Preparation of New Nitrogen-Bridged Heterocycles. 34. Synthesis and Reaction of 2,3-Dihydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizines¹⁾

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The reactions of 2(3*H*)-indolizinones, generated *in situ* from the alkaline treatment of 1-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)pyridinium bromides having an 2-ethyl, 2-propyl, and 2-benzyl group, with ethoxy-methyleneacetylacetone and some phenacyl bromides gave novel heterocyclic compounds, 4-acetyl-2-aroyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydro-oxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizin-3-ols, in low to moderate yields together with considerable amounts of 2-aroylfuro[2,3-*b*]indolizines. The dehydration of these dihydrooxepinoindolizines on the exposure with methanesulfonic acid did not give the initially expected full conjugated oxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizines, but afforded 3-methylene-2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizine derivatives.

1. Introduction

Previously, we reported the ready preparation of 2-aroylmethoxy-3-(2,2-disubstituted vinyl)indolizines from the reactions of 2(3H)-indolizinones with various activated ethoxymethlene compounds and phenacyl halides in the presence of a base and their transformation to 2-aroylfuro[2,3-*b*]indolizine derivatives *via* the intramolecular Michael addition followed by the aromatization with the elimination of an active methylene compound.²⁾ In our recent reinvestigation on these reactions, we noticed that the product from the reaction of 1-methyl-2(3*H*)-indolizinone, ethoxymethyleneacetylacetone, and phenacyl bromide in the presence of a base is not the corresponding 3-(2,2-diacetylvinyl)-1-methyl-2-phenacyloxyindolizine, and is its intramolecular nucleophilic cycloadduct, 4-acetyl-2-benzoyl-3,11-dimethyl-2,3-di-

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hydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizin-3-ol. This fact prompted us to investigate further the reactions of 2(3H)-indolizinones with the same vinylating agent and some phenacyl bromides, because this is the reaction leading to novel indolizine derivatives with an oxygen-containing seven-membered ring which are not obtainable by other methods. In this paper we wish to report the first preparation of title compounds from the alkaline treatment of the corresponding pyridinium salts, ethoxymethleneacetylacetone, and phenacyl bromides and their acid-catalyzed dehydration.

2. Results and Discussion

2.1 Preparation of 2,3-Dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-2-ols

The reactions of 1-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)pyridinium bromides 1a-c, ethoxymethyleneacetylacetone 2, and phenacyl bromide 3a were carried out initially by using sodium ethoxide as a base,²⁾ but, though the reason was still unclear, the reappearance for the yields of the desired 2,3-dihydrooxepino-[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ols 4a-c in these reactions was extremely difficult. Hence, potassium tert-butoxide as a base was employed in these reactions. When an ethanolic solution of 1-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-2-ethylpyridinium bromide 1 a was treated with two equivalents of potassium *tert*-butoxide and then with ethoxymethyleneacetylacetone 2 and phenacyl bromide 3a at 60-80 °C in a water bath, the corresponding 2-benzoylfuro[2,3-b]indolizine 5a was obtained as a main product (68%) together with considerable amounts of 4-acetyl-2-benzoyl-3,11-dimethyl-2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ol 4a (27%). Similar reactions of 1a with 2 and p-chlorophenacyl bromide 3b and p-bromophenacyl bromide 3c gave 2-aroyl-2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ols **4b**,**c** and 2-aroylfuro[2,3-*b*]indolizines **5b**,**c**, respectively. Furthermore, the alkaline treatment of other pyridinium salts 1 b,c, a vinylating agent 2, and phenacyl bromides 3a-c afforded the same types of compounds 4d-i and 5d-i respectively, but the yields of the title compounds 4d-i were very low (3-11%). (Scheme 1)

The structures of these 2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizin-3-ols **4a**-**i** were determined mainly by the physical and spectral means, and those of furo-[2,3-*b*]indolizines **5a**-**i** were concluded by the comparisons with authentic samples prepared earlier by us.^{2,3)} For example, the proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectra (Table 1) of compounds **4a**-**i** exhibited each characteristic singlet signals at near δ 1.5 (3H), 2.5 (3H), 5.4 (1H), and 7.8 (1H, Preparation of New Nitrogen-Bridged Heterocycles. 34. Synthesis and Reaction of 2,3-Dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizines



