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DIFFERENTIAL PULSE POLAROGRAPHIC DETERMINATION OF SOME  
6-ACYL-2 (3H)-BENZOXAZOLONE DERIVATIVES

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SUMMARY

The synthesis and the differential pulse polarographic analysis of ten 6-acyl-2(3)-benzoxazolone derivatives are presented. pH 3.00 Britton-Robinson buffer was found to be the best supporting electrolyte. The electrochemical determination is based on the reduction of carbonyl group present in all molecules. Linear response was observed from 0.2-2 to 25-65 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> depending on the molecules.

Key Words: Benzoxazolone derivatives, synthesis, analysis, differential pulse polarography.

INTRODUCTION

Benzoxazolinones have been associated with various type of biological properties. Lespagnol and his co-workers (1,2) prepared and tested a number of derivatives of benzoxazolin-2-ones for their analgesic (3,4), antipyretic (3,4), anticonvulsive and hypnotic effects (1). Analgesic and antipyretic activity have been described in 6-acyl-benzoxazolin-2-ones (4,5) and in 3-aminoalkylbenzoxazolin-2-ones (6,7). Antibacterial (8,9) and fungicidal (10) activities have also been reported for benzoxazolin-2-ones. The pronounced biological activity of many 2-benzoxazolinone derivatives (4) and medicinal value of 5-chloro-2-benzoxazolinone (11) prompted the investigation of 3-substituted-2-benzoxazolinones.

In this work the preparation of ten different 6-acyl-2(3H)-benzoxazone derivatives have been given. Due the lack in the literature concerning the quantitative determination of these benzoxazolones, an accurate and rapid electrochemical method is proposed for the analysis of these molecules.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Reagents

All chemicals used were of analytical grade purity and were used without any further purification. Britton-Robinson (BR) buffer was prepared by mixing 2.7 ml phosphoric acid, 2.3 ml glacial acetic acid and 2.47 g boric acid and then filled up to 1.0 liter with triple distilled water. The BR buffers with different pH values were prepared by adding appropriate volumes of 0.2 N NaOH to above acid mixture.

### Apparatus

Polarographic analysis were performed with a Princeton Applied Research (PAR) polarographic analyzer, model 174A with PAR model 174/70 drop timer assembly. Polarograms were recorded on a Houston omnigraphic 2000 X-Y recorder. pH measurements were made with a pH meter Corning model 12. Melting points were determined on a Buchi SMP-20 apparatus. Infrared spectra were taken by a Beckman Acculab model 4 Infracord Spectrophotometer in KBr disc. NMR spectra were taken on a Varian model C-60 HL Jeol Spectrometer using TMS as the internal standard. Microanalyses were performed by "Le Centre de Microanalyse du C.N.R.S. de Villeurbanne, France.

### Procedures

5 mg of the molecules analyzed were dissolved in 5 ml methanol and a small volume (on the order of 10  $\mu$ l) was added into a supporting

electrolyte by micropipet. Before each measurements, oxygen was removed from supporting electrolyte by sparging with nitrogen. During the measurement nitrogen was passed over the surface of the solution. The electrode assembly used in the course of the present work and other details of experimental conditions has been described previously (12).

### Synthesis

The methods of synthesis of 6-acylbenzoxazolin-2-ones and 3-piperazinoalkyl-6-acylbenzoxazolin-2-ones:

#### Method A: 6-Acylbenzoxazolin-2-ones

0.1 Mole benzoxazolin-2-one derivative and 200 g polyphosphoric acid were mixed in a two necked round-bottomed flask. On to this mixture, 0.1 mole of acid derivatives used for acylation were slowly added by constant stirring. Then they were put in a thermostatic oil bath at 150°C and the mixing was continued until the dark brown color was obtained. Later they were poured into 900 ml of ice-water mixture and stirred seven hours more. The precipitates obtained was washed with water, dried and recrystallized from appropriate solvent.

#### Method B: 3-piperazinoalkyl-6-acylbenzoxazolin-2-ones

##### a) 3-piperazinomethyl-6-acylbenzoxazolin-2-ones

0.1 mole benzoxazolin-2-one derivative, 30 ml of methanolic solution of 0.01 mole piperazine derivative and 1 ml (0.013 mole) 37% formaldehyde solution were mixed. The mixture was heated half an hour on a steam bath and the precipitate obtained was recrystallized from suitable solvent.

