Synthesis of Des-Methylflunitrazepam using Hexamethelentetramine (hexamine)

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Abstract

7-nitro-1-methyl-5-(2 -fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (Flunitrazepam) is the drug from family of 7-membered heterocyclic compunds 1,4-benzodiazepinones. Although a number of method synthesis of flunitrazepam have been reported in literature but they suffer because using anhydrous *ammonia* or dry *ammonia* gas. [1-4].

In this research work the new methods for synthesis of flunitrazepam from 2-flouroacetamido benzophenone, hexamethylenetetramine (hexamine) and ammonium chloride in ethanol as solvent to generate ammonia in situ, will be reported.

$$O_2N$$
 NH_2
 NH_4CI
 $C2H5OH$
 NH_2
 NH_4CI
 NH_4CI

The results indicate that the best result obtained when the mole ratio of the components acetamide: NH_4CI : Hexamine: ethanol in order was as 1.0: 3.5: 2.5: 20-30

The structure of products was evaluated by melting point, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, ¹⁹F NMR, GC-Mass and IR spectroscopy techniques.

Keywords: Flunitrazepam, 1,4-benzodiazepinones, hexamine

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