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exchangeable with deuterium oxide) attributable to a methyl attached to a sp^3 carbon, an acetyl, a methine at the 2-position, and a hydroxyl group, respectively, together with four proton signals (δ 6.5-8.2) coupled with each other due to the pyridine molety and multiplet signals (δ 7.1-8.3) due to the 2-aroyl The infrared (IR) spectra showed a hydroxyl absorption band at aroup. 3230-3440 cm⁻¹ and two carbonyl absorption bands at 1584-1593 and 1699-1705 cm⁻¹. In particular, the presences of the 2-methine (δ near 5.4), only one acetyl, and a hydroxyl group and the absence of the O-methylene group in these spectra refused completely the structures of our previously proposed 2-aroylmethoxy-3-(2,2-diacetylvinyl)indolizine derivative 6, and suggested strongly that compounds 4a-i are formed via the intramolecular addition of the active methylene group on an acetyl group in this intermediate From the ¹H-NMR spectral inspection, it was also showed that all of 6. products 4a-i are each only one diastereomer and there is not any isomeric compounds in them.⁴⁾ Finally, the structure, 4-acetyl-2-aroyl-3-methyl-2,3dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ol, including its stereochemistry was determined by the single crystal X-ray analysis of one compound 4a.59 Main products 5a-i, of course, were completely in accord with authentic samples in all respects.^{2,3)}

2.2 Dehydration of 2,3-Dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ols

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| Table 1. Compd ^{a)} | C-2 | C-5 | Spec C-7 | C-8 | C-9 | C-10 | OH | Ac | 2-Me | ^{b)} R | 1165 | Ar | '' ₃ |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|------------|------|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 4a | 5.43 | 7.69 | с) | 6.59 | 6.89 | 7.16 | 7.58 | 2.58 | 1.42 | 1.97 | | 7.3-8.2 | |
| | s | s | | dt | br t | br d | s | s | s | S | | m | |
| 4b | 5.38 | 7.64 | 8.09 | 6.64 | 6.96 | 7.21 | 7.64 | 2.56 | 1.44 | 2.00 | | 7.3-8.1 | |
| | S | S | br d | dt | br t | br d | S | S | S | S | | m | |
| 4c | 5.39 | 7.69 | 8.08 | 6.64 | 6.92 | 7.21 | 7.64 | 2.57 | 1.45 | 2.02 | | 7.4-8.0 | |
| | S | S | br d | dt | brt | br d | S | S | S | S | o 10 | m | |
| 4d | 5.46 | 7.69 | C) | 6.63 | 6.91 | C) | 7.63 | 2.58 | 1.46 | 0.95 | 2.49 | 7.1-8.3 | |
| _ | S | S | | dt | brt | | S | S | S | T O OO | q | m 7001 | |
| 4e | 5.42 | 7.68 | 8.08 | 6.67 | 6.94 | 7.23 | 7.68 | 2.56 | 1.42 | 0.99 | 2.49 | 7.2-8.1 | |
| | S | s = = = o | bra | at | | | s ~\ | S | 5 | | q | 7001 | |
| 41 | 5.33 | 7.70 | 8.11 | 6.63 | 6.93 | 1.25 | C) | 2.50 | 1.40 | 0.97 | 2.40 | 7.3-0.1 m | |
| 4 ~ | 5 | S 7 76 | 017 | ui 6 70 | | o) | 7 76 | ້ວ ເວັ | 1 5 2 | L | Ч 6 0-8 | 111 | |
| 4g | 5.43 | 1.10 | 0.11 brd | 0.70 | 0.99 | 0) | 1.10 | 2.02 | 1.00 | | 0.9-0 m | | |
| 1 h | 5 | 5770 | | 6 77 | DI L | \mathbf{c} | s c) | 5 261 | 3 1 5 / | | 6 8.7 | 8 | |
| 411 | 5.34 | 1.13 | 0.10 br.d | 0.77 dt | C) | 0) | 0) | 2.01 | 1.04 | | 0.0-7 m | .0 | |
| 41 | 5 | 5771 | 9 1 G | 6 75 | 7 02 | c | c) · | 2 50 | 1 51 | | 7 0-7 | 8 | |
| 41 | 0.00 | 1.11 | 0.10 hr d | dt | hrt | 0) | 0) | 2.00 | ۱.01 م | | 7.07 m | .0 | |
| 79 | 5 94 | 7 90 | 818 | 6 61 | 6.95 | 7 25 | | 2 28 | 5 64 | 2 22 | | 7.3-8.1 | |
| 7 a | S.54 | 7.50 S | br d | dt | hrt | br d | | S | s.e. | s | | m | |
| 7h | 5.86 | 7 86 | 8 16 | 6 64 | 6.97 | 7 26 | | 2.35 | 5.63 | 2.19 | | 7.3-8.1 | |
| 1.15 | S | s | br d | dt | brt | br d | | S | d ^{d)} | S | | m | |
| 7c | 5.90 | 7.88 | 8.19 | 6.61 | 6.96 | 7.26 | | 2.37 | 5.67 | 2.22 | | 7.4-8.0 | |
| | S | S | br d | dt | br t | br d | | s | d ^{d)} | s | | m | |
| 7d | 6.01 | 7.92 | 8.19 | 6.62 | 6.97 | C) | | 2.29 | 5.67 | 1.22 | 2.45 | 7.1-8.1 | |
| | s | s | br d | dt | br t | | | s | S | t | q | m | |
| 7e | 5.90 | 7.86 | 8.18 | 6.63 | 6.96 | C) | | 2.34 | 5.68 | 1.24 | 2.72 | 7.1-8.1 | |
| | s | s | br d | dt | br t | | | s | d ^{d)} | t | q | m | |
| 7f | 5.86 | 7.84 | 8.15 | 6.61 | 6.94 | 7.29 | | 2.34 | 5.64 | 1.22 | 2.72 | 7.4-8.0 | |
| | s | s | br d | dt | br t | br d | | s | s | t | q | m | |
| 7g | 6.02 | 7.87 | 8.20 | 6.66 | 6.98 | C) | | 2.24 | 5.67 | | 7.1-8 | .1 | |
| | s | s | br d | dt | br t | | | S | S | | m | | |
| 7h | 5.94 | 7.84 | 8.20 | 6.69 | 7.00 | C) | | 2.38 | 5.70 | | 7.1-8 | .1 | |
| | s | S | br d | dt | br t | | | S | d ^{a)} | | m | | |
| 7i | 5.95 | 7.86 | 8.26 | 6.68 | 7.01 | c) | | 2.39 | 5.71 | | 7.1-8 | .1 | |
| | s | s | br d | dt | br t | | | S | d" | | m | | _ |

