2-Furfurylamine in Di- and Trifurylmethanes Synthesis

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The development of new approaches to calixarenes and crown-ethers is of interest during many years because of various properties and usefulness of such compounds. Continuing investigation of di- and trifurylmethanes we proposed that such compounds bearing corresponding substituents at position 5 of furan ring can be used as analogues of calixarenes or be applied for crown ethers preparation.

Among known approaches for aryldifuryl- and trifurylmethanes synthesis acid catalyzed condensation of substituted furans with aldehydes is widely used.

$$R \xrightarrow{O} + R' \xrightarrow{H} \xrightarrow{H^{+}} R \xrightarrow{O} R'$$

Because the main goal of our study was preparation of methane structures having aminomethyl groups at position 5 of furan rings we have developed facile ways for synthesis of corresponding N-acyl substituted 2-furfurylamines and furaldehydes. The furylmethane structures were prepared by reaction of obtained furfurylamide and carbonyl compounds.

There are two ways for symmetric trifurylmethanes formation: the first is reaction of N-substituted furfurylamine with corresponding furaldehydes, and the second one includes interaction between substituted furaldehyde and ethylene glycol in the presence of ion-exchange resin Amberlyst 15.

Hydrazinolysis of obtained compounds resulted in preparation of di- and trifurylmethanes bearing unsubstituted aminomethyl groups.