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We have found that 4-chloro-5-formyl-substituted imidazolones and \triangle^4 -thiazolin-2-ones react with pyridine in dimethylformamide (DMFA) to give heteroanalogs (I) of pyridinium cyclopentadienylid. The latter, like aromatic aldehydes, react with malonotrile or hydroxylamine to give condensation products involving the aldehyde group (III, IV).

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A considerable decrease in the frequencies of the vibrations of the carbonyl groups (1660 and 1550 $\rm cm^{-1}$) as compared with the starting o-chloroaldehydes (1710 and 1680 $\rm cm^{-1}$), which is due to the decrease in the double bond character of the carbonyl groups as a result of delocalization of the negative charge, is observed in the IR spectra of yield I. Betaines I and III are protonated and alkylated in the 3 position of the five-membered heteroring to give the corresponding salts of the II type.



EXPERIMENTAL

<u>1-Phenyl-5-formyl-4-(1-pyridinium)imidazole 2-Oxide (Ia).</u> This compound, with mp 272° (from DMFA), was obtained in 55% yield. Found: C 67.7; H 4.3; N 15.8%. $C_{15}H_{11}N_3O_2$. Calculated: C 67.9; H 4.2; N 15.8%. The methiodide (IIa), with mp 250° (from acetone), was obtained in 70% yield. Found: C 47.3; H 3.2; I 31.1; N 10.5%. $C_{16}H_{14}IN_3O_2$. Calculated: C 47.2; H 3.4; I 31.2; N 10.3%.

1-Phenyl-5-(2,2-dicyano-1-ethenyl)-4-(1-pyridinium)imidazole 2-Oxide (IVa). This compound, with mp 205° (from DMFA), was obtained in 80 % yield. Found: C 69.2; H 3.4; N 22.5%. $C_{18}H_{11}N_5O$. Calculated: C 69.0; H 3.5; N 22.4%.

5-(2,2-Dicyano-1-ethenyl)-4-(1-pyridinium)thiazole 2-Oxide (IVb). This compound, with mp 289-290° (dec., from DMFA), was obtained in 90 % yield. Found: C 57.0; H 2.5; S 13.1 %. C₁₂H₆N₄OS. Calculated: C 56.7; H 2.4; S 12.6 %.

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