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a) The coupling constants are as follows: $J_{7,8}=J_{8,9}=7.0$, $J_{9,10}=9.0$, $J_{8,10}=2.0$, and $J_{E}=7.0$ Hz. b) Or the 3-methylene protons in compounds 7a.i. c) Overlapped with the phenyl proton signals. d) Though this signal pattern should be theoretically an AB quartet, its side signals could not be recognized in the measurement with the considerable concentration because of the small difference between their chemical shifts and of the small coupling constant of them.

Since there are an acidic methine proton at the 2-position and the 3-hydroxyl group in compounds 4a-i, it was easily anticipated that the full conjugated oxepino[2,3-b]indolizines such as 8 (see Scheme 2) should be formed by the dehydration between these two groups. The treatment of 4a with methanesulfonic acid as an acid catalyst, however, did not give any such type afforded alternative compound 8. but dehydrated products, of 4-acetyl-2-aroyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizines 7a-i, in 20-58% yields, respectively.



The fact that these products are 4-acetyl-2-aroyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizines **7a**-i and not the full conjugated 4-acetyl-2-aroyl-3methyloxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizine derivatives **8** could be concluded with ease by the indications of the presences of the 2-methine proton (δ near 5.9) and the terminal 3-methylene protons (δ near 5.7) and of the disappearances of the 3-hydroxyl and the 3-methyl group in ¹H-NMR (Table 1) and IR spectra. The structural data from the single crystal X-ray analysis of one compound, 4-acetyl-2-benzoyl-11-ethyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizine **7d**, confirmed also our proposed structure. Some crystal data and the ORTEP drawing⁶ of **7d** are shown in Tables 2 and 3 and Fig. 1.

| Formula Formula weight Crystal system Spece group Lattice parameter | а/Å b/Å c/Å ß/°С | $C_{24}H_{21}NO_{3}$ 371.43 Monoclinic $P2_{1}/a; Z=4$ 12.437(2) 12.310(2) 12.891(2) 98.08(1) | |
|---|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| V/Å ³ | | 1954.1(5) | |
| D/gcm ⁻¹ | | 1.262 | |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | | 0.34x0.64x0. | 86 |
| Diffractometer | | Rigaku AFC5 | S |
| Radiation | | $MoK\alpha(\lambda=0.71)$ | 069 A) |
| Monochromator | | Graphite | |
| Scan type | | ω-2θ | |
| 20 Max | | 54.9 ° | |
| Computer program | | TEXSAN Sys | tem ^{a)} |
| Structure Solution | | Direct method | ו; MITHRIL ^{₀)} |
| Hydrogen atom treatment | | Calcd, not ref | ined |
| Refinement | | Full-matrix, ar | nisotropic |
| Least-squares weight | | $4F_{0}^{2}/\sigma^{2}(F_{0}^{2})$ | |
| No. of measurement reflect | ction | Total: 4896 | Unique: 4690 |
| No. of observation ^{c)} | | 2194 | |
| No. of Variables | | 253 | |
| Residuals <i>R</i> ; <i>R</i> w | | 0.052; 0.058 | |
| Max Shift/Error | | 0.14 | |
| $\Delta \rho_{max}/e^{-}/A^{3}; \Delta \sigma_{min}/e^{-}/A^{3}$ | | 0.30; -0.22 | |
| | | | |

