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By oxidation with molecular oxygen, pho-Synopsis. toadducts 2 of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-la-phenyl-la,7a-dihydro-1H-naphth[2,3-b]azirine-2,7-dione with olefins afforded cation radicals of 2 in acidic media such as CF₃CO₂H or HClO₄. On irradiation, the cation radicals gave ring enlarged isomers 10,11-bis(methoxycarbonyl)-1-phenyl-3,4-benzo-7,8-(3'methoxybenzo)-9-azabicyclo[4.3.2] undec-3,7-diene-2,5-dione

Photochemical reactions of cation radicals derived from title compound 2a and its analogues were investigated. The substrate 2a is a photoproduct of 1-(4methoxyphenyl) - 1a,7a - dihydro - 1H - naphth [2,3-b] azirine-2,7-dione (1) and dimethyl fumarate. 1) The compound 2a was inert photochemically in a neutral solvent,1,7) but under aerated conditions in an acidic medium it produced immediately the cation radical. Upon irradiation the cation radical showed a ring enlargement reaction of a novel type unknown so far.

Results and Discussion

Immediately after yellow crystals of 2a (160 mg) were dissolved into 20 ml of 70 % HClO4 or trifloroacetic acid the solution became purple coloured and the purple solution showed a strong ESR signal at g=2.0032 (Fig. 1). The radical species had a life time of several days at 0 °C. Under deaerated conditions neither purple colour nor ESR signal was observed in the solution. Upon exposure of the solution to air, the purple coloured radical showing ESR signal gradually appeared (Fig. 2). Accordingly, oxygen is responsible for the formation of purple coloured radicals. In a neutral air saturated solvent such as acetonitrile or benzene, 2a-i did not afford the purple coloured radical.

The same purple coloured radicals were produced by electrolysis of 2a in an acetonitrile solution containing 20 mM (1 M=1 mol dm⁻³) of triethylammonium perchlorate or in trifluoroacetic acid containing

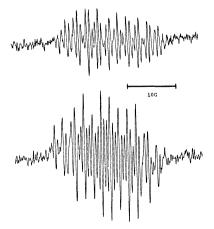


Fig. 1. ESR spectra of the cation radical of 2a (upper) and 2b (lower) in air saturated trifluoroacetic acid.

0.1 M of sodium acetate at platinum anode. (The half wave potentials of 2 were tabulated in Table 1). Consequently, the purple coloured radicals are undoubtedly cation radicals of 2.

The reason why the cation radical could not be afforded in neutral solvents might be explained in terms of the pH dependence of oxidation reduction potential of oxygen. In acetonitrile the dominant reductive reaction of oxygen is

$$O_2 + e^- \rightleftharpoons O_2^-$$
, (1)

and the potential is $-0.55 \,\mathrm{V}$ (vs. normal hydrogen electrode (NHE)).2) Thus produced super oxide anion affords hydrogen peroxide in a protic solvent.3) In a strong acid such as 85% orthophosphoric acid, the domiannt reaction is reported to be

$$O_2 + 6H^+ + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_3O^+$$
, (2)

and the potential is +1.2 V (vs. NHE).4) The potential difference between oxygen and 2a can be calculated to be $-1.50 \,\mathrm{V}$ in acetonitrile and $-0.14 \,\mathrm{V}$ in tri-

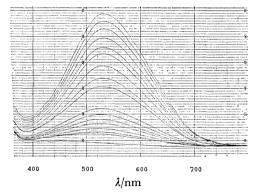


Fig. 2. Time dependent UV absorption change of 2a in trifluoroacetic acid. Time interval is 5 min.

Table 1. Stable cation radicals

ه 🎯			Generated by oxygen ^{a)}		Half wave potentials/Vb)		
	©Ç R,	K ₂ R ₂	X ^{c)}	ESR g-value	UV λ_{max}/nm	CH ₃ CN (20 mM Et ₄ ClO ₄)	CF ₃ CO ₂ H (0.1 M CH ₃ CO ₂ Na)
2a	н	OCH ₃	E	2.0032	535	0.95	1.34
2ь	н	OCH ₃	Z	2.0032	530	0.82	1.20
2 c	Н	OCH ₃	- ₹	2.0032	527	0.88	1.24
2d	н	OCH ₃	خ _N	2.0032	527	1.22d)	0.884)
2e	н	OCH ₃	·>>	e)	e)	0.83	1.23
2£	Cl	OCH ₃	E, E	2.0032	535	0.98	1.34
2g	Cl	OCH ₃	Ö	2.0032	545	0.84	1.21
2h	Н	Cl	Ē, →E	e)	e)	1.33d)	1.66 ^{d)}
2i	н	Cl	Ď	e)	e)	1.20	1.53

a) Oxidized in CF₃CO₂H. b) Determined by cyclic voltammetry using Ag⁺/Ag as a reference electrode, and then converted to those vs. NHE by using $E^{\circ}(Ag^{+}/Ag)$ = 0.2225 V. c) E=CO₂CH₃. d) Irreversible. e) The cation radical was not observed.