##### b) 3-piperazininoethyl- and 3-piperazinopropyl-6-acybenzoxazolin-2-ones;

To suspension of sodium 6-acylbenzoxazolin-2-one (0.01 mole) in 50 ml of diethylformamide, appropriate 1-(chloroalkyl)-4-arylpiperazine (0.01 mole) was added and refluxed for an hour. The reaction mixture was cooled and DMF was removed under vacuum. The product thus separated was recrystallized from suitable solvent. All products were obtained in 60-80 % yield (Table 1 and 2).

Table 1. 6-acyl- and 3-piperazinoalkyl-acylbenzoxazolin-2-ones

Group comp.	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	m.p. (°C)	IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	
I	1	Cl(o)	Cl	H	199	1675
	2	Cl(m)	Cl	H	214	1675
II	3	H	Cl	H	185	1675
	4	F(p)	H	H	228	1675
	5	H	Cl	CH <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> F(p)	149	1650
III	6	F(p)	Cl	H	235	1685
	7	OCH <sub>3</sub> (p)	H	CH <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> (o)	179	1645
	8	F(p)	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> (o)	136	1655
	9	OCH <sub>3</sub> (p)	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> (m)	114	1650
IV	10	OCH <sub>3</sub> (p)	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> (m)	118	1650

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Polarography is becoming increasingly important in the analysis of compounds of pharmaceutical interest. This is due to the fact that pharmaceutical preparations are in most cases the mixture of well-defined molecules of approximately known composition. Differential pulse polarography has been found to be the best polarographic method (13). No previous data is available regarding the quantitative analysis of the molecules studied.

Table 2. The results of elemental analysis of benzoxazolones studied

Comp.	Formula	%C	%H	%Cl	%F	%N
1	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	Calc. 54.57	2.29	23.01	-	4.55
		Foun. 54.85	2.34	23.18	-	4.49
2	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	Calc. 54.57	2.29	23.01	-	4.55
		Fo. 54.96	2.42	22.82	-	4.39
3	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ClNO <sub>3</sub>	C. 61.44	2.95	12.95	-	5.12
		F. 61.33	3.02	12.96	-	5.12
4	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>8</sub> FNO <sub>3</sub>	C. 65.37	3.14	-	7.39	5.45
		F. 65.29	3.26	-	7.48	5.45
5	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>21</sub> ClFN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C. 64.05	4.69	7.48	4.08	9.15
		F. 64.45	4.54	7.61	4.08	9.02
6	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClFNO <sub>3</sub>	C. 57.65	2.42	12.15	6.51	4.80
		F. 57.30	2.33	12.10	6.30	4.73
7	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	C. 68.48	5.70	-	-	8.87
		F. 68.09	5.65	-	-	8.58
8	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>26</sub> FN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C. 63.34	5.32	6.92	3.71	8.21
		F. 63.34	5.02	6.45	3.57	8.30
9	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>26</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C. 64.00	4.98	-	10.85	7.99
		F. 63.84	4.99	-	11.02	7.74
10	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	C. 69.44	6.23	-	-	8.38
		F. 69.50	6.21	-	-	8.23

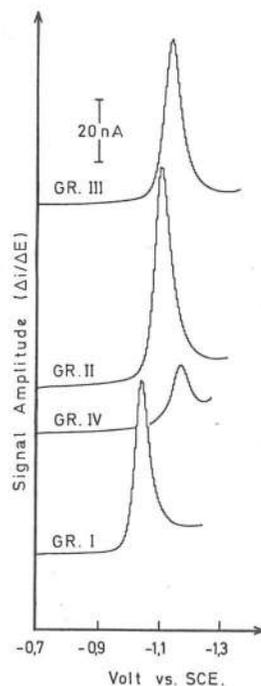


Figure 1. Differential pulse polarograms obtained at pH 3.00 of 10 mg/L of various benzoxazolones

Analytical application of differential pulse polarography to ten different benzoxazone derivatives gives rise to a single, well-defined, diffusion controlled and reversible peak in aqueous solutions as shown in Figure 1. Over the range 20-50 °C, the graphs of  $\log(\Delta i)$  versus temperature suggest a linear relationship with a temperature coefficient of  $0.87\% \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ . Also, a linear relationship was determined for  $(\Delta i)_{\text{max}}$  versus the square root of the height of the mercury column. All these data indicate the electroreduction of benzoxazolones being diffusion controlled. The reversibility of the electrode process was investigated by performing cathodic and anodic scan. Later anodic and cathodic currents and potential values were compared. These results together with logarithmic analysis show us the reversible nature of the process.