Table 2. Crystal and Structure Analysis Data of Compound 7d

a) See Ref. 7). b) See Ref 8). c) $I>3.00\sigma(I)$

| Table 3. | Selected | Bond Length | ns and | Bond Angles | of Compound | 17d |
|----------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| | (esd's, wh | nere given, a | re in pa | arentheses) | | |

| Bond Lengths ^a |) | | |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 01-C1 | 1.448(3) | C3-C4 | 1.356(3) |
| O1-C12 | 1.369(3) | C3-C21 | 1.480(4) |
| O2-C13 | 1.220(3) | C4-C5 | 1.403(4) |
| O3-C21 | 1.228(3) | C5-C12 | 1.406(4) |
| N1-C5 | 1.406(3) | C6-C7 | 1.355(4) |
| N1-C6 | 1.376(3) | C7-C8 | 1.407(4) |
| N1-C10 | 1.398(4) | C8-C9 | 1.363(5) |
| C1-C2 | 1.502(4) | C9-C10 | 1.406(5) |
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| C1-C13 | 1.533(4) | C10-C11 | 1.394(4) |
| C2-C3 | 1.478(4) | C11-C12 | 1.383(4) |
| C2-C20 | 1.330(4) | C11-C23 | 1.498(4) |
| Bond Angles | | | |
| C1-O1-C12 | 117.3(2) | C6-C7-C8 | 120.9(3) |
| C5-N1-C6 | 129.4(2) | C7-C8-C9 | 119.9(3) |
| C5-N1-C10 | 109.5(2) | C8-C9-C10 | 120.1(3) |
| C6-N1-C10 | 121.1(2) | N1-C10-C9 | 118.5(3) |
| O1-C1-C2 | 112.7(2) | N1-C10-C11 | 108.5(2) |
| O1-C1-C13 | 112.9(2) | C9-C10-C11 | 133.0(3) |
| C2-C1-C13 | 113.9(2) | C10-C11-C12 | 106.0(3) |
| C1-C2-C3 | 118.0(2) | C10-C11-C23 | 125.8(3) |
| C1-C2-C20 | 118.5(3) | C12-C11-C23 | 128.2(3) |
| C3-C2-C20 | 123.5(3) | O1-C12-C5 | 126.3(2) |
| C2-C3-C4 | 121.1(3) | O1-C12-C11 | 121.8(3) |
| C2-C3-C21 | 121.8(2) | C5-C12-C11 | 111.8(3) |
| C4-C3-C21 | 114.0(2) | O2-C13-C1 | 117.2(3) |
| C3-C4-C5 | 128.9(3) | O2-C13-C14 | 120.6(3) |
| N1-C5-C4 | 122.8(2) | C1-C13-C14 | 122.0(3) |
| N1-C5-C12 | 104.2(2) | O3-C21-C3 | 121.1(3) |
| C4-C5-C12 | 132.9(2) | O3-C21-C22 | 118.4(3) |
| N1-C6-C7 | 119.6(3) | C11-C23-C24 | 113.0(3) |
| | | | |

a) For the numberings of compound 7d shown here, see its ORTEP drawing in Fig. 1.



