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## Heterogeneous catalytic reduction of substituted 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes

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### Abstract

**Objectives.** To study the hydrogenation of substituted 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes in the presence of metal-containing catalysts (Pt/Re, Pd/C, Ni/kieselguhr, and Ni/Mo).

**Methods.** In order to determine the qualitative and quantitative composition of the reaction masses, the following analysis methods were used: gas-liquid chromatography (using the Kristall 2000 hardware complex); mass-spectroscopy (using Chromatec-Kristall 5000M device with NIST 2012); nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometry (using Bruker AM-500 device with operating frequencies of 500 and 125 MHz).

**Results.** Hydrogenation of substituted 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes obtained by condensation of carbonyl compounds with paraformaldehyde and sulfuric acid was used to synthesize heterocyclic alcohols in the presence of metal-containing catalysts with a conversion of the initial ketones of 60–90% and a formation selectivity of target products of 70–90%. Substances were analyzed and confirmed by gas-liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry and NMR spectroscopy.

**Conclusions.** The best catalyst for the reduction of substituted 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes is Pd/C. By using this catalyst, it is possible to achieve a high selectivity for the formation of the corresponding heterocyclic alcohols at a conversion rate of the initial ketones of 60–90%.

**Keywords:** hydrogenation, 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes, heterocyclic alcohols, catalysts Pt/Re, Pd/C, Ni/kieselguhr, Ni/Mo

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## НАУЧНАЯ СТАТЬЯ

# Гетерогенно-катализическое восстановление замещенных 5-ацил-1,3-диоксанов

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### Аннотация

**Цели.** Изучить гидрирование замещенных 5-ацил-1,3-диоксанов в присутствии металло-содержащих катализаторов (Pt/Re, Pd/C, «Ni на кизельгуре», Ni/Mo).

**Методы.** Для определения качественного и количественного состава реакционных масс были использованы следующие методы анализа: газожидкостная хроматография (на аппаратно-программном комплексе «Кристалл 2000»), масс-спектроскопия (на приборе «Хроматэк-Кристалл 5000М» с базой NIST 2012), и спектроскопия ядерного магнитного резонанса (ЯМР-спектроскопия) (на приборе «BrukerAM-500» с рабочими частотами 500 и 125 МГц).

**Результаты.** Гидрированием замещенных 5-ацил-1,3-диоксанов, полученных конденсацией карбонильных соединений с параформом с использованием серной кислоты, синтезированы гетероциклические спирты в присутствии металло-содержащих катализаторов с конверсией исходных кетонов 60–90% и селективностью образования целевых продуктов 70–90%. Вещества проанализированы и доказаны методами газожидкостной хроматографии, масс-спектрометрии и ЯМР-спектроскопии.

**Выводы.** Установлено, что лучшим катализатором восстановления замещенных 5-ацил-1,3-диоксанов является Pd/C, позволяющий достичь высокой селективности образования соответствующих гетероциклических спиртов при конверсии исходных кетонов 60–90%.

**Ключевые слова:** гидрирование, 5-ацил-1,3-диоксаны, гетероциклические спирты катализаторы Pt/Re, Pd/C, «Ni на кизельгуре», Ni/Mo

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## INTRODUCTION

Oxymethyl-1,3-dioxacycloalkanes and their derivatives, ethers, esters, thioethers, etc., which exhibit various biologically active properties, are used as corrosion inhibitors, plant protection chemicals [1–3].

The primary method for obtaining alcohols containing a cycloacetal fragment involves the condensation of 1,1,1-trioxymethylalkanes with carbonyl compounds [4, 5]. However, in a number of cases, the use of secondary 1,3-dioxacycloalkane alcohols becomes necessary. Although it has been proposed that these can be obtained by reduction of the keto group in 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes with metal hydrides [6], such a hydrogenation method is of little use for preparative synthesis under industrial conditions.

