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OPENING OF 6,7-DIHYDROIMIDAZO[1,2-f]XANTHINES BY THE ACTION OF HYDRAZINE HYDRATE

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We have found that prolonged heating (for 10-30 h) of 1-methyl-3H-8-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-imidazo[1,2-f] xanthine (Ia) and 1-methyl-3H-8-(p-tolyl)-6,7-dihydroimidazo[1,2-f] xanthine (Ib) [1] in excess hydrazine hydrate leads to opening of the imidazoline ring to give hydrazinox-anthines IIa,b.

Structure II was assigned to the products of the hydrazinolysis reaction on the basis of data from the IR and PMR spectra. The presence of a hydrazino group is also confirmed by the reaction of IIa,b with aromatic aldehydes, as a result of which brightly colored hydrazones are formed.

3-Methyl-7-(β-phenylaminoethyl)-8-hydrazinoxanthine (IIa). This compound, with mp 208-210°C (decomp., from water), was obtained in 78% yield. IR spectrum (mineral oil): 3350 (NH<sub>2</sub>); 1690, 1680 (C=0); 1615 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N). PMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>COOH): 3.21 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 4.41 (t, 2H, 7-N-CH<sub>2</sub>), and 7.14 ppm (s, 5H,  $C_{6}H_{5}$ ).

 $\frac{3\text{-Methyl-7-[B-(p-tolylaminoethyl)]-8-hydrazinoxanthine (IIb).}{223-225°C \text{ (from dioxane), was obtained in 56% yield.}}{3140 \text{ (NH); } 1655, 1650 \text{ (C=0); } 1600 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ (C=N).}}$  PMR spectrum (CF<sub>3</sub>COOH): 1.88 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.10 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.63 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.25 (t, 2H, 7-N-CH<sub>2</sub>), and 6.83 ppm (s, 4H, aromatic).

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