

Structural Determination of Cyanoborated Amines and *N*-Alkoxyamines

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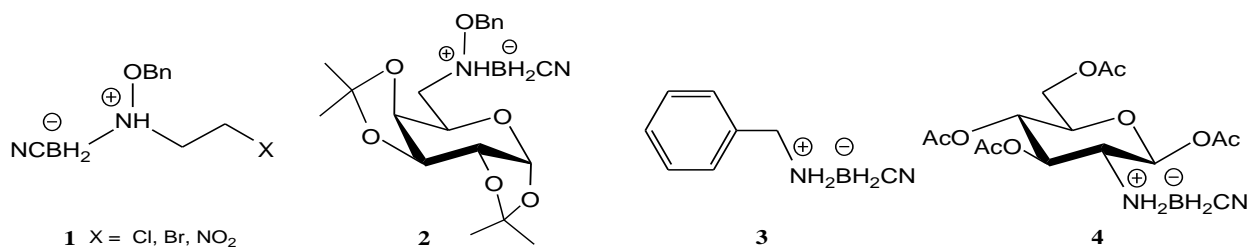
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Aminoboranes and aminocyanoboranes possess a wide range of biological and pharmacological activities including antineoplastic, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, hypolipidemic and anti-osteoporotic activities.^{1,2} They have also shown antifungal³ and antibacterial properties,⁴ and have been used in radioimaging and radiotherapy.⁵ Glycosyl carboranes have been used in the boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT), a chemoradio-therapeutic method for the treatment of cancer that depends on the selective targeting of tumor cells by boron-containing compounds.⁶ Furthermore, oxazaborolidines show antibacterial activity against *Streptococcus mutans*¹ and have been used for enantioselective reactions.⁷

Herein, we describe *N*-alkoxyaminocyanoboranes **1** and **2**, a new type of aminocyanoboranes, which are isolated as stable and crystalline compounds in the reduction of *O*-alkyloximes with sodium cyanoborohydride. Some of the prepared *N*-alkoxyaminocyanoboranes are useful as cyanoborane transfer agents, to transform aliphatic amines and aminosugars into aminoboranes, such as **3** and **4**. The zwitterionic structures of cyanoborated amines and *N*-alkoxyamines **1-4** were studied by ¹H, ¹³C and ¹¹B NMR. The structures of several cyanoborated *N*-alkoxyamines in the solid state were confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.



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