

## 1, 1-Dicyano-2-*p*-dimethylaminophenyl-2-chloroethylene 의 가수분해 반응메카니즘과 그의 반응속도론적 연구

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## The Kinetics and Mechanism of the Hydrolysis of a 1, 1-Dicyano-2-*p*-dimethylaminophenyl-2-chloroethylene

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요 약. 여러 pH에서 1, 1-dicyano-2-*p*-dimethylaminophenyl-2-chloroethylene(DPC)의 가수분해 속도상수를 측정하고 넓은 pH 범위에서 잘 맞는 반응 속도론식을 구하였다.

이 식에 의하면 넓은 pH 범위에서 DPC에 대한 가수분해 반응메카니즘을 잘 설명할 수 있다.

pH 3 이하와 7.5 이상에서는 속도상수는 hydronium ion과 hydroxide ion 농도에 각각 비례한다.

또 pH 3~7.5 사이에서는 물, hydronium ion과 hydroxide ion이 DPC의 가수 분해에 촉매 역할을 함을 알았다.

**Abstract.** The rate constants of hydrolysis of 1, 1-dicyano-2-*p*-dimethylaminophenyl-2-chloroethylene(DPC) were determined at various pH and the rate equation which can be applied over wide pH range is obtained. From the rate equation the mechanism of the hydrolysis of a DPC over wide pH range is fully explained; below pH 3 and above pH 7.5, the rate constant is proportional to the concentration of hydronium ion and hydroxide ion, respectively. However, in the range of pH 3 to 7.5, water, hydronium ion and hydroxide ion catalyze the hydrolysis of DPC.

### 1. Introduction

The addition reaction of the double bond having electron attracting group, unlike ordinary carbon double bonds, are electrophilic. During the past decade a great deal of information has appeared in the literature<sup>1~2</sup> concerning the mechanism of nucleophilic addition and qualitative observation to explain a plausible mecha-

nism<sup>3~5</sup> in basic solution, however, it has been the subject only a few kinetic studies.

Kharash<sup>6</sup> and Hurd<sup>7</sup> have suggested a mechanism of the addition of mercaptan to carbonyl compounds in basic media. Stewart<sup>8</sup> pointed out the alkaline scission of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy- $\beta$ -nitrostyrene. Walker and Young<sup>9</sup> also determined the velocity constants and activation energies for the hydrolytic decomposition of chalcone and six ring substituted mononitro derivatives.

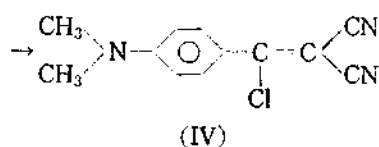
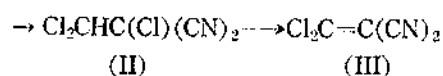
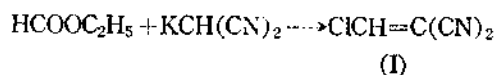
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Patai and others<sup>10-12</sup> have studied the elimination of malononitrile from 4,4-dicyano-3-nitrochalcone and malononitrile in methanol. The kinetics of the reaction of barbituric acid with  $\beta$ -nitrostyrene derivatives in non-alkaline media has been reported.<sup>13</sup> In acidic media, the cleavage of  $\beta$ -nitrostyrene was suggested by Crowell<sup>14-15</sup> to take place in a slightly different mechanism. Truce and others<sup>16</sup> have studied the stereochemistry of the mercaptan addition reaction.

The mechanisms of the reaction of mercaptan with maleic anhydride,<sup>17</sup> methylacrylate,<sup>18</sup>  $\beta$ -nitrostyrene,<sup>19</sup> ethylcinnamate,<sup>20</sup> has been reported. But for the DPC, the only vinyllic substitution by aromatic amines in acetonitrile was reported.<sup>21</sup> The purpose of this investigation is to determine each rate constant of hydrolysis over a wide pH range and to reveal the reaction mechanism.

