

The Ultrasound-accelerated Synthesis of New 7-Aminocarbohydrate-isoquinoline-5,8-quinone Derivatives

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INTRODUCTION

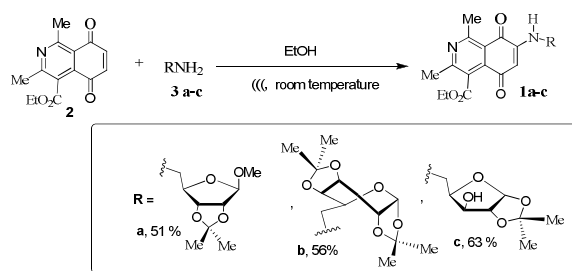
The synthesis of aminoquinones and related compounds has attracted considerable attention, because they exhibit a wide spectrum of pharmaceutical activities including antitumor and antimalarial properties¹. Two general methods are available for the synthesis of aminoquinones²: nucleophilic substitution reaction of halo-derivative quinones with amines and direct 1,4-type addition of amines to quinones, with or without Lewis acid conditions under ultrasonic irradiation. As part of an ongoing research program on the synthesis of new quinone derivatives and on the basis of our experience in the field of the use of carbohydrates in organic synthesis, we herein report an extension of the second approach³ which led to three novel isoquinoline-5,8-quinone derivatives **1a-c**, possessing a carbohydrate chain at C-7 position of the quinone ring.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The isoquinolinequinone **2** prepared in a 80% yield by the method of Valderrama and coworkers⁴, was submitted to addition reaction with different aminocarbohydrates **3a-c**, giving the corresponding 7-substituted amino-isoquinoline-5,8-quinone derivatives **1a-c**, in good yields. The aminocarbohydrates⁵ were easily obtained from

commercially reagents such as D-ribose, D-xylose and D-galactose.

The compounds **1a-c** were purified by column chromatography on silica gel and their structures were fully characterized by IR and ¹H NMR spectroscopies.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of 7-substituted-aminonaphthoquinones **1a-c**.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have developed the synthesis of a new series of 7-substituted-aminoquinone derivatives by reaction of isoquinolinequinone **2** with different aminocarbohydrates **3a-c**.

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