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III. Heterocyclic Compounds

25. Oxy-Pyridines, Amino-Pyridines, Alkyl-Pyridines, Pyridinium Salts and Pyridine *N*-Oxide



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Heterocyclic Compounds

22 Lectures

Classification and nomenclature, Structure, aromaticity in 5-numbered and 6-membered rings containing one heteroatom; Synthesis, reactions and mechanism of substitution reactions of: Furan, Pyrrole (Paal-Knorr synthesis, Knorr pyrrole synthesis, Hantzsch synthesis), Thiophene, Pyridine (Hantzsch synthesis), Pyrimidine, Structure elucidation of indole, Fischer indole synthesis and Madelung synthesis), Structure elucidation of quinoline and isoquinoline, Skraup synthesis, Friedlander's synthesis, Knorr quinoline synthesis, Doebner- Miller synthesis, Bischler-Napieralski reaction, Pictet-Spengler reaction, Pomeranz-Fritsch reaction

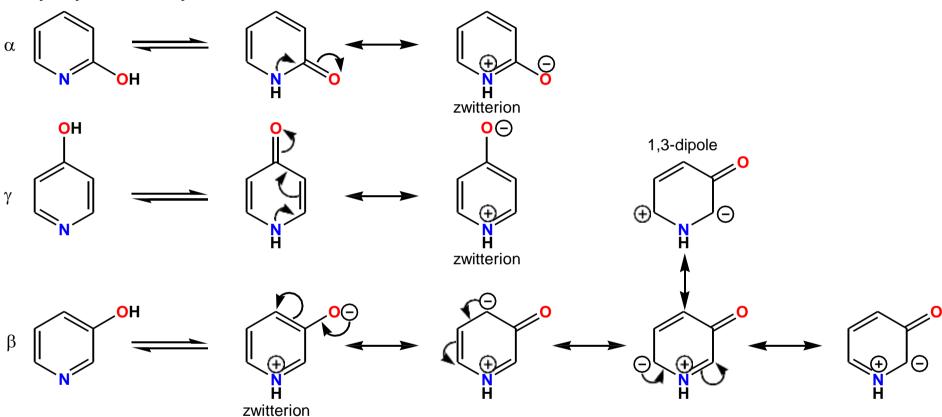
Derivatives of furan: Furfural and furoic acid.

Coverage:

Pyridines: Oxy-Pyridines, Amino-Pyridines, Alkyl-Pyridines, Pyridinium Salts and Pyridine N-Oxide

Oxy-Pyridines – Structure

Oxy-Pyridines/Pyridones



- Subject to tautomerism
- The α , γ systems differ from the β systems in terms of reactivity and structure
- In the α case, the equilibrium is highly solvent dependent, but the keto form is favoured in polar solvents

Oxy-Pyridines – Reactions

Electrophilic Substitution

- Reactions such as halogenation, nitration, sulfonation etc. are possible
- N is much less basic than that in a simple pyridine
- Substitution occurs ortho or para to the oxygen substituent (cf. phenols)

Oxy-Pyridines – Reactions

Nucleophilic Substitution

- Replacement of the oxygen substituent is possible
- In this case, the reaction is driven by the formation of the very strong P=O bond

Oxy-Pyridines – Reactions

Cycloaddition

• Oxy-pyridines have sufficiently low aromatic character that they are able to participate as dienes in Diels-Alder reactions with highly reactive dienophiles

Amino-Pyridines – Structure

Amino Pyridine Systems

- Contrast with oxy-pyridines
- Amino pyridines are polarised in the opposite direction to oxy-pyridines

Alkyl Pyridines – Deprotonation

Deprotonation with a Strong Base

- Deprotonation of α and γ alkyl groups proceeds at a similar rate, but β alkyl groups are much more difficult to deprotonate
- Bases are also potential nucleophiles for attack of the ring

Pyridinium Salts – Reactions

Nucleophilic Attack with Reducing Agents

- Nucleophilic attack is much easier (already seen this)
- Deprotonation of alkyl substituents is easier (weak bases are suitable)
- Ring opening is possible by attack of hydroxide

$$O_2N$$
 O_2N
 O_2N

Pyridine *N*-Oxides

N-Oxide Formation

meta-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (m-CPBA)

- The reactivity N-oxides differs considerably from that of pyridines or pyridinium salts
- A variety of peracids can be used to oxidise N but m-CPBA is used most commonly
- N-Oxide formation can be used to temporarily activate the pyridine ring to both nucleophilic and electrophilic attack

Pyridine *N*-Oxides

Electrophilic Substitution

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
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c-H_2SO_4, \\
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c-HNO_3, \\
100 ^{\circ}C
\end{array}$$

- The *N*-oxide is activated to attack by electrophiles at both the α and γ positions
- Nitration of an *N*-oxide is easier than nitration of the parent pyridine
- Reactivity is similar to that of a pyridinium salt in many cases e.g. nucleophilic attack, deprotonation of alkyl groups etc.

Removal of O

• Deoxgenation is driven by the formation of the very strong P=O bond

