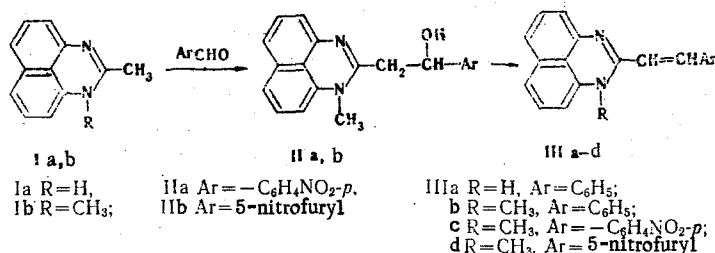


We have established that 2-methylperimidines readily react with aromatic aldehydes at 100-190°C in the absence of a solvent or catalyst, forming deeply colored 2-styrylperimidines (III) with yields of about 95%.



In the case of aldehydes with electron-accepting substituents (*p*-nitrobenzaldehyde, 5-nitrofurfural), at a lower temperature it is possible to isolate the carbinols (II) formed as intermediates, and on being heated to a higher temperature these decompose with the formation of the 2-styrylperimidines.

The structure of the compounds obtained (Table 1) was shown by elementary analyses, IR spectra, and the independent synthesis of substances (IIIa) and (IIIb) starting from the corresponding naphthalene-diamine and cinnamoyl chloride.

TABLE 1. Characteristics of the Compounds Obtained

Compound	Mp, °C	Solvent for crystallization	Color	Yield, %	Conditions of fusion
IIa	193	DMFA	Dark yellow	95	120°, 5 min.
IIb	100 (decomp.)	*	Brown	60	60°, 5 min.
IIIa	136	Petroleum ether	Claret	70	150°, 2 h
IIIb	124-125	Petroleum ether	Claret	95	150°, 5 h
IIIc	195	Benzene-petroleum ether	Dark claret	94	190-195°, 30 min
IIId	202-203	Benzene	Dark violet	50-75	100°, 10 min †

\* It was impossible to select a solvent.

† The reaction takes place better in acetic anhydride.

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