In this connection, the present work is aimed at studying the heterogeneous catalytic reduction of substituted 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes in the presence of various metal-containing catalysts (Pd/C, Ni/kieselguhr, Pt/Re, Ni/Mo).

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

After analyzing the reaction masses, the mass spectra of the compounds were recorded using the Chromatec-Kristall 5000M hardware-software complex (*Chromatec*, Russia) with the NIST 2012 database (*National Institute of Standards and Technology*, USA). Analysis conditions were as follows: length of capillary quartz column was 30 m, analysis duration was 20 min, ion source temperature was 260°C, transition line temperature was 300°C, scanning range was 30–300 Da, pressure 37–43 was mTorr, carrier gas was helium, and heating rate was 20 deg/min. Mass spectra of the compounds were obtained using the electron impact ionization method. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-500 spectrometer (*Bruker*, USA) with operating frequencies of 500 and 125 MHz, respectively; the solvent was CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shifts are given on a scale of δ (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Spin-spin coupling constants (J) are given in Hz.

Starting ketones **1–5** were obtained according to the previously presented procedure [7].

**1-(5-Methyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)ethanone 1.** T<sub>b.p.</sub> = 99–101°C (3 mm Hg). Colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 0.92 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 2.22 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 3.45 d (2H, 2 CCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.6), 4.24 d (2H, 2 CCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.6), 4.70 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>O, J = 6.1), 4.74 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>O, J = 6.0). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 18.28 (CH<sub>3</sub>C), 26.96 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 51.15 (C), 71.22 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 94.55 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 208.92 (C=O).

Mass spectrum, m/z (I<sub>rel</sub>, %): 144 (2) [M<sup>+</sup>], 114 (30), 84 (10), 72 (40), 69 (50), 57 (30), 43 (100).

**1-(5-Ethyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)ethanone 2.** T<sub>b.p.</sub> = 110–112°C (3 mm Hg). Colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 0.75 t (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 7.6), 1.48 q (2H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 7.6, 15.3), 2.25 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 3.57 d (2H, 2 CCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.5), 4.32 d (2H, 2 CCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.5), 4.68 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>O, J = 6.0), 4.88 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>O, J = 5.9). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 7.78 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.08 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.98 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 51.10 (C), 71.95 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 94.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 208.91 (C=O).

Mass spectrum, m/z (I<sub>rel</sub>, %): 158 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 128 (10), 99 (5), 83 (30), 71 (7), 67 (10), 57 (20), 43 (100).

**1-(5-Isopropyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)ethanone 3.** T<sub>b.p.</sub> = 129–131°C (3 mm Hg). Colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 0.9 d (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH, J = 7.0), 1.00 d (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH, J = 7.0), 1.63 m (2H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 2.27 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 3.48 d (2H, 2 CCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.5), 4.34 d (2H, 2 CCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.4), 4.62 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>O, J = 6.0), 4.98 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>O, J = 6). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 16.02 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 26.94 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 29.29 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 51.18 (C), 71.76 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 94.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 209.93 (C=O).

Mass spectrum, m/z (I<sub>rel</sub>, %): 158 (2) [M<sup>+</sup>], 12 (50), 110 (20), 99 (30), 86 (70), 83 (80), 71 (20), 57 (40), 43 (100).

**1-(5-Methyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)propan-1-one 4.** T<sub>b.p.</sub> = 129–131°C (3 mm Hg). Colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.05 t (3H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 7.2), 1.33 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 2.25 q (3H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, J = 7.5, 12.0), 3.46 d (2H, 2 CCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.2), 4.32 d (2H, 2 CCH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.0), 4.62 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>O, J = 6.0), 4.98 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>O, J = 6.1). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 9.77 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.33 (CH<sub>3</sub>C), 29.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 51.13 (C), 73.76 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 94.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 209.92 (C=O).

Mass spectrum, m/z (I<sub>rel</sub>, %): 158 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 110 (25), 99 (60), 86 (30), 83 (40), 71 (20), 57 (40), 43 (100).

