Synthesis of Chlorinated Bicyclic Adduct as Biocids for Sulfate-Reducing Bacteria

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Abstract

Synthesis of bicyclic systems containing chlorine atoms, and/or ether groups in aromatic rings can be considered as an important method for building bicyclic system and production of new adducts. One of the most important types in the cycloaddition reaction is the Diels-Alder reaction (1,4 cycloaddition). In the present investigation a new ether of allylic type (dienophile) p-allyl bromo phenol was prepared and its structure was confirmed by molecular weight determination, refractive index, infrared spectra, and density. A new adduct was obtained by means of 1,4 cycloaddition reaction of hexachlorocyclopentadiene (HCP) and the new prepared dienophile. The reaction takes place without using solvent, catalysts, or elimination of any compound. The effect of variations in temperature, initial molar ratio and reaction duration were studied to determine the optimum conditions of the reaction. The optimum conditions reached were reaction temperature recorded 140°C, initial molar ratio diene: dienophile was 3:1 and the reaction duration time reached 6 h. Under these optimum conditions the maximum yield was 78%. The new adduct revealed very high biological effect as sulfate-reducing bacteria (SRB).

Keywords: 1,4 Cycloaddition, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Adduct and Sulfate-Reducing Bacteria (SRB)

1. Introduction

The Diels-Alder reaction is an organic chemical reaction (specially, a cyclo-addition) between a conjugated diene and substituted alkene, commonly termed (the dienophile) to form a substituted cyclohexene system [1,2]. The Diels-Alder reaction is generally considered the “Monalisa” of reaction in organic chemistry since it requires very little energy to create the very useful cyclohexene ring [3-5]. Due to the high degree of regio- and stereo selectivity (due to the concerted mechanism), the Diels-Alder reaction is a very powerful reaction and widely used in synthetic organic chemistry [5,6]. The reaction is usually thermodynamically favorable due to the conversion of 2π bonds into new stronger (6) bonds. Diels-Alder reaction is favored by electron withdrawing groups on the electrophilic dienophile and by electron donating groups on the nucleophilic diene. The diene components in Diels-Alder reaction can be an open-chain or cyclic type, it can have many different kinds of substituents. It must be able to exist in the cis conformation [2,5]. Cyclic dienes that are permanently in the s-trans conformation will not undergo the Diels-Alder reaction at all [2,5]. Dienophiles in D-A reaction do not react with equal case. The reactivities of the dienophiles depend on the structure, i.e the kind and the position of the substituents of the dienophiles molecules. The greater number of the electron attracting substituents on the double or triple bonds, the more ability of the olefins or acetylenes to be react as dienophiles [2,7,8]. The D-A reaction is reversible one, and many adducts dissociate into their components at quite low temperature. In this case better yield are obtained by using an excess of one of the reactants, or solvent from which the adduct separates readily [2]. Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (HCP) and/or its derivatives have been used in diene synthesis since 1954. It has been found that they could be considered as a good dienes which may be used in the diene synthesis due to the importance of its adducts with various type of dienophiles, as they have very important applications and great role in the industrial fields [9,10]. (HCP) can be adding to certain dienophiles under certain conditions. Several studies are carried out to compare the reactivity of the dienophiles of allylic type in D-A reaction 1,4 cyclo-addition with (HCP) [9,11-15].
Sulfide production by sulfate-reducing bacteria (SRB) is a major concern for the petroleum industry since it is toxic and corrosive and causes plugging due to the formation of insoluble iron sulfides [16-18]. A number of methods for controlling sulfide production in different oil production facilities had been proposed in order to reduce activity of SRB [19-21]. However, most of methods are usually inefficient because of microbial resistance or they might be a risk to human health and environment. The sulfate reducing bacteria (SRB) are the most destructive microorganisms in anaerobic minimum concentration inhibition MIC. These bacteria having the ability to oxidize sulfur compounds, reduce sulphate to sulphide and promote formation of sulphide film, i.e., their characteristic form of respiration uses sulphate and results in sulphide formation [22]. According to Iverson, apart from H2S, SRB also produces a highly corrosive phosphides containing metabolite at pH = 3 that enhances the dissolution of the metal under anaerobic conditions [23].

