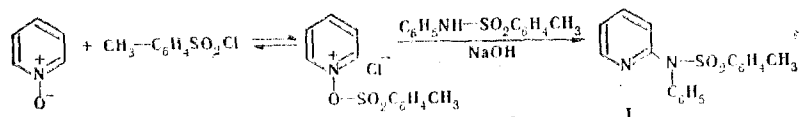


We have found that acylation of the pyridine ring is readily accomplished in the reaction of pyridine N-oxide with amides such as p-toluenesulfonic acid anilide and p-toluenesulfonyl chloride in an alkaline medium. The reaction proceeds at a high rate (in 2 h) at room temperature and leads to the formation of 2-(N-p-tosyl)anilinopyridine (I) in high yield, thus opening up new possibilities for the preparation of physiologically active sulfanilamides of the pyridine series.



A mixture of 0.48 g of pyridine N-oxide, 1.28 g of p-toluenesulfonic acid anilide, and 1.14 g of p-toluenesulfonyl chloride in 30 ml of chloroform and 1.14 g of sodium hydroxide (a 10% aqueous solution) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, after which the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with chloroform. The usual workup of the chloroform solution gave 1.26 g (77%) of amide I with mp 151°C (from alcohol). Its structure was confirmed by acidic hydrolysis to the known anilinopyridine.