**(5-Methyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone 5.** T<sub>b.p.</sub> = 156–157°C (1 mm Hg). Colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.34 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.78 d (2H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.2), 4.44 d (2H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 11.3), 4.84 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>O, J = 5.0), 4.98 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>O, J = 5.2), 7.4–7.8 m (5H, Ph-). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 18.93 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.56 (C), 73.34 (2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 91.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 205.43 (C=O).

Mass spectrum, m/z (I<sub>rel</sub>, %): 206 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 188 (20), 176 (40), 108 (100), 87 (20), 81 (90), 55 (60).

### General method for hydrogenation of ketones **1–5**

In order to study the process of hydrogenation of ketones to obtain alcohols, catalytic hydroprocessing systems, which are widely available in the petrochemical industry, are used [8, 9].

The following commercially available catalysts were used: Pd supported on activated carbon, PK-400 catalyst grade with a Pd content of 2 wt % (*Redkinsky catalyst plant*, Russia); Ni/kieselguhr catalyst—basic nickel carbonate on kieselguhr with the addition of graphite (*Sintez-Kaustik*, Russia) with a Ni content of 45 wt %; Pt/Re catalyst supported on alumina, catalyst grade RB-44 U (*Olkat*, Russia) with a Pt content of 0.25 wt % and Re of 0.4 wt %; bifunctional Ni/Mo catalyst supported on alumina, catalyst grade TK-743 (*Haldor Topsoe*, Denmark) with a Ni content of 5 wt % and Mo of 25 wt %.

The used catalytic systems have proven themselves well in the hydrogenation of acetylene and carbonyl compounds impurities, as well as in the process of hydrocracking, etc. [8–14] (Table 1).

For hydrogenation, a Katakon flow catalytic unit (*Katakon*, Russia) was used, comprising a metal reactor with a heating jacket, a burette for feeding raw materials, an automatic pump, and a control unit. Operating parameters of the installation were as follows: volume of the reaction zone was 15 cm<sup>3</sup>, temperature range was 50–600°C, pressure was up to 100 atm.

The required catalyst (Pd/C, Ni/kieselguhr, Pt/Re, or Ni/Mo) was loaded into a flow reactor with a volume of 15 cm<sup>3</sup>. The catalyst was activated in a stream of nitrogen or hydrogen at 350–450°C. Additionally, while cooling the reactor to 200°C at a rate of 0.27 mL/min, 15 mL of ketone and hydrogen were supplied at a rate of 0.230 mL/min. The pressure was set at 8 atm. The resulting catalyzate was filtered off and evaporated.

Using this hydrogenation method, the following alcohols were obtained:

1-(5-Methyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)ethanol **6**.  $T_{\text{b.p.}} = 105\text{--}106^\circ\text{C}$  (3 mm Hg). Colorless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 0.83 s (3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}$ ), 1.14 d (3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2$ ,  $J = 6.5$ ), 2.22 s (3H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ ), 3.45 dd (2H, 2  $\text{CCH}_2$ ,  $J = 11.4$ , 11.5), 3.75 d (1H,  $\text{CHOH}$ ,  $J = 11.4$ ), 4.24 dd (2H, 2  $\text{CCH}_2$ ,  $J = 11.6$ , 11.2), 4.70 d (1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ,  $J = 6.1$ ), 4.74 d (1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ,  $J = 6.0$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 14.28 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{C}$ ), 18.47 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{C}$ ), 26.96 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ), 39.66 (C), 69.44 (CH), 71.43 ( $\text{CCH}_2$ ), 71.92 ( $\text{CCH}_2$ ), 94.55 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ).

Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 146 (2) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 98 (10), 86 (20), 72 (100), 57 (95), 43 (90).

