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Synthesis of a substituted quinoline

Abstract

In this experiment, a mono-substituted quinoline was synthesised via the Skraup synthesis by refluxing a substituted aniline with glycerol under strongly acidic and oxidizing conditions (conc. H₂SO₄, I₂, FeSO₄). Glycerol dehydrated to form acrolein, followed by coupling of the aniline with the acrolein to produce a quinoline ring system. After 90 minutes of reflux at 150°C the reaction mixture was then neutralized and worked up by extraction, drying and removing solvent. The product was then analysed using ¹H NMR, including COSY and NOESY data which allowed for precise assignment of proton signal and confirmation of the unknown starting aniline.

Experimental

The experiment was performed as detailed in the CHEM202 laboratory manual (p29), without modification. The accurate masses used of the reagents are detailed below.

Substance	Formula	$ m M_r$	mass (g)	amount (mmol)
4-(tert-butyl)aniline	$C_{10}H_{15}N$	149.23	0.863	5.78
Glycerol	C ₃ H ₈ O ₃	92.09	3.09	33.55

During the reaction acid vapours were minimised by maintaining a proper reflux under the fume hood. After the reaction was completed the acid solution containing the product was neutralised using 5M NaOH until it tested basic on litmus paper. The celite used to gravity filter the solution was disposed of in the celite waste container. After washing of the solution, the aqueous layer was disposed of down the fume hood sink with excess water, the organic extract was dried using anhydrous MgSO₄ which was filtered of and disposed of down the fume hood sink with excess water. Diethyl ether was distilled of from the product using the rotary evaporator.

Results and calculations

Percentage yield calculation

The limiting reagent in this reaction was (4-(tert-butyl)aniline).

 \therefore n (product) expected = 0.00578 mol

 $M (product) = 185.270 g mol^{-1}$

Theoretical yield = N x M

 $= 0.00578 \text{ mol x} 185.270 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

= 1.071 g

Actual yield = 0.192 g

 $\therefore \text{ Percentage yield} = \frac{0.192}{1.071} \times 100$

= 17.92 %

$$H_5$$
 H_6
 H_4
 H_3
 H_2
 H_1

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ/pm	Integration	multiplicity	J / Hz	COSY shows coupling to	Assignment
8.85	1H	dd	$J_{1,2}$ 7.7, $J_{1,3}$ 1.7	H_2	H_1
8.12	1H	d	J _{3,2} 8.2	H_2	H ₃
8.05	1H	d	J _{7,6} 8.9	H_6	H ₇
7.81	1H	dd	J _{6,7} 8.9, J _{6,4} 2.2	H ₄ , H ₇	H_{6}
7.72	1H	d	J _{4,6} 2.2	H_6	H_4
7.36	1H	dd	J _{2,3} 8.2, J _{2,1} 4.2	H ₁ , H ₃	H_2
1.43	12H	S	~	~	H ₅

ESI-MS

m/z	[Assignment] ^{charge}	
171.09	$[C_{13}H_{16}N - CH_3]^+$	
186.12	[C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N] ⁻	
187.13	$[C_{13}H_{16}N + H]^{+}$	

Discussion

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