Fig. 1. ORTEP Drawing of Compound 7d

2.3 Reaction Mechanisms

Possible mechanisms for the formation and the dehydration of 2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ols 4a-i are summarized in Scheme 3. The formation of title compounds 4a-i must proceed via the intermediate genaration of 3-(2,2-diacetylvinyl)-2-phenacyloxyindolizines 6 from the reactions of pyridinium salts 1a-c, a vinylating agent 2, and phenacyl bromides 3a-c in the presence of a base, the proton abstraction from the active methylene group in 6, followed by the nucleophilic addition of the resulting carbanion 9a to an acetyl carbonyl group on the 3-vinyl substituent. Furthermore, the alternative ion 9b different from only the spacial conformation of the 3-vinyl group should leat to the principal products, 3-aroylfuro[2,3-b]indolizines 5a-i, by the intramolecular Michael addition of the carbanion on the 3-vinyl substituent followed by the aromatization of the resulting 2,3-dihydrofuro[2,3-b]indolizine 11 accompanied by the elimination of acetylacetone. In some reactions,^{2,3)} the corresponding 2-acylmethoxy-3-(2,2-disubstituted vinyl)indolizine derivatives were actually isolated and their smooth transformation to furo[2,3-b]indolizines and an active methylene compound were also observed. More recently, we have seen first application of this procedure for the synthesis of thieno[3,2-a]indolizine derivatives.¹⁾ On the other hand, the reason for the formation of sole isomer of 2,3-dihydro-



(16n electron system)

Scheme 3.

oxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizin-3-ols **4a-i** is still unclear, but it may be explained by the sterically favorable approach of a conformer **12a** of the carbanion **9a** (see Fig. 2, an alternative approach of the less favorable comformer **12b** should lead to other isomer with a trans configuration between the 2-aroyl and the 3-hydroxyl group), or by the smooth transformation of the trans isomer once formed to thermodynamically stable cis isomer **4** through the keto-enol tautomerism under the alkaline conditions employed here.



Fig. 2.

The explicit explanation for the fact that the product in the acid-catalyzed dehydration of 2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizin-3-ols **4a**-i were not full conjugated oxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizines **8** and were the 3-methylene derivatives **7a-i** can not be also explained reasonably. However, the instability of the full conjugated oxepino[2,3-*b*]indolizines **8** with the 16π -electronic system expected by Huckel rule may be considered as a reason.

Although its mechanistic ambiguity is still remaining to some extent, the construction method for a novel nitrogen-bridged heterocycles was developed from the reactions in which polyfunctionalized 3-vinylindolizine derivatives intervene.

3. Experimental

Melting points were measured with a Yanagimoto micromelting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The microanalyses were carried out on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 elemental analyzer. The ¹H-NMR spectra were determined with a Varian EM360 spectrometer in deuteriochloroform with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard and the chemical shifts are expressed in δ values. The IR spectra were taken with a JASCO FT/IR-5300 infrared spectrophotometer.

3.1 preparation of 2,3-dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ols General Method: To an ethanolic solution (30 ml) of pyridinium salt (1, 3 mmol) potassium *tert*-butoxide (0.672g, 6 mmol) was added under heating (60-80 $^{\circ}$ C) in a water bath and, after 5 min, ethoxymethyleneacetylacetone (2, 3 mmol) and phenacyl bromide (3, 3 mmol) were added to the resulting solution. The reaction mixture was allowed to react further 2 h at that temperature. The solvent was then removed at reduced pressure and the residue was separated twice by column chromatography on alumina using chloroform as an eluent. The chloroform layer was concentrated at reduced pressure. The residues were recrystallized from ethanol to afford the corresponding pure products 4a-i and 5a-i, respectively.

The use of sodium ethoxide as a base in these reactions caused the large changes (0-29%) for the yields of title compounds **4a**-**i** and the reappearance of the reaction was extremely poor.

Some Physical and spectral data of new compounds **4a**-**i** were summarized in Tables 1 and 4.

| Prod. | F | leact. | Yield | M.P. | ir (Ke | 3r) cm | -1 -1 | Formula | Calcd%(Found%) |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|-------|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------|---|---|
| 4 ^{a,b)} | 1 | 3 ^{c)} | (%) | °℃ | ν _{OH} | v_{co} | | | |
| а | а | а | 27 | 199-201 | 3232 | 1698 | 1582 | C ₂₃ H ₂₁ NO ₄ | 73.58 5.64 3.73 |
| b | а | b | 20 | 199-201 | 3304 | 1699 | 1584 | C ₂₃ H ₂₀ CINO ₄ | (73.36 5.63 3.59) 67.40 4.92 3.42 |
| с | a | с | 20 | 194-196 | 3424 | 1705 | 1584 | C ₂₃ H ₂₀ BrNO ₄ | (67.32 4.87 3.55) 60.81 4.44 3.08 |
| d | b | а | 5 | 209-211 | 3412 | 1699 | 1582 | C ₂₄ H ₂₃ NO ₄ | (60.54 4.41 2.83) 74.02 5.95 3.60 |
| е | b | b | 5 | 215-217 | 3393 | 1699 | 1584 | C ₂₄ H ₂₂ CINO | (73.73 5.95 3.33) 68.00 5.23 3.33 |
| f | b | с | 3 | 209-211 | 3436 | 1699 | 1586 | C ₂₄ H ₂₂ BrNO ₄ | (67.99 5.19 3.35) 61.55 4.73 2.99 |
| g | с | а | 5 | 224-227 | 3272 | 1699 | 1593 | C ₂₈ H ₂₃ NO ₄ | (61.47 4.70 3.10) 76.87 5.30 3.20 |
| h | с | b | 11 | 218-220 | 3436 | 1705 | 1586 | C ₂₈ H ₂₂ CINO ₄ | (76.74 5.32 3.31) 71.26 4.70 2.97 |
| i | С | с | 5 | 222-224 | 3436 | 1705 | 1584 | $C_{28}H_{22}BrNO_4$ | (71.22 4.72 2.99) 65.13 4.29 2.71 (65.05 4.37 2.71) |
| | | | | | | | | | |