1-(5-Ethyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)ethanol **7**.  $T_{\text{b.p.}} = 122\text{--}123^\circ\text{C}$  (3 mm Hg). Colorless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 0.8 t (3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2$ ,  $J = 11.9$ ), 1.15 d (1H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}$ ,  $J = 6.5$ ), 1.42–1.55 m (2H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.75 dd (2H, 2  $\text{CCH}_2$ ,  $J = 11.7$ , 11.4), 3.88 d (1H,  $\text{CHOH}$ ,  $J = 11.6$ ), 4.08 dd (2H,  $\text{CCH}_2$ ,  $J = 6.8$ , 10.5), 4.75 d (1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ,  $J = 6$ ), 4.85 d (1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ,  $J = 6.0$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 8.49 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2$ ), 17.49 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}$ ), 26.81 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2$ ), 37.74 (C), 68.38 (CHOH), 73.46 ( $\text{CCH}_2$ ), 74.13 ( $\text{CCH}_2$ ), 94.05 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ).

Mass spectrum,  $m/z$  ( $I_{\text{rel}}$ , %): 160 ( $\leq 1$ ) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 98 (10), 86 (60), 72 (100), 57 (95), 43 (90).

1-(5-Isopropyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)ethanol **8**.  $T_{\text{b.p.}} = 131\text{--}132^\circ\text{C}$  (2 mm Hg). Colorless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 0.9 d (3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}$ ,  $J = 9.1$ ), 1.00 d (3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}$ ,  $J = 7$ ), 1.27 d (1H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}$ ,  $J = 6.5$ ), 1.73–1.81 m (2H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}$ ), 3.72 dd

**Table 1.** Physicochemical and textural characteristics of the catalytic systems used

No.	Indicator	Catalyst			
		Pd/C	Ni/kieselguhr	Pt/Re	Ni/Mo
1	Metal content, wt %	2	45	0.25–0.4	5–25
2	Granule size, mm	2.8–5.5	4.0–5.0	1.6	1.5–3.0
3	Bulk density, g/cm <sup>3</sup>	0.52–0.6	1.0–1.3	0.69–0.72	0.58–0.65
4	Specific surface area, m <sup>2</sup> /g	230	280	170–210	180
5	Metal particle size, nm	1.5–2	6–8	4–6	4–6
6	Pore volume, cm <sup>3</sup> /g	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.85–0.96

(2H, CCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 6.0, 11.0), 4.00 d (1H, CHO<sub>H</sub>, *J* = 11.6), 4.12 dd (2H, CCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 6.6, 11.5), 4.67 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>O, *J* = 5.8), 4.88 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>O, *J* = 5.8). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 16.02 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 19.27 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH), 26.91 (CH<sub>3</sub>CO), 39.17 (C), 68.44 (CHO<sub>H</sub>), 72.41 (CCH<sub>2</sub>), 72.66 (CCH<sub>2</sub>), 94.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>O).

Mass spectrum, *m/z* (*I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 160 (2) [M<sup>+</sup>], 72 (60), 57 (50), 45 (30), 43 (70), 39 (20), 32 (100).

1-(5-Methyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)propan-1-ol **9**. *T*<sub>b.p.</sub> = 114–116°C (2 mm Hg). Colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.02 t (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 7.5), 1.33 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>C), 2.12 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>, *J* = 8.0), 2.23 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>, *J* = 8.1), 3.98 d (1H, CHO<sub>H</sub>, *J* = 11.4), 4.32 dd (4H, 2CCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 11.0, 7.0), 4.77 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>O, *J* = 6.0), 4.94 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>O, *J* = 6.1). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 11.77 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>C), 27.93 (CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 39.17 (C), 68.42 (CHO<sub>H</sub>), 72.47 (CCH<sub>2</sub>), 74.61 (CCH<sub>2</sub>), 94.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>O).

Mass spectrum, *m/z* (*I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 160 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 99 (60), 86 (80), 71 (40), 57 (70), 43 (100).

