

*Studies on Seven-membered Heterocyclic Compounds
Containing Nitrogen. VII. Thiazolocyanine Dyes*

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No such thiazolocyanine dyes as condensed with the nitrogen-containing seven-membered ring have been synthesized. The present authors report here about the syntheses of these dyes.

Ethiodide (II) of 5-ethoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazole (I)¹⁾ was converted to 2-phenylaminoethenyl derivative (III). II and III reacted to yield 5, 5'-diethoxycarbonyl-1, 1'-diethyl-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazolo)carbocyanine iodide (IV), m. p. 193~195°C (decomp.). 2-Phenylaminoethenyl derivative (VII) was derived likewise from 2-methyl-5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazole (V)¹⁾ via its methiodide (VI). VI and VII gave a dye assumed to be 1, 1', 5, 5'-tetramethyl-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazolo)carbocyanine iodide dimethiodide (VIII), m. p. 230~234°C (decomp.).

Another cyanine dye, 11-bromo-5, 5'-diethoxycarbonyl-1, 1'-diethyl-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazolo)-pentamethinecarbocyanine iodide (X) was also obtained from II and 2-bromo-3-anilino-2-propen-1-ylidenaniline (IX), m. p. 162~165°C (decomp.).

Experimental

5-Ethoxycarbonyl-2-methyl-5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazole Ethiodide (II).—A mixture of 2 g. of I and 4 g. of ethyl iodide was heated under reflux for 4 hr. in a thick, round-bottomed flask. The flask was then stoppered tightly and heated for 5 hr. in a water bath. Precipitates, which formed on adding ether to the reaction mixture, were separated by decantation, and recrystallized from a small amount of ethanol to give 1.3 g. of light yellow crystals, m. p. 157~159°C.

Found: N, 6.94. Calcd. for C₁₃H₂₁O₂N₂SI: N, 7.07%.

2-Phenylaminoethenyl-5-ethoxycarbonyl-5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazole Ethiodide (III).—A mixture of 0.5 g. of II and 0.3 g. of diphenylformamidine was heated at 165°C for 20 min. The reaction mixture was dissolved in 2 cc. of absolute ethanol, and 2 cc. of ether was added. Crystals deposited were separated and recrystallized from ethanol to give 0.41 g. of orange crystals, m. p. 185~187°C.

Found: N, 8.15. Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₆O₂N₃SI: N, 8.42%.

5, 5'-Diethoxycarbonyl-1, 1'-diethyl-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazolo)carbocyanine Iodide (IV).—A mixture of 180 mg. of II, 170 mg. of III, 250 mg. of anhydrous potassium acetate and 1.5 g. of acetic anhydride was heated at 63~65°C for 3 hr. The solid reaction mixture was washed with ether and then with water by decantation, and

1) A. Yokoo and S. Morosawa, This Bulletin, 33, 1118 (1960).

to stand in a refrigerator for 2 days and the crystals formed were collected, dissolved in 3 cc. of methanol and filtered. The solution was left to stand as above and the resulted crystals were further recrystallized twice from methanol to give 18 mg. of dark purple crystals which turn light brown at about 220°C, m. p. 230~234°C (decomp.).

UV $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}}$ $m\mu$ (log ϵ): 575 (4.58).

Found: C, 29.53; H, 4.69; N, 6.02; S, 6.68; I, 52.38. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_4\text{S}_2\text{I}_3 \cdot \text{HI}$: C, 29.30; H, 4.07; N, 5.95; S, 6.81; I, 53.85%

11-Bromo-5, 5'-diethoxycarbonyl-1, 1'-diethyl-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-4(*H*)-azepino[4, 3-d]thiazolo)pentamethinecarbocyanine Iodide (X).—A mixture of 200 mg. of II, 80 mg. of IX, 100 mg. of piperidine and 2.5 g. of pyridine was heated at 50°C for 2.5 hr. After cooling, a large amount of ether was added and decanted. This was repeated three times,

followed by further washing with 2 cc. of water (twice) and with 1 cc. of hot water (twice). After drying in a vacuum desiccator, the crude product was dissolved in 1.5 cc. of methanol and the solution was left to stand in a refrigerator for 2 days. The crystals formed were collected and washed with methanol. Recrystallization (twice) as above gave 60 mg. of green crystals, m. p. 162~165°C (decomp.). UV $\lambda_{\max}^{\text{MeOH}}$ $m\mu$ (log ϵ): 635 (5.12).

Found: C, 44.05; H, 5.48; N, 7.13. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_4\text{N}_4\text{S}_2\text{BrI}$: C, 44.64; H, 5.17; N, 7.18%.

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