Many chemical compounds have the ability to inhibit the growth and metabolism of microorganisms or to kill them [24]. The aim of the work is synthesis of chlorinated bicyclic adduct which may be used as biocides for Sulfate-Reducing Bacteria.

2. Experiment

2.1. Materials

Para bromophenol: (C6H5BrO) M.Wt. 173.01 g·mol⁻¹, Density 1.84 g·mL⁻¹, M.p. 64°C - 68°C, B.p. 235°C - 236°C.

Allyl bromide: (C3H5Br) M.Wt. 120.99 g·mol⁻¹, Density 1.398 g·mL⁻¹, M.p. -119°C, B.p. 71°C.

Anhydrous (K₂CO₃): M.Wt. 183.205 g·mol⁻¹, Density 2.29 g·mL⁻¹, M.p. 891°C, B.p. decomposes.

Acetone: M.Wt. 58.08 g·mol⁻¹, Density 0.7925 g·mL⁻¹, M.p. 95°C, B.p. 56°C - 57°C.

NaOH: M.Wt. 39.997 g·mol⁻¹, Density 2.13 g·mL⁻¹, M.p. 318°C, B.p. 1388°C.

Anhydrous (MgSO₄): M.Wt. 120.366 g/mol, Density 2.66 g/cm², M.p. 1124°C.

Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (HCP): (diene) B.p. 239°C/753 mm, density at 25°C, 1.7179 g/mol, M.wt. 272.7, viscosity at 35°C, 5.04 C₆ and nD²₅ = 1.5626.

2.2. Methods

1) Infrared spectroscopy (IR)

The IR analysis was carried out using a FTIR spectrometer at wavelengths from 500 - 4000 cm⁻¹ and transmittance % from 30 - 100.

2) Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)

Proton NMR spectra in deuterated CHCL₃ containing tetramethyl silane as an internal standard were recorded in an A varian instrument division EM-390 90M HZ NMR spectrometer.

3) Density

The density was measured at the Egyptian Petroleum Research Institute (EPRI) using Instrument: 6890 plus G. C.

Preparation of Allyl P-bromophenylether:

One mole of para bromophenol, one mole of allyl bromide, one mole of anhydrous K₂CO₃ and 150 gm of acetone were mixed together in a round flask. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 - 14 hours with stirring. The mixture kept to be cool. Potassium bromide was separated by filtration. Cold water and ether were added to the reaction liquid and the organic layer was separated [9, 15,25].

The resulting organic layer was washed with brine (NaOH 10%), and then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After removing the drying agent by filtration all the undesirable materials were distilled off. The new allyl ether was collected under subatmospheric pressure of (20 - 23) mmHg, at 152°C, in a yield of 75% wt. The new ether has the following properties: average molecular weight: 213.4 g, colour: pale oily yellow liquid, solubility: soluble in CCl₄, xylene, nD²₅ = 1.4508 and d²₅ = 0.9432. The infrared spectrum is given in Figure 1, which indicates that: the transmission absorbance could be due to: C-Br at 660 cm⁻¹, -CH bending aromatic at 813 - 997 cm⁻¹, -CO ether at 1235 cm⁻¹, C=C aromatic at 1421, CH₂ bending at 1484 cm⁻¹, C=C aliphatic at 1692 cm⁻¹, para aromatic subs. At 1742 - 1866 cm⁻¹, CH₂ stretching sym. At 2857 cm⁻¹, CH asym. at 2919, and CH-Aromatic sym. at 3078.

Synthesis of 1,2,3,4,7,7, Hexachloro 5 parabromophenoxy methyl bicyclo 2,2,1heptene-2:

In a round bottomed 50 ml flask, 0.075 mole (13.6 gm) of HCP was mixed with 0.025 mole of allyl p-bromophenylether. The flask was stoppered carefully and placed in an oil bath for a constant reaction time of 6 hours at each of evaluated temperature (90°C - 160°C). The condensation reaction was carried out without using solvents or catalysts. The flask was removed from the oil bath, cooled, and opened. The unreacted diene, dienophile as well as the adduct were separated from the reaction mixture by careful fraction distillation. This was carried out under subatmospheric pressure of (20 - 23) mmHg [9,13-25].