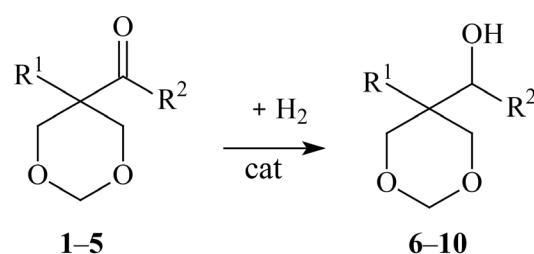
5-Methyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl-(phenyl)methanone **10**. *T*<sub>b.p.</sub> = 163–165°C (1 mm Hg). Colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.06 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 dd (2H, CCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 11.7, 11.4), 3.94 d (1H, CHO<sub>H</sub>, *J* = 11.0), 4.08 dd (2H, CCH<sub>2</sub>, *J* = 6.8, 10.5), 4.88 d (1H, CH<sub>a</sub>O, *J* = 5.2), 4.92 d (1H, CH<sub>b</sub>O, *J* = 5.2), 7.2–7.8 m (5H, Ph-). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 18.81 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 39.51 (C), 73.32 (2CH<sub>2</sub>), 75.31 (CH), 91.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 129.44–139.22 (Ph-).

Mass spectrum, *m/z* (*I*<sub>rel</sub>, %): 208 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 108 (100), 104 (60), 87 (20), 55 (60).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Previously [7], we showed that in a hydrogen flow in the presence of a Pd/C catalyst, 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes are reduced to the corresponding heterocyclic alcohols. Continuing this work, we studied the hydrogenation of heterocyclic ketones **1–5** in the presence of a number of industrial metal-containing catalysts: Pd/C, Ni/kieselguhr, Pt/Re, or Ni/Mo.

Among the catalysts studied (Table 2), the best performance was demonstrated by Pd/C, which is used in the reduction of unsaturated and carbonyl compounds [15–19]. The conversion on Pt- and Ni-catalysts was 1.5–2.5 times lower; in all cases, the selectivity was more than 70%.



R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub> (**1**, **6**), R<sup>1</sup> = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub> (**2**, **7**)  
R<sup>1</sup> = i-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub> (**3**, **8**), R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> (**4**, **9**)  
R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = Ph (**5**, **10**)

**Scheme 1.** Hydrogenation of 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes.

**Table 2.** Hydrogenation of substituted 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes **1–5** in the presence of various catalysts. Synthesis conditions: 200°C, reaction time = 1 h, molar ratio of ketone/H<sub>2</sub> = 1 : 6.

Starting compounds	Reaction products	Catalyst							
		Pd/C		Pt/Re		Ni/kieselguhr		Ni/Mo	
		<i>C</i> <sup>*</sup> , %	<i>S</i> <sup>*</sup> , %	<i>C</i> , %	<i>S</i> , %	<i>C</i> , %	<i>S</i> , %	<i>C</i> , %	<i>S</i> , %
<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	80	98	70	95	50	85	40	95
<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	90	95	50	95	40	80	40	90
<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	80	95	40	95	30	80	20	95
<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	60	95	50	80	30	60	30	80
<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	65	95	40	70	25	75	20	70

Note: *C* is a conversion, %; *S* is a selectivity, %.

The conversion of ketones **1–5** is also affected by substituents having different structures at the carbonyl group and the 5th position of the 1,3-dioxane ring. The ethyl and phenyl radicals at the C=O group reduce the conversion of compounds **4** and **5**. The activity of ketones **2** and **3**, containing ethyl or isopropyl groups in the 5th position, slightly decreases as compared to methyl ethyl ketone derivative **1**.

It is noted that the hydrogenation of ketone **5** did not reveal products of complete or partial reduction of the aromatic nucleus.

## CONCLUSIONS

The heterogeneous Pd/C catalyst allows 5-acyl-1,3-dioxanes to be reduced to the corresponding alcohols with a selectivity of more than 95%. Ni-containing catalysts are significantly less active when used in this process.

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