The effect of pH on peak potential which was shown in Table 3 confirms the presence of four groups of compound. We have divided all ten molecules to four groups according to the substituents (Table 1).

The linear response was found to be the greatest in BR buffer at pH 3.00 which was taken as supporting electrolyte. It was clear that there was a correlation between the structure of the benzoxazolones and the peak potential values in a selected supporting electrolyte. The separation of the molecules into four groups was based on the fact that the molecules having at least 30 mV different peak potential values.

The molecules show polarographic activity due to carbonyl groups present. The carbonyl group adjacent to etheric linkage cannot be reduced easily. The reduction of the other carbonyl group was investigated by controlled potential electrolysis and involves the addition of two electron and two proton to form corresponding hydroxide.

Table 3. The effect of pH on the peak potential (V.vs.SCE) of various benzoxazolones shown in Table 1 (c=10 mg/L)

Comp.	0.1N HCl	0.1N NaOH	pH 3 BR	pH 12 BR	1M KNO <sub>3</sub>
1 } I	-0.93	-1.62	-1.05	-1.60	-1.04
2 } I	-0.93	-1.53	-1.05	-1.54	-1.03
3 } II	-1.95	-1.63	-1.11	-1.60	-1.08
4 } II	-0.96	-1.75	-1.10	-1.70	-1.10
5 } II	-0.97	-1.64	-1.12	-1.65	-1.10
6 - III	-0.98	-1.65	-1.15	-1.64	-1.10
7 } IV	-1.00	-1.75	-1.18	-1.75	-1.15
8 } IV	-1.00	-1.64	-1.20	-1.65	-1.12
9 } IV	-1.00	-1.75	-1.19	-1.75	-1.12
10 } IV	-1.02	-1.70	-1.18	-1.72	-1.16

in acidic medium. This mechanism can be easily seen by IR spectra. In Table 1 the last column shows us carbonyl stretching bands which cannot be seen after electroreduction. Instead of carbonyl stretching bands, hydroxyl bands appear in IR spectra of electroreduced benzoxazolones. 2-electron reduction of the carbonyl group of 2-methylamino-

5-chlorobenzophene in acidic medium shown by Oelschlager et al (14).

Linear calibration curves for each groups of benzoxazolones were obtained in pH 3.00 BR buffer. The dependence of the cathodic current on benzoxazolones concentration is shown in Figure 2. Table 4 shows the statistical analysis of the benzoxazolones studied.

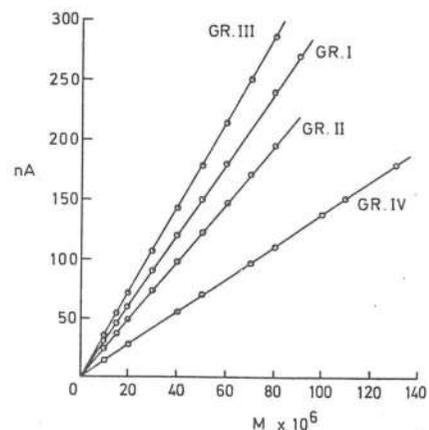


Figure 2. The linear calibration curves obtained by differential pulse polarography for benzoxazolones

Table 4. Characteristics of linear regression of calibration graphs for benzoxazolones

GC	LL	UL	N	CC	SL	CI
I	0.99	99.00	10	0.986	2.98	1.72
II	0.99	90.90	10	0.994	2.43	0.82
III	0.99	43.06	10	0.996	3.57	0.65
IV	1.99	130.43	10	0.999	1.37	-0.30

(GC) Group of Compounds, (LL) Lower Limit of detection ( $M \times 10^6$ ), (UL) Upper Limit of Detection ( $M \times 10^6$ ), (N) Number of data points, (CC) Correlation Coefficient, (SL) Slope, (CI) Concentration Intercept.

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