## 2. Experimental

The DPC(IV) was prepared according to Josey *et al.*,<sup>22</sup> from ethylformate and potassium malononitrile *via* 1-chloro-2,2-dicyanoethylene (I), 1,1,2-trichloro-2,2-dicyanoethylene (II) and 1,1-dichloro-2,2-dicyanoethylene (III). Recrystallization of the crude material from methanol yielded orange product, mp. 132 °C (lit<sup>22</sup>, 132~234 °C).



All buffer solution were prepared from reagent

grade chemicals(E. Merk) and distilled water. The pH of buffer solutions were confirmed by Zerometric II pH meter(Beckman). The ionic strength was kept constant at 0.1 by adding sodium chloride solution.

The rate vessels used were 100 ml volumetric flasks in the thermostat(25 °C). At zero time, 1 ml of a freshly prepared 0.002 M methanol solution of DPC was pipetted into the 100 ml flask containing 99 ml of buffer solution. The optical density of DPC was determined on a Beckman Model DU spectrophotometer at 445 nm.

## 3. Result

The logarithmic plots of optical density of DPC *vs.* times at 445 nm were linear and used to calculate the first-order rate constants(Fig.1). The rate constants calculated from the slope for all runs are given in Table 1. Fig.2. shows the logarithmic plots of  $k_t$  against pH. The rate constants for the hydrolysis of DPC at various acetate ion concentration at pH 4.65 are given in Table 2 and Fig.3 and known to be a general base catalysis.

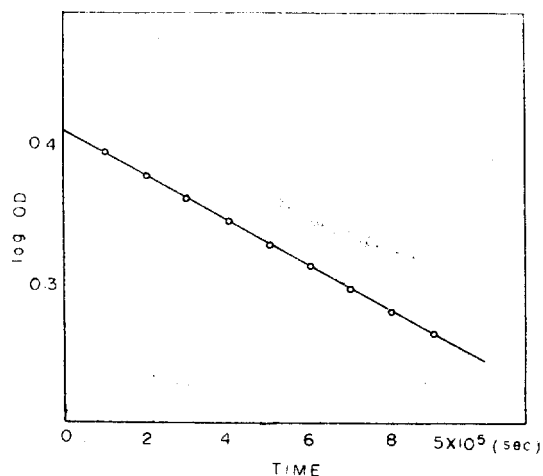


Fig. 1. The plots of log OD of DPC *vs.* time at pH 4.50 and 25°C.

Table 1. The rate constants for the hydrolysis of DPC at various pH &amp; 25 °C.

Buffer solution	pH	$k(\text{sec}^{-1})$	
		observed	calculated
HCl	0.00		$5.12 \times 10^{-4}$
	0.50	$2.53 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-4}$
	1.00	$5.16 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.12 \times 10^{-5}$
	1.50	$2.11 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-5}$
	2.00	$5.53 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.12 \times 10^{-6}$
	2.50	$2.01 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.94 \times 10^{-6}$
	3.00	$6.14 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.24 \times 10^{-7}$
NAc+NaAc	3.50	$3.12 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.85 \times 10^{-7}$
	4.00	$4.14 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.90 \times 10^{-7}$
	4.50	$3.68 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.06 \times 10^{-7}$
	5.00	$5.52 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.55 \times 10^{-7}$
	5.50	$5.98 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$
	6.00	$1.68 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.95 \times 10^{-6}$
	6.50	$3.62 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.31 \times 10^{-6}$
$\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4 + \text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4$	7.00	$5.89 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.50 \times 10^{-6}$
	7.50	$8.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.48 \times 10^{-5}$
	8.00	$3.20 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.70 \times 10^{-5}$
Boric acid+NaOH	8.50	$1.38 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-4}$
	9.00	$3.20 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.25 \times 10^{-4}$
	9.50	$1.36 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-3}$
	10.00	$3.22 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.20 \times 10^{-3}$

