

# Novel Oxidation of Homoallylic Sterols with Pyridinium Dichromate<sup>\*</sup>

## 重铬酸吡啶盐作用下烯丙基甾醇的氧化反应研究

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**Abstract** Stigmasterol was oxidized with pyridinium dichromate. Stigmast-4, 22-dien- $\beta$ -ol-3-one and stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione were obtained as main product separately in different reactive conditions. The result was different from the report in the related literature.

**Key words** homoallylic sterols, pyridinium dichromate (PDC), stigmast-4, 22-dien- $\beta$ -ol-3-one, stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione

**摘要** 在不同的反应条件下,用重铬酸吡啶盐(PDC)氧化豆甾醇,分别得到以豆甾-4,22-二烯- $\beta$ -羟基-3酮或豆甾-4,22-二烯-3,6-二酮为主的产物。结果与有关文献的报道有所不同。

**关键词** 烯丙基甾醇 重铬酸吡啶盐 (PDC) 豆甾-4, 22-二烯- $\beta$ -羟基-3酮 豆甾-4, 22-二烯-3, 6-二酮  
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Many spontaneous hydroxylated sterols have potent cytotoxicity<sup>[1~3]</sup>. In our study, the synthesis of hydroxylated sterols, namely Nephthalsterols A and B<sup>[3]</sup>, stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione was designed for a synthetic intermediate. Referring to Scettri's method<sup>[4]</sup>, stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione may be obtained when stigmasterol was oxidized with pyridinium dichromate (PDC) (3 equiv.) in DMF under 80°C. To our surprise, a 6-hydroxyl compound, stigmast-4, 22-dien- $\beta$ -ol-3-one was obtained as main product instead of the desired product, stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione. The structure of stigmast-4, 22-dien- $\beta$ -ol-3-one was proved by IR and NMR data. This result was different from the Scettri's report (Fig. 1).

However, when the amount of PDC increased from 3 equiv. to 6 equiv., the main product of the reaction was stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione. This is con-

sistent with the R.W. Hartmann's result<sup>[5]</sup>. For confirming this result, pregn-5-en- $\beta$ -20-one was also oxidized with PDC (3 equiv.) under the same conditions. A 6-hydroxylated sterol, but not a 6-keto-compound was obtained as well. This experiment supports the results mentioned above (Fig. 2).

In order to prepare stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was used as solvent. The stigmasterol was oxidized smoothly with PDC at room temperature and the target compound, stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione, was yielded as high as 64%. Alternatively, when pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) was used as oxidative agent in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 10°C~15°C<sup>[6]</sup>, stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione was yielded up to 83%.

## 1 Experimental Section

Stigmasterol and pregn-5-en- $\beta$ -20-one were obtained from the Merck Co.. PDC was prepared according to the reference[7] and PCC was prepared according to the reference [8]. Melting points were determined on a X4 apparatus and uncorrected. Infrared spectra were measured with a Nicolet 205 FT-IR spectrophotometer.<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a

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JEOL FX-90Q (90 MHz) and a Unity Inova 500 (500 MHz) spectrometer in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard.

