

A NEW HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUND FROM THE REACTION OF 9-METHYL-4,7-DIOXODODECANOIC ACID WITH HYDRAZINE

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Nitrogen containing heterocyclic compounds find many applications in the pharmaceutical industry. Here, we report the synthesis and characterization of a new N-heterocyclic compound by the reaction of 9-methyl-4,7-dioxododecanoic acid (1) and hydrazine (2) in aqueous ethanol. To the best of our knowledge the reported compound 1,9-diaza-5,9-didehydro-8-(2-methylpropyl)-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-2-one (3) contains a previously unreported ring system. The structure of the compound was assigned on the basis of GS-MS, ¹³C, ¹H, COSY, HSQC, HMBC NMR and IR spectra. Reaction of 9-methyl-4,7-dioxododecanoic with hydrazine is shown in Figure 1.

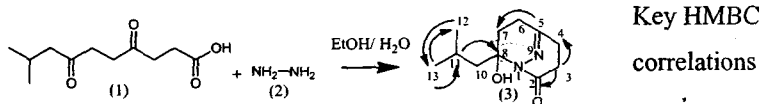


Figure 1: Reaction of 9-methyl-4,7-dioxododecanoic acid and hydrazine

The GC-MS showed a single peak on the chromatogram with a base peak at m/z 191 which corresponds to $[M-H_2O]^+$ ion. The ¹³C NMR showed 11 signals indicating that all 11 carbons of the starting compound were incorporated in the product. Atoms C11 and C12 gave rise to two separate signals at δ 22.60 and δ 21.95. This assignment is supported by the presence of two doublets centered at δ 0.895 and δ 0.865 which integrate for 3 H each in the ¹H NMR spectra. The nonequivalence of the methyl groups arises due to the isobutyl group being attached to the asymmetric carbon C8 which occurred at δ 83.05. The observed chemical shift of the methylene carbon of the isobutyl group δ 46.38 was within the calculated range. The carbonyl carbon C2 was seen at δ 170.55 and the carbon double bonded to N C3 at δ 159.65. The two CH₂-CH₂ fragments fell into two isolated ABXY systems and their respective protons gave rise to separate signals due to being incorporated into a conformationally rigid system with restricted free rotation. These signals were in the range of δ 1.5 – δ 2.8. Computational studies were carried out to assess the stability of the molecule. First the molecule was built using a molecular modeling software package and optimized using PM6semi-empirical level of theory. The optimized structure was used as the input for conformational analysis. Conformational analysis was carried out with MMFF94s classical force field (FF) in the gas phase. The study showed that 3 is a stable molecule and has as its most stable conformation that shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Most stable conformer of 1,9-diaza-5,9-didehydro-8-(2-methylpropyl)-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-2-one