After three days the adduct was obtained in its past form, then recrystallization took place using (1:3) mixture hexane-methylene chloride. The new adduct was prepared in its pure form as white yellowish needles, soluble in benzene, DMF and chloroform. Average molecular weight (486.7 gm), m.p. 120°C - 122°C, the infrared spectra-I.R. Figure 2 which indicate that the transmission...
absorbance could be due to C-Br at 593 cm\(^{-1}\), C-Cl at 676 cm\(^{-1}\), C-H bending aromatic at 803 cm\(^{-1}\), C-O ether at 1230 cm\(^{-1}\), CH\(_2\) aliphatic at 1482 cm\(^{-1}\), C=C (endo form) at the ring at 1595 cm\(^{-1}\), 1701-1860 due to para substitution of aromatic ring, CH\(_2\) symmetrical stretching at 2867 cm\(^{-1}\), 2916 cm\(^{-1}\) due to CH symmetrical stretching. The H\(^1\)NMR analysis of the new adduct (Figure 3) which reveals the presence of peaks at 1.124 - 1.261 doublet of doublet, and 3.346 (multiple) due to bicyclic proton. This indicates that, the reaction (1,4) cyclo-addition was carried out, and the bicyclic compound was formed. The H\(^1\)NMR at 4.582 is due to the protons at (-OCH\(_2\)). While the H\(^1\)NMR peaks at 6.796 - 6.954, ppm and at 7.349 - 7.469 are due to protons of aromatic ring (P-substitution). The elemental analysis of the new adduct is given in Table 1.
The same experimental trend was repeated in order to know the effect of both: molar ratio diene: dienophile from 1:1 to 5:1 at fixed temperature of 140°C, and fixed reaction time of 6 hours and the effect of duration time of the reaction from one to eight hours, at fixed temperature (140°C), and fixed molar ratio diene:dienophile (3:1). The results are shown in Tables 2-4, and Figures 4-6.

3. Results and Discussion

This study is one of an extended of several research work which based on (D-A) 1,4 cyclo-addition reaction using HCP and/or its derivatives with new prepared dienophile of allylic ether structure to produce a new halogenated allylic ether adduct. The effects of variation of: temperature, molar ratio (dienen:dienophile), and the duration time reaction were studied to determined the optimum conditions at which the maximum yield could be obtained. The results are given Tables 2-4, Figures 4-6.

3.1. Effect of Temperature

The study of the effect of the temperature variation on the product yield was carried out at the range of (90 - 160)°C at fixed reaction time at 6 hours and fixed molar ratio of 3:1 diene:dienophile. Figure 4 shows that the product yield increases with increasing the temperature up to 140°C at which a maximum yield (78%) by weight was obtained, Table 2. As it is known the adduct formation is a combination or an association reaction in which two double bonds from dienes and one bond from the dienophile are involved. These bonds formation need some heating to be activated [26,27]. The optimum temperature for this actevation seems to be 140°C.
Figure 4. Effect of variations in the reaction temperature on the yield wt% in the Diels-Alder reaction of HCP with Allyl p-bromophenylether. (Fixed Criteria: Molar ratio, diene:di-enophile 3:1, Duration time 6 hours).

Figure 5. Effect of variations in the reaction time on the yield wt% in the Diels-Alder reaction of HCP with Allyl p-bromophenylether. (Fixed Criteria: Molar ratio, diene:di-enophile 3:1, Temp.: 140°C).

Figure 6. Effect of variations in molar ratio diene:dienophile on the yield wt% in the Diels-Alder reaction of HCP with Allyl p-bromophenylether. (Fixed Criteria: Duration time 6 hours, Temp.: 140°C).

Table 2 and Figure 4 show that up to 140°C (part AB of the Figure), the rise of the temperature accelerated the adduct formation as indicated by the increase in the yield formation. The results indicated that the initial reaction rate was high and about 50% of the theoretical yield was obtained at 100°C after 6 hours. Raising the temperature from 100°C to 140°C, has fastened the reaction rate but the actual increase in the yield was not significant. This is apparently due to stimulation of the back reaction as temperature rise from 100°C to 140°C and the equilibrium is reached between the main and the back reaction. Above 140°C the rise of temperature accelerated the back reaction gradually rather than the main reaction, hence the percent weight of the yield decreases (part BC of the Figure). This is may be expected from a non catalytic reaction especially when it is an elementary reaction that take place at one step only, as in chain reaction. Hence farther increase in the temperature decreases the product yields sharply. This is may be due to the formation of undesirable by product [9,13,14,26].