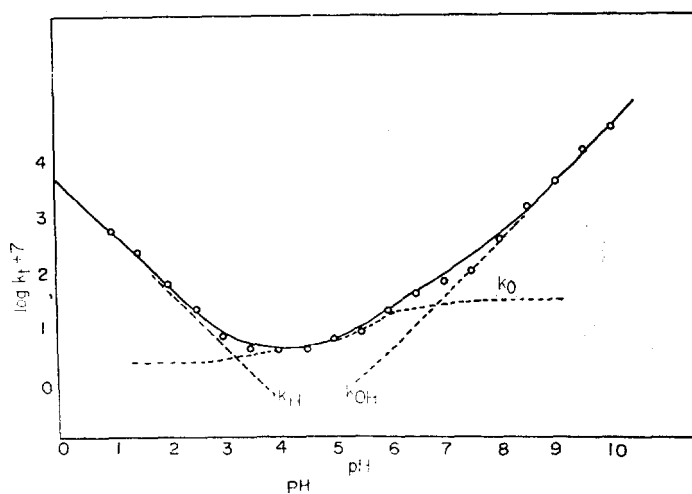


Fig. 2. pH-Kate profile for the hydrolysis DPC at 25 °C.

#### 4. Discussion

Analysis of Fig. 2 show that the total rate

constant  $k_t$  is given by an expression of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_t &= k_0 + k_H a_H + k_{OH} a_{OH} \\
 &= k_0 + k_H a_H + k_{OH} \frac{K_w}{a_H} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $k_0$  is the rate constant for the hydrolysis which is insensitive to pH i.e., spontaneous hydrolysis or more accurately, water catalyzed hydrolysis. While  $k_{OH}$  and  $k_H$  are the rate constants for hydroxide ion and hydronium ion catalyzed hydrolysis respectively.

Below pH 3, the iminonium ion is a likely intermediate since it has been shown to form from the nitrile and hydronium ion.<sup>23-24</sup>

Table 2. The rate constants for the hydrolysis of DPC at various acetate ion concentration at pH 4.65 and 25°C.

$[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]$	$k_{\text{obsd.}} (\text{sec}^{-1})$	$k_{\text{calcd.}} (\text{sec}^{-1})$
0.01	$6.22 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.00 \times 10^{-7}$
0.02	$7.44 \times 10^{-7}$	$9.64 \times 10^{-7}$
0.05	$1.29 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.82 \times 10^{-6}$
0.10	$2.30 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.52 \times 10^{-6}$
0.15	$2.70 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.96 \times 10^{-6}$
0.20	$3.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.34 \times 10^{-6}$
0.25	$3.13 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.58 \times 10^{-6}$
0.50	$4.06 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.28 \times 10^{-6}$
1.00	$4.94 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.34 \times 10^{-6}$
1.20	$5.18 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.44 \times 10^{-6}$

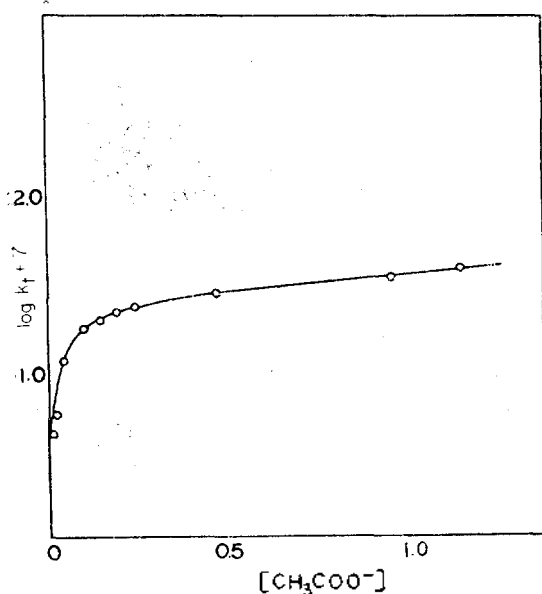
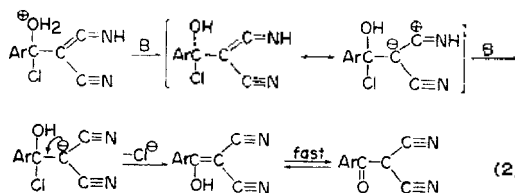
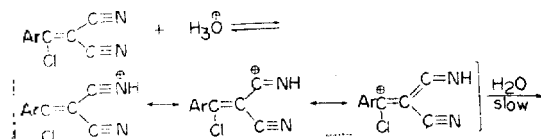


