4.42 % H, 16.68 % N, 12.68 % S. 'H NMR spectrum (hexadeuteriodimethyl sulfoxide),  $\delta$ /ppm: 2.3 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 7.28—8.05 (m, 4H, Ar—H). IR spectrum (nujol),  $\bar{v}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1525  $\delta$ (NH), 1580 v(C=N), 1690 v(C=O), 2670 v(NH)<sub>assoc</sub>, 1320 v(C—N).
- b) 2-(N-Formylhydrazino)benzothiazole (3.8 g; 25 mmol) was refluxed with acetic anhydride (30 cm³) for 5 h, the mixture was cooled and poured into ice-cold water. The separated crystals were filtered and recrystallized from methanol. Yield = 83 %, m.p. = = 183—185 °C. 'H NMR spectrum (hexadeuteriodimethyl sulfoxide),  $\delta$ /ppm: 2.3 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 7.27—8.02 (m, 4H, Ar—H).

# 2-(N-Formylhydrazino)benzothiazole (VII)

2-Hydrazinobenzothiazole (3.6 g; 25 mmol) was refluxed with 50 % formic acid (30 cm<sup>3</sup>) for 3 h and the white crystals were recrystallized from acetone or ethanol. Yield = 75 %, m.p. = 237 °C. For  $C_8H_7N_3OS$  ( $M_1$  = 193.2)  $W_1$ (calc.): 49.72 %  $C_1$  3.36 %  $C_2$  H, 21.74 %  $C_3$  N, 21.74 %  $C_3$  N, 21.74 %  $C_3$  N, 21.74 %  $C_4$  N, 21.74 %  $C_5$  N, 21.74

15.59 % S;  $w_i$ (found): 50.05 % C, 3.56 % H, 21.78 % N, 16.33 % S. 'H NMR spectrum (hexadeuteriodimethyl sulfoxide),  $\delta$ /ppm: 7.2—8.2 (m, 4H, Ar—H), 9.5 (s, 1H, CHO). IR spectrum (nujol),  $\tilde{v}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1520  $\delta$ (NH), 1580 v(C=N), 1690 v(C=O), 2680 v(NH)<sub>assoc</sub>.

#### 1,2,4-Triazolo-2,3-benzothiazole (VIII)

2-Hydrazinobenzothiazole (3.6 g; 25 mmol) was refluxed in formamide (20 cm³) for 2 h, the white crystals were separated and recrystallized from benzene. Yield = 63 %, m.p. = 175—177 °C. For  $C_8H_5N_3S$  ( $M_r$  = 175.2)  $w_i$ (calc.): 54.84 % C, 2.87 % H, 23.98 % N, 18.30 % S;  $w_i$ (found): 54.74 % C, 2.74 % H, 23.76 % N, 18.18 % S. ¹H NMR spectrum (hexadeuteriodimethyl sulfoxide),  $\delta$ /ppm: 6.85—7.72 (m, 4H, Ar—H), 8.12 (s, 1H, CH). IR spectrum (nujol),  $\bar{v}$ /cm⁻¹: 1580 v(C=N), 1310 v(C—N).

#### 3-Formyl-2-hydrazonobenzothiazolinone (IX)

- a) 2-Hydrazinobenzothiazole (3.6 g; 25 mmol) was refluxed with 50 % formic acid (30 cm<sup>3</sup>) for 3 h, the separated crystals were filtered and recrystallized from ethanol or acetone. Yield = 75 %, m.p. = 145—147 °C.
- b) The same procedure was carried out with concentrated formic acid (20 cm<sup>3</sup>) at a 30 min reflux time. Yield = 74 %.
- c) The starting product was formylated with concentrated formic acid (1.3 g; 25 mmol) in refluxing xylene (50 cm³) for 1 h. Yield = 78 %. For  $C_xH_7N_3OS$  ( $M_r$  = 193.2)  $w_i$ (calc.): 49.72 % C, 3.65 % H, 21.74 % N, 16.59 % S;  $w_i$ (found): 49.81 % C, 3.65 % H, 21.74 % N, 16.40 % S. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (hexadeuteriodimethyl sulfoxide),  $\delta$ /ppm:7.25—8.20 (m, 4H, Ar—H), 9.55 (s, 1H, CHO). IR spectrum (nujol),  $\bar{v}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1520  $\delta$ (NH), 1580 v(C=N), 1690 v(C=O), 2680 v(NH)<sub>assoc</sub>.

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