Table 4. Some Data for 2,3-Dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ols

a) Compounds 4a-c,e-i were obtained as orange prisms, and 4d as orange flakes. b) The corresponding 2-aroylfuro[2,3-b]indolizines 5a-i in these reactions were also ogtained in 63, 37, 46, 66, 56, 58, 95, 89, and 91% yields, respectively, and their physical and spectral data were in accord with authentic samples in all respects. (See ref. 2 and 3) c) Plus ethoxymethieneacetylacetone.

3.2 Dehydration of 2,3-Dihydrooxepino[2,3-b]indolizin-3-ols

General Method: A chloroform solution (10 ml) of compound (4, 1 mmol) and methanesulfonic acid (3 ml) was allowed to react at the reflux temperature in a water bath for 30 min. After the evaporation of the solvent at reduced pressure, the residual oil was separated by column chromatography on alumina using chloroform. After evaporation of the solvent, recrystallization of the residue from ethanol gave the corresponding 3-methylene-2,3-dihydro- oxepino[2,3-b]indolizines 7a-i.

The same dehydration product 7a could be also obtained in 36% yield by direct treatment of compound 4a with hydrobromic acid as an acidic catalyst at room temperature for 1 h.

Some data for these products 7a-i are listed in Tables 1 and 5.

| Table | 0. 001 | | | | ,o ani | Jarooxopino[2 | ,o bjindonzinoo |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Prod. | React. | Yield | M.P. | IR (KBr) cm | 1-1 | Formula | Calcd%(Found%) |
| 7 ^{a)} | 4 | (%) | °C | ν _{co} | ν _{=CH2} | | |
| а | а | 37 [`] | 190-192 | 1680 1649 | 858 | C ₂₃ H ₁₉ NO ₃ | 77.29 5.36 3.76 (77 32 5 43 3 76) |
| b | b | 36 | 178-181 | 1682 1649 | 868 | $C_{23}H_{18}CINO_{3}$ | 70.50 4.63 3.57 |
| с | С | 26 | 186-188 | 1682 1645 | 868 | $C_{23H_{18}BrNO_{3}}$ | 63.32 4.16 3.21 (63.52 4.30 3.04) |
| d | d | 31 | 82-85 | 1680 1649 | 851 | $C_{24}H_{21}NO_{3}$ | 77.61 5.70 3.77 |
| е | е | 32 | 130-133 | 1674 1647 | 856 | $\mathrm{C_{24}H_{20}CINO_{3}}$ | 71.02 4.97 3.45 |
| f | f | 20 | 123-125 | 1698 1649 | 860 | $\mathrm{C_{24}H_{20}BrNO_{3}}$ | 64.01 4.48 3.11 (64.03 4.48 3.26) |
| g | g | 43 | 198-200 | 1682 1645 | 868 | $C_{28}H_{21}NO_{3}$ | 80.17 5.05 3.34 (80.44 5.07 3.26) |
| h | h | 48 | 193-194 | 1694 1649 | 860 | $C_{28}H_{20}CINO_{3}$ | 74.09 4.44 3.09 |
| i | i | 58 | 188-190 | 1694 1649 | 858 | $C_{28H_{20}BrNO_{3}}$ | 67.48 4.05 2.81 (67.28 4.19 2.87) |
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Table 5 Some Data for 3-Methylene-2 3-dihydrooxenino[2 3-b]indolizines

a) Compounds 7a-i were obtained as orange prisms.

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