Fig. 3. General base catalyzed hydrolysis of DPC at pH 4.65 and 25°C.

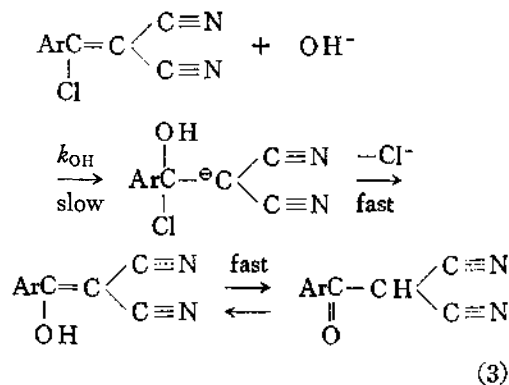
For explaining these rate terms, following addition-elimination mechanism is proposed.

In this mechanism, the first step of the hydro-

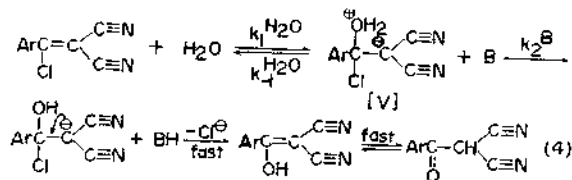


lysis in acidic media is a protonation of nitrile and second step is the rate-determining step.

Above pH 7.5, as the case of  $\beta$ -nitrostyrene<sup>13</sup> the rate of this reaction is proportional to hydroxide ion concentration. Therefore, the mechanism of hydrolysis in basic media is,



As shown as Fig. 2 and Table 3, the hydrolysis of DPC is catalyzed by all base present reaction, however the rate of hydrolysis is not proportional to the concentration of general base. These facts suggest that the reaction mechanism is complicate as the case of  $\beta$ -nitrostyrene<sup>14</sup>, and we postulate following reaction mechanism;



This mechanism was identical with that suggested by Rapoport<sup>21</sup> in the case of vinylic substitution of DPC by aromatic amines. The final product, ketone, is identified with 2,4-

Table 3.  $pK_a$  and catalytic constant of bases for hydrolysis of DPC at 25 °C.

Base	$pK_a$	$k_1^{H_2O}k_2^B/k_{-1}^{H_2O}$ (1/mole·sec)
H <sub>2</sub> O	-1.7	$3.10 \times 10^{-9}$
ClCH <sub>2</sub> COO <sup>-</sup>	2.82	$8.83 \times 10^{-6}$
HCOO <sup>-</sup>	3.78	$2.85 \times 10^{-5}$
CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup>	4.65	$3.56 \times 10^{-5}$
H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	7.21	$1.68 \times 10^{-3}$
OH <sup>-</sup>	15.7	285

dinitrophenylhydrazine. Applying steady-state approximation with respect to (V),  $k_0$  is given as following:

$$\frac{1}{k_0} = \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_1/k_{-1}(k_2^B \Sigma(B))} \quad (5)$$

If water and hydroxide ion are the only bases present, equation(5) becomes

$$\frac{1}{k_0} = \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_1/k_{-1}(k_2^{H_2O}(H_2O) + k_2^{OH}(OH^-))} \quad (6)$$

At high general base concentration,  $k_0$  takes  $5.18 \times 10^{-6}$  which is the limiting value of general base catalysis in Fig. 3. Since at low pH,  $k_2^{OH}(OH^-)$  is negligible compared to the  $k_2^{H_2O}(H_2O)$ , the value of  $k_1/k_{-1}(k_2^{H_2O}(H_2O))$  can be determined from the  $k_1$  and observed rate constant( $k_t$ ) and is found to be  $3.32 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ . The data at pH 5.00 gave the value  $2.85 \times 10^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$  for  $k_1 k_2^{OH}/k_{-1}$ . This measures the efficiency of hydroxide ion as the base catalyst, B, in our mechanism.

