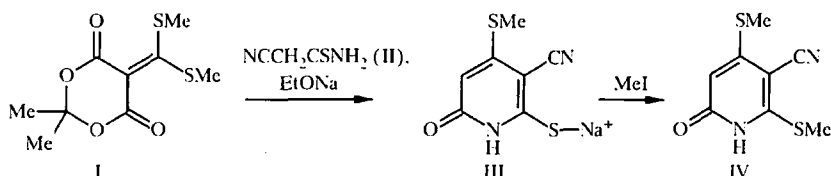


SYNTHESIS OF SODIUM 5-CYANO-4-METHYLTHIO-2-OXOPYRIDINE-6(1H)-THIOLATE AND ITS ALKYLATION

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We have previously used Meldrum's acid to synthesize sulfur-containing partially hydrogenated pyridones [1-3]. In this note we report the possibility of preparing non-hydrogenated pyridones by the reaction of di(methylthio)methylene-substituted Meldrum's acid I with cyanothioacetamide (II) by boiling in ethanol in the presence of sodium ethoxide. The synthesized sodium pyridine-2-thiolate (III) was converted into the corresponding sulfide IV by alkylation with methyl iodide.



Sodium 5-Cyano-4-methylthio-2-oxopyridin-6(1H)-thiolate (III). Yield 61%; mp 340°C (dec.). IR spectrum: 3390-3540 (NH), 2200 (CN), 1620-1680 cm^{-1} (CO). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6): 2.32 (3H, s, SMe); 5.37 (1H, s, $\text{C}_{(3)}\text{H}$); 10.61 ppm (1H, br. s., NH). Found, %: C 38.33; H 2.11; N 12.94; S 29.02. $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NaN}_2\text{OS}_2$. Calculated, %: C 38.17; H 2.29; N 12.72; S 29.12.

5-Cyano-4,6-dimethylthiopyridin-2(1H)-one (IV). Yield 77%; mp 270-273°C. IR spectrum: 3390-3540 (NH), 2200 (CN), 1620-1710 cm^{-1} (CO). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6): 2.54 and 2.58 (6H, s, 2SMe); 6.26 (1H, s, $\text{C}_{(3)}\text{H}$); 12.0 ppm (1H, br. s., NH). Found, %: C 45.11; H 3.95; N 13.42; S 30.13. $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{OS}_2$. Calculated, %: C 45.26; H 3.80; N 13.20; S 30.21.

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