3.2. Effect of Reaction Duration

The effect reaction time on the product yield was studied over the range of one to eight hours at fixed reaction temperature of 140°C, and fixed molar ratio diene:dienophile 3:1, (Figure 5) and Table 3. Figure 5 shows that the product yield increases gradually, and as the reaction proceed up to 6 hours where the equilibrium is reached between the main and the back reaction.

It was found that in the first hours about 30% of the theoretical yield was obtained. At this condition there is much concentration of diene and enough to dienophile to make the reaction proceed markedly. After the first hour, there is still much of diene concentration in the reaction medium, and there is a decrease in the dienophile concentration, hence it is to be expected that the reaction slows down considerably during the second hour so that only about 14% of the theoretical yield was produced compared to the 32% during the first hour. After the second hour of the reaction, and with the further continuous decrease in dienophile concentration in the reaction medium, the adduct formation continued slowing down. This indicates a pesudo first order reaction with respect to the dienophile as the diene is always present in excess in the reaction medium than stoichiometric. Figure 5 shows, that at an interval of 4 to 6 hours the yield increases with the reaction time, but slowly. Further increase in the reaction time (than 6 hours) has no effect on the product yield. This may be due to the formation of side reaction [9,13,14,26].

3.3. Effect of Molar Ratio

Data in Table 4, Figure 6 show that the effect of reactant ratio (diene:dienophile) on the product yield was studied over range of 1:1 to 5:1 of at fixed temperature of
initial ratio of the diene under the same conditions about the theoretical yield was obtained. When was doubling the initial molar ratio of diene:dienophile 78% of the product yield was obtained. Further increase in the initial molar ratio of the diene has no effect on the reaction rate. This is indicated that, this increase of the ratio of the diene does not affect the rate of the adduct formation, although it may be promote polymerization reaction leading to the production of resin. This is in concordance with [9,13,14,26].

It is known that the adduct formation reaction takes place between one molecule of diene and one molecule of dienophile. Data in Table 4 show that an initial equimolar ratio of reactance seems to be the best ratio for such reaction to be proceeding with a good rate. However, the presence of electron withdrawing chlorine atom in the diene molecule decreases the electron density at the double bonds, leading to a decrease in the reactivity of diene. So it must be need, for a much of diene in the reaction medium, in the form of a higher initial molar ratio of diene.

The D-A reaction of HCP and p-bromo allyl ether is an exothermic reaction which takes place under autogenetic pressure (closed system) to facilitate the reaction rate in absence of solvent or catalyst. The better yield is obtained by using an excess of one of component (diene). This is compatible with (Carrutuners). The new ether (dienophile) is prepared and characterized by average molecular weight (213.4 g), density (0.9432) and infrared spectra Figure 1. The new adduct was prepared in its pure form as white yellowish needles and its structure was confirmed by molecular weight, IR Figure 2 and H¹ NMR spectra Figure 3 and elemental analysis Table 1.

To compare the effect of kind of the substituent in the dienophilic molecule of allylic structure on (D-A) 1,4 cycloaddition with (HCP). The following explanation is carried out. The maximum product yield in this present work is relatively higher than that obtained in the previous work [26], although the two dienophiles are the same allylic structure. This implies that, the reason is related to kind of the substituent in the dienophile molecule has the major effect on the electron density of the terminal double bond (alpha position) of the side chain, and consequently on the product yield.