The values of the ratio,  $k_1^{H_2O} k_2^B/k_{-1}^{H_2O}$  calculated by equation (5) and the  $pK_a$  of the bases are given in Table 3 and Fig. 4 shows the Brønsted plot. Note that the catalytic constants,  $k_2$  cannot be separated from the hydration equilibrium constant  $k_1^{H_2O}/k_{-1}^{H_2O}$ .

As the result, if only water and hydroxide ion

are present  $k_0$  becomes

$$\frac{1}{k_0} = \frac{1}{5.18 \times 10^{-6}} + \frac{1}{3.32 \times 10^{-7} + 2.85 \times 10^2 (OH^-)}$$

$$k_0 = \frac{1.72 \times 10^{-12} + 1.47 \times 10^{-3} (OH^-)}{5.51 \times 10^{-6} + 2.85 \times 10^2 (OH^-)} \quad (7)$$

The nucleophilic addition constant for hydroxide ion  $k_{OH} = 3.20 \times 10 \text{ sec}^{-1}$  is determined from the value of  $k_t = 3.20 \times 10^{-4} \text{ sec}^{-1}$  at pH 9.00 and  $k_t = 3.22 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sec}^{-1}$  at pH 10.00

Similarly, the addition constant for hydronium ion  $k_H = 5.12 \times 10^{-4}$  is determined. As a result, over-all rate constant becomes

$$k_t = 5.12 \times 10^{-4} (H^+) + \frac{1.72 \times 10^{-12} + 1.47 \times 10^{-3} (OH^-)}{5.51 \times 10^{-6} + 2.85 \times 10^2 (OH^-)} + 3.20 \times 10^{-4} (OH^-)$$

$$= 5.12 \times 10^{-4} (H^+) + \frac{1.72 \times 10^{-12} + 1.47 \times 10^{-17} / (H^+)}{5.51 \times 10^{-6} + 2.85 \times 10^{-12} / (H^+)} + 3.20 \times 10^{-13} / (H^+) \quad (8)$$

Fig. 2 and Table 1 show that the values of over all rate constant,  $k_t$  calculated by equation (8) and the dotted line represents the contribution of each rate constant. The values of calculated  $k_t$  are in good agreement with the observed.

From the rate equation, the mechanism of the hydrolysis of a DPC over wide pH range is fully explained; below pH 3 and above pH 7.5, the rate constant is proportional to the concentration of hydronium ion and hydroxide ion, respectively.

However, in the range of pH 3 to 7.5, water, hydronium ion and hydroxide ion catalyze the hydrolysis of DPC. If acetate ion is present as a general base catalyst, equation (5) becomes

$$\frac{1}{k_0} = \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_1/k_{-1}(k_2^{H_2O}(H_2O) + k_2^{OH}(OH^-) + k_2^{Ac}(Ac^-))} = \frac{k_1 + k_1/k_{-1}(k_2^{H_2O}(H_2O) + k_2^{OH}(OH^-) + k_2^{Ac}(Ac^-))}{k_1 (k_1/k_{-1}(k_2^{H_2O}(H_2O) + k_2^{OH}(OH^-) + k_2^{Ac}(Ac^-))} \quad (9)$$