Table 2. Photoreaction of cation radical of 2

	$\frac{ ext{Yield}}{\%}$	$rac{\mathbf{Mp}}{\mathbf{ heta_m/C^\circ}}$	Characteristic ${}^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ chemical shift of ${\bf 3}$ (δ)
2a	21	237—239.5	3.06(s, 3H), 3.41(s, 3H), 3.64(s, 3H)
2ь	0		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
2 c	34	Oil	2.96(s, 3H), 3.59(s, 3H)
2d	20	Oil	3.60(s, 3H)

fluoroacetic acid based on the assumption that the reduction potential of oxygen in trifluoroacetic acid is the same as that in 85% orthophosphoric acid. Thus, the electron transfer from 2 to oxygen is far more favourable in the acidic media than in the neutral solvent.⁵⁾

Further, photochemical reactions of cation radicals of 2 were investigated. As a typical example, 2a (160 mg) was dissolved into 20 ml of 70% HClO4 and irradiated for 30 h at 0 °C with light of longer wavelength than 480 nm using a filter (Toshiba VY-48) in order to irradiate only the cation radical. Colourless crystals crystallized out of the solution by irradiation. The remaining solution changed its colour into pale brown. The crystals were collected, and the solution was diluted with 100 ml of water. The colourless solids precipitated was filtered, washed with water, and then dissolved in dichloromethane. The dichloromethane solution was dried with MgSO₄ and passed through a short column of alumina using dichloromethane as an eluent. On standing the solution over nights at room temperature (≈25 °C) colourless crystals (mp 237-239.5 °C) were precipitated out. Total yield of the crystals was 21.0%. The remaining was a dark brown tarry matter. The structure of the product was compatible with 3a depicted in Scheme 1.8)

Since the HOMO of cation radical of 2a-i presumably is nitrogen n-orbital and the LUMO might be π^* of N-aryl group, an electron at the nitrogen n-orbial may transfer to the π^* of N-aryl group on irradiation. As a result the π system of N-aryl group is charged in negative and nitrogen is doubly charged in positive. This charge separation is presumably a driving force of the rearrangement.

This type of the photochemical reaction is unique, because the photochemical reaction of cation radical has been scarcely reported.⁶⁾

Experimental

Apparatus. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL PS-100 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Hitachi M-52 mass spectrometer. Infrared spectra were taken on a JASCO-402G spectrometer. UV-spectra were taken on a Shimadzu UV-200. Electron spin resonance spectra were taken on a JEOL PE-3X. Elemental analyses were performed at the microanalytical laboratory of Kyoto

University. Melting points were measured on a Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus and uncorrected.

Materials. Compound 1 was prepared from 2-phenyl-1,4-naphthoquinone and 4-methoxyphenylazide as reported previously.¹) Photochemical production of 2 is reported elsewhere.⁷⁾ Perchloric acid 70% was purchased from Nakarai Chemicals, LTD., and used without further purification. Trifluoroacetic acid was purchased from Nakarai Chemicals, LTD., and dried over phosphorous pentaoxide and distilled.

Physical Properties of 3. 3a: 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) $\delta = 3.06(3H, s, CO_{2}CH_{3}), 3.41$ (3H, s, $CO_{2}CH_{3}), 3.64$ (3H, s, $NC_{6}H_{5}OCH_{3}), 4.05$ (1H, d, J=7 Hz), 4.48 (1H, d, d, J=7 Hz), 4.56 (1H, s, NH), 5.09 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 6.54 (2H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J=9 Hz), 7.2—8.0 (9H, m); IR (KBr) 3400 (NH), 1732, 1705, 1682 cm⁻¹; MS (16 eV) m/e (rel intensity) 501 (M+; 100). Found: C, 69.75; H, 5.32; N, 2.87%. Calcd; C, 69.73; H, 5.05; N, 2.80%. Mp 237—239.5 °C.

3c: 1 H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =1.56 (1H, s), 2.0 (1H, d, d, ABq, J=3, 10, and 15 Hz), 2.7 (1H, D, D, ABq, J=9, 5, and 15 Hz), 2.94 (3H, s), 3.60 (3H, s), 3.6 (1H, m), 4.76 (1H, d, d, J=3, 9 Hz), 6.4—6.5 (2H, m), 6.8—6.9 (1H, m), 7.1—7.5 (8H, m), 7.7—7.9 (1H, m); IR (CDCl₃) 3500, 2960, 1780, and 1690 cm⁻¹; MS (16 eV) m/e (rel intensity) 441 (M⁺; 100). Found: C, 73.27; H, 5.42; N, 3.06%. Calcd: C, 77.46; H, 5.25; N, 3.17%. Colourless oil. Bp ea. 200 °C (1.3 Pa, the Kugelrohr distillation apparatus).

3d: ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ =1.60 (1H, s), 2.05 (1H, m), 2.70 (1H, m), 3.65 (3H, s), 3.6 (1H, m), 4.80 (1H, d, d, J=4, 10 Hz), 6.4—6.5 (2H, m), 6.8—6.9 (1H, m), 7.1—7.5 (8H, m), 7.7—7.9 (1H, m); IR (CDCl₃) 3500, 2200, 1780, and 1690 cm⁻¹; MS (16 eV) m/e (rel intensity) 408 (M⁺; 100). Found, C, 76.70; H, 4.82; N, 6.79%. Calcd C, 76.46; H, 4.94; N, 6.86%. Colourless oil. Bp ca. 200 °C (1.3 Pa the Kugelrohr distillation apparatus).

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