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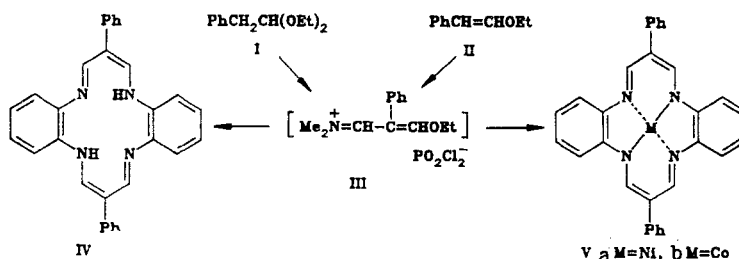
TEMPLATE CONDENSATION OF *o*-PHENYLENE DIAMINE WITH VINYLOGS
OF A FORMYLATING COMPLEX

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In studying the reaction of vinylogs of a formylating complex with primary amines, we have discovered that *o*-phenylene diamine takes part in template condensation with intermediate (III) to form the metal complex 7,16-diphenyldibenzo[*b, i*][1,4,8,11]-tetraaza[14]annulene (Va, b). Methods have previously been described for synthesizing aryl-substituted dibenzo-tetraazaannulenes and their metal complexes from *o*-phenylene diamine and various three-carbon synthones, such as 3-dimethylamino-2-phenylacrolein [1, 2] or 2-phenyl-3-ethoxyacrolein [2].

Intermediate (III), synthesized from DMFA, phosphorus oxychloride, and acetal (I) or ether (II) by the procedure of [3], was treated with concentrated soda solution, extracted, and boiled in alcohol with equimolar amounts of *o*-phenylene diamine and cobalt or nickel acetate.



After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, compounds (Va, b) precipitated as fine dark brown crystals, with mp >300°C.

Nickel complex Va: 28% yield based on starting acetal (I). IR spectrum (in KBr tablets): 1332 (Ar-N-C), 1460, 1480 (C=C, C=N, macrocyclic skeleton), 1590 (C=N), 1610 cm⁻¹ (C=C of aromatic ring). UV spectrum (DMFA): λ_{max} 490 nm, log ε 4.72. **Cobalt complex Vb:** 33% yield based on starting ether II. IR spectrum (in KBr tablets): 1330 (Ar-N-C), 1462, 1480 (C=C, C=N, macrocyclic skeleton), 1596 (C=N), 1602 cm⁻¹ (C=C of aromatic ring). UV spectrum (DMFA): λ_{max} 425 nm, log ε 4.30.

The elemental composition and the molecular weight determined by mass spectrometry agree with the calculated values.

This is a template reaction; it proceeds with satisfactory yield (although lower than in [2]) only in the presence of salts of bivalent metals. Ring closure also occurs in the absence of template ions; under these reaction conditions the yield of ligand (IV) was no more than 2%.

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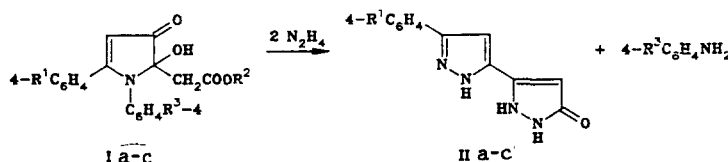
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RECYCLIZATION OF 2-ALKOXYCARBONYLMETHYL-1,5-DIARYL-2-HYDROXY-2,3-DIHYDROPYRROL-3-ONES BY HYDRAZINE

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4-Aroyl-3-hydroxy-1,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydropyrrol-2-ones cyclize to pyrrolo-[3, 4-c]-pyrazoles [1] by the action of hydrazine. At the same time 3,5-dihydroxy-4-p-methoxybenzoyl-5-methoxycarbonyl-1-phenyl-2,5-dihydropyrrol-2-one is cleaved by hydrazine to form 5-p-methoxyphenyl-3-pyrazolecarboxylic anilide [2]. In our study of the reaction of 1,5-diaryl-2-alkoxy-carbonyl-methyl-2-hydroxy-2,3-dihydropyrrol-3-ones (Ia-c) [3] with 70% aqueous hydrazine in ethanol we unexpectedly isolated 5-aryl-3-(5-oxo-1,2-dihydro-3-pyrazolyl)pyrazoles (IIa-c) in 67-79% yields.



Apparently the formation of compounds (IIa-c) is due to the reaction of hydrazine with the acyclic oxo form of the starting compounds (Ia-c), viz., the esters of 6-aryl-6-arylamino-3,4-dioxo-5-hexenoic acids.

To a solution of 0.01 mole of compounds (Ia-c) in 100 ml of 96% ethanol was added 0.02 mole of 70% aqueous hydrazine; the mixture was boiled for 3 h. The precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from acetone or 1:1 DMSO-water to give compounds (IIa-c).

Compound IIa. 72% yield, mp 325-326°C (dec.). IR spectrum: (mineral oil); 3320-3310, 3230-3200 (NH), 1627 cm⁻¹ (amide CO). PMR spectrum (in DMSO-D₆): 5.88 (1H, s, CH), 6.98 (1H, s, CH), 7.60 (5H, m, C₆H₅), 11.80 m.d. (1H, br. s, NH). Mass spectrum - m/z (relative intensity, %): 226 (100) [M]⁺, 169 (67) [M-CH₃NCO]⁺, 128 (3) [C₆H₅C₄≡C-C≡NH]⁺, 104 (5) [C₆H₅C≡NH]⁺, 103 (4) [C₆H₅CN]⁺, 102 (4) [C₆H₅C≡CH]⁺, 77 (11) [C₆H₅]⁺.

Compound IIb. 67% yield, mp 316-317°C (dec.).

Compound IIc. 79% yield, mp 319-320°C (dec.).

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