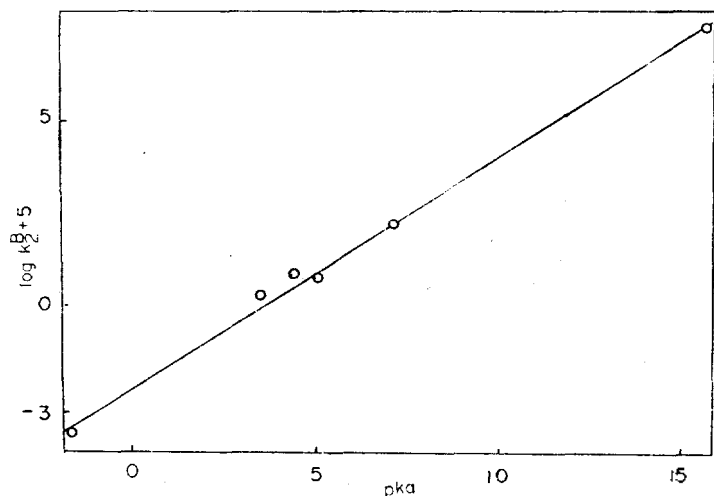


Fig. 4. Brønsted plot for hydrolysis of DPC.

From the values of  $k_1$ ,  $k_1 k_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k_{-1}$ ,  $k_1 k_2^{\text{OH}}/k_{-1}$ ,  $(\text{Ac}^-) = 2.0 \times 10^{-2}$ ,  $(\text{OH}^-) = 4.47 \times 10^{-10}$  mol/l (pH=4.65) and observed rate constant  $k_t$ , the value of catalytic constant of acetate ion  $k_1 k_2^{\text{Ac}^-}/k_{-1}$  can be determined and is found to be  $3.56 \times 10^{-5}$ .

As the result, equation (9) becomes

$$\frac{1}{k_o} = \frac{1}{5.18 \times 10^{-6}} + \frac{1}{3.32 \times 10^{-7} + 2.85 \times 10^2 \times 4.47 \times 10^{-10} + 3.65 \times 10^{-5} (\text{Ac}^-)}$$

$$k_o = \frac{2.38 \times 10^{-12} + 1.84 \times 10^{-10} (\text{Ac}^-)}{5.64 \times 10^{-6} + 3.56 \times 10^{-5} (\text{Ac}^-)} \quad (10)$$

Therefore, over-all rate constant becomes

$$k_t = 1.13 \times 10^{-8} + \frac{2.38 \times 10^{-12} + 1.84 \times 10^{-10} (\text{Ac}^-)}{5.64 \times 10^{-6} + 3.56 \times 10^{-5} (\text{Ac}^-)} + 1.47 \times 10^{-8} \quad (11)$$

Table 2 and Fig. 3 show that the value of over all rate<sup>11</sup> constant,  $k_t$  calculated by equation (11) are in good agreement with the observed. At low concentration, proton removal is rate controlling and the rate linear in base concentration. As the amount of base becomes large, hydration becomes rate controlling and  $k_1$  approaches the

limiting values.

## 5. Conclusion

- 1) The kinetics of the hydrolysis of a DPC over a wide pH range was presented and analyzed in detail. A following rate equation which can be applied over wide pH range was obtained.

$$k_t = 5.12 \times 10^{-4} (\text{H}^+) + \frac{1.72 \times 10^{-12} + 1.47 \times 10^{-10} (\text{Ac}^-)}{5.51 \times 10^{-6} + 2.85 \times 10^2 \times 4.47 \times 10^{-10} + 3.65 \times 10^{-5} (\text{Ac}^-)} + 3.20 \times 10^{-13} / (\text{H}^+)$$

- 2) From the rate equation the mechanism of a hydrolysis of a DPC over wide pH range is fully explained; below pH 3 and above pH 7.5, the rate constant is proportional to the concentration of hydronium ion and hydroxide ion, respectively. However, in the range of pH 3 to pH 7.5, water, hydronium ion and hydroxide ion are catalyzed the hydrolysis of DPC. Especially from pH 4 to pH 7.5 the mechanism of hydrolysis is very complicated. In this pH range hydroxide ion acts as a catalyst or a nucleophilic reagent.

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