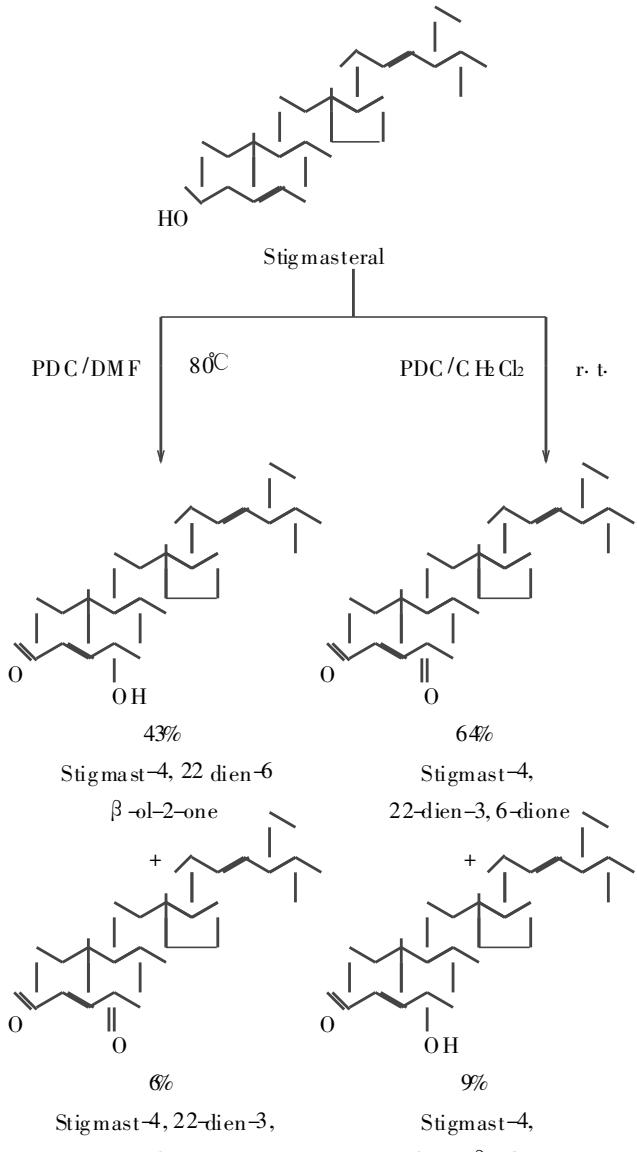


Fig. 1 The oxidation of stigmasterol with pyridinium dichromate

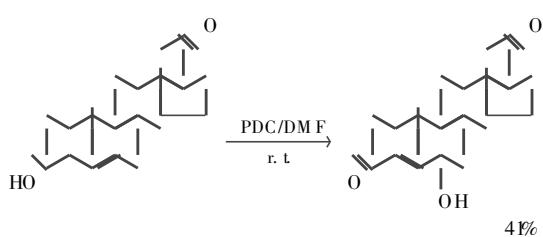


Fig. 2 The oxidation of  $\beta$ -hydroxy- $\Delta$ 5-pregnene-20-one with pyridinium dichromate

## 2 General Procedure for PDC Oxidation

To a solution of homoallylic hydroxy steroid (1.2 mmol) in dimethylformamide (10 ml) was added PDC

(3.6 m mole) in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C for 15 h. The mixture was poured into ethyl acetate (30 ml) and the resulting brown granular solid was filtered with filter paper and washed with warm ethyl acetate (5× 15 ml). The organic phase was washed with water (3× 10 ml) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at 45°C. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using petroleum (60°C~90°C): acetone(3:1) as eluent.

## 3 Results

**Stigmast-4, 22-dien- $\beta$ -ol-3-one** Oxidation of Stigmasterol (0.50 g, 1.2 mmol) in DMF (10 ml) with PDC (1.36 g, 3.6 mmol) gave stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione (30 mg) (6% yield) and stigmast-4, 22-dien- $\beta$ -ol-3-one (220 mg) (43% yield); M. p. 175°C~176°C. IR (KBr): 3409, 2952, 1679, 1039, 969, 835 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 0.763 (3H, s, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.802 (3H, d,  $J$ =5.1, 26- or 27-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.849 (6H, d,  $J$ =5.1, 26- or 27-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.808 (3H, t,  $J$ =6.9, 29-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.026 (3H, d,  $J$ =6.6, 21-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.381 (3H, s, 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.348 (1H, d,  $J$ =2.0 Hz,  $\alpha$ -H), 5.037 (1H, dd,  $J$ =15.0 Hz,  $J$ =9.0 Hz, 22-H), 5.153 (1H, dd,  $J$ =15.0 Hz,  $J$ =8.8 Hz, 23-H), 5.817 (1H, s, 4-H).

Oxidation of stigmasterol (210 mg, 0.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 ml) with PDC (570 mg, 1.5 mmol) under r. t. for 30 h gave stigmast-4, 22-dien- $\beta$ -ol-3-one (20 mg, 9% yield) and stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione (140 mg, 64% yield).

**Pregn-4-en- $\beta$ -ol-3, 20-dione** Oxidation of pregn-5-en- $\beta$ -ol-20-one (370 mg, 1.2 mmol) in DMF (10 ml) with PDC (1.36g, 3.6 mmol) gave pregn-4-en- $\beta$ -ol-3, 20-dione (160 mg) in 41% yield; M. p. 178°C~179°C. IR (KBr): 3423, 2938, 1700, 1665, 1046, 835 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (90 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): δ 0.70 (3H, s, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (3H, s, 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.13 (3H, s, 21-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.36 (1H, m,  $\alpha$ -H), 5.81 (1H, s, 4-H).

**Stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione.** Oxidation of stigmasterol (500 mg, 1.2 mmol) in dried CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) with PCC (1.30g, 6 m mole) for 29 h at 10°C~15°C gave, after silica gel column chromatography (eluent, petroleum (60°C~90°C): acetone=3:1),

stigmast-4, 22-dien-3, 6-dione(430 mg) in 83% yield. M. p. 134°C ~ 135°C. IR (KBr): 2959, 1714, 1686, 1609, 969, 864 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 0.743 (3H, s, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.805 (3H, t, J = 7.0, 29-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.798 (3H, d, J = 6.5, 26-or 27-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.849 (3H, d, J = 6.5, 26-or 27-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.036 (3H, d, J = 7.0, 21-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.169 (3H, s, 19-CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.040 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, J = 9.0, 22-H), 5.150 (1H, dd, J = 15.2, J = 8.5, 23-H), 6.171 (1H, s, 4-H).

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量将水抽干,于 110°C 烘 12 h,磨匀后装柱进行柱层析。用这种处理过的硅胶我们成功地分离出产物(2)。

IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, 液膜): 3064 ( $\nu_{Ar-H}$ ), 1720 ( $\nu_{C=O}$ ), 1641 ( $\nu_{C-N}$ ), 751, 691 (苯环)。  
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 1.28 (t, J = 7.40, 6.72, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.33 (dd, J = 7.40, 8.16, 2H), 1.69 (dd, J = 7.40, 7.36, 2H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.40, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.57 (m, 5H, Ph), 8.38 (s, 1H, CH=N)

## 3 结论

将 MWI 和 PTC 技术相结合,在无溶剂条件下,迅速(1 min)实现了醛亚胺与 1, 2-二溴乙烷的串联烷基化反应。与传统加热方法相比,显著缩短了反应时间,大大提高了反应效率,操作简单,后处理方便,三废少,符合节能、清洁生产、绿色合成的要求,应用前景广阔。

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