Our explanation is that the presence of methyl group in ref [25] which has an electron donating activator group (has +M, +I effect) which pushes the electron by means of mesomeric effect to the benzylic ring, and consequently by resonance to the terminal alkyl double bond. Consequently the reactivity of the dienophilic olefin to react in the (D-A) 1,4 cyclo-addition relatively decreases. Whereas in the present work the bromine atom in the dienophilic molecules has (−I, +M) effect due to the fact that when there is a conflict between the mesomeric effect (M) and inductive effect (I), the conflict between the mesomeric effect predominates in most cases, except in case of halogens, the (−I) effect is more powerful than (+M) effect. So, the bromine atom pulls the electrons from the adjacent benzylic carbon, then by resonance it pulls the electron from the alkyl double bond. Thus the electron density on the terminal double bond of the alkynl chain decreases. So it increase the reactivity of the olefinic molecule (dienophile) to be reactive and the (D-A) 1,4 cyclo addition is more predominates than the previous work [25].

On the other hand study of (D-A) 1,4 cycloaddition was carried out using dimethoxy tetrachloro cyclopenta diene (DMTCP), which is a derivative of HCP, with p-chloro allylether [9]. It was found that, the maximum yield is (84.6) at optimum conditions (120°C, 5 hours and 2:1 molar ratio diene:dienophile). The maximum yield in the previous study is higher than the present one. Although the two dienophiles in the studies share the same allylic structures, their substituent’s in the two dienophiles are approximately of equal activity, and their positions in the dienophilic molecules are in the same (P-positions). So the difference in the product yields is related to the nature of the diene molecule: the presence of two electron donating groups (methoxy groups) in the study (10) increase the electron density on the double bond of the diene molecule, and thus it increases its reactivity. Whereas the presence of six chlorine atoms in HCP diene molecule decreases the electron density on its double bond, and hence its reactivity decreases comparing to the other diene (DMTCP). This conclusion is in concordance with that mentioned in ref [9,13].

3.4. Antibacterial Activity

As a result of the numerous problems caused by sulfate reducing bacteria in oil and gas production operations, aggressive measures have been taken to monitor and control bacterial populations. Measurements of bacterial growth are not usually considered until after corrosion failures point due to microbial induced corrosion. By the time microbial induced corrosion is discovered, extensive and costly damage to the operating systems has often already occurred [28]. The antibacterial activities of the synthesized compound was tested against sulfur reducing bacteria Desulfomonas pigra. The biocidal activities of the synthesized compound against SRB strain were investigated at different concentrations using the serial dilution method, Table 5. Both the minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC) and the lethal concentra-
Table 5. The antibacterial activities of the synthesized compound.

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The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) is the lowest concentration of the compound that didn’t show microbial growth [29]. This means that, the lower the MIC value of a compound, the higher is its activity. The adduct is efficient compound since its MIC value is (0.00073), and has three lethal concentration values ($10^{-1}$ and $10^{-2}$, $10^{-3}$).

King [30] has shown greater impacts of 2,4-DBP on aerobic bacteria, and the behavior of these compounds as potent uncouplers of oxidative phosphorylation [31,32]. Antibiotic activity towards microbes and meiofauna [30, 33-37] and nephrotoxic and hepatotoxic activity in higher organisms [38,39] have previously been documented for bromophenols and other brominated metabolites. The inhibition pattern for sulfate reduction suggests that sulfate-reducing bacteria are sensitive bromophenols, though not to the extent noted for aerobes. The effect of bromophenols on sulfate reduction appears to be tempered by the rapid dehalogenation bromophenols under anoxic conditions [30,40]. The interaction between adduct molecules and cellular membrane causes, a strong damage of the selective permeability of these membranes which disturbs the metabolic pathway within the cytoplasm.

4. Conclusions

- A new dienophile had been allylic type (Allyl P-bromophenylenether) was prepared and its structure had been confirmed.
- The Diels-A1, 4-addition reaction has been studied using a diene, H.Cl.C.D., and dienophile, allyl P-bromophenylenether.
- The condensation reaction took place under pressure without catalyst or solvent. Reaction conditions were studied including, temperature 90°C - 160°C, reactant molar ratio 1:1 to 5:1, and reaction time 1 to 8 hours.
- The structure of the new adduct was confirmed by; molecular weight, H1 NMR and IR spectra.
- The optimum conditions for maximum product yield were found to be as following; temperature = 140°C, reactant molar ratio = 3:1 with a reaction time of six hours.
- Maximum adduct yield was = 78%.
- The new adduct revealed very high effect as sulfate-reducing bacteria (SRB).

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