

## N-(2-AMINO BENZOYL)-N-METHYLHYDRAZONES OF ALDEHYDES AND ALDOSES AND THEIR CYCLIZATION TO BENZO-1,3,4-TRIAZEPINE DERIVATIVES

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*The products of the condensation of aliphatic aldehydes with N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine exist in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution as tautomeric mixtures of linear aldohydrazone and cyclic benzo-1,3,4-triazepine forms. The linear tautomer predominates for 2-aminobenzoyl-N-methylhydrazones of aromatic aldehydes. A tautomeric equilibrium is observed in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> for the products of the condensation of the hydrazide of 2-aminobenzoic acid with a series of aldoses. This equilibrium exists between  $\alpha,\beta$ -isomeric pyranose forms and the open aldohydrazone form. Isomeric conversion to the seven-membered benzo-1,3,4-triazepine form is observed for the products of the condensation of aldoses with N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine.*

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The products of the condensation of carbonyl compounds with N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine tend to undergo intramolecular cyclization due to nucleophilic addition of the NH<sub>2</sub> group to the C=N bond to give the seven-membered benzo-1,3,4-triazepine ring [1-4]. In some cases, this reaction is reversible, leading to the existence of the linear N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazone and cyclic benzotriazepine forms in solution as an equilibrium mixture.

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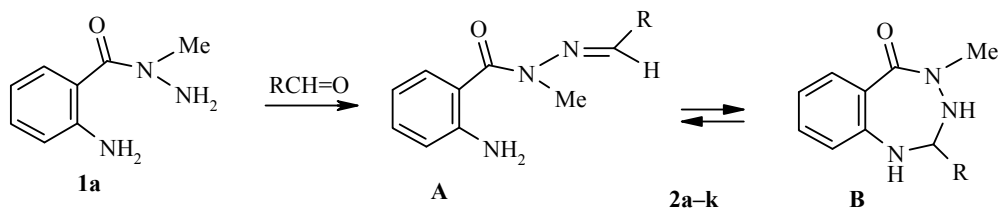
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In the present work, we continued our study of the structure of the products of the condensation of N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine with a series of aliphatic and aromatic aldehydes as well as aldoses (Table 1) and their tendency to undergo reversible intramolecular cyclization leading to the seven-membered 1,3,4-triazepine ring.



**2 a** R = Me, **b** R = Et, **c** R = Pr, **d** R = Bu, **e** R = CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, **f** R = *i*-Pr, **g** R = *i*-Bu;  
**h-k** R = XC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, **h** X = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, **i** X = 3-NO<sub>2</sub>, **j** X = H, **k** X = 4-MeO

The initial compounds studied were the N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazones of aliphatic aldehydes **2a-g**. These hydrazones were obtained in 50-90% yield after maintaining equimolar amounts of N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine **1a** and the corresponding aliphatic aldehyde in methanol at room temperature (see Experimental).

TABLE 1. Physicochemical Characteristics of Compounds **2a-k** and **4a-h**

Compound	Form in crystalline state	Empirical formula	Found, %			mp, °C	Yield, %
			Calculated, %				
			C	H	N		
<b>2a</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	62.78	6.91	22.04	153-155 (157-159 [2])	55
			62.81	6.85	21.97		
<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	64.30	7.44	20.51	140-142	50
			64.37	7.37	20.47		
<b>2c</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	65.77	5.76	19.09	154-156	60
			65.73	5.81	19.16		
<b>2d</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	66.87	8.26	17.96	142-144	50
			66.92	8.21	18.01		
<b>2e</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	71.95	6.36	15.63	130-132	65
			71.89	6.41	15.72		
<b>2f</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	65.67	5.88	19.07	102-104	60
			65.73	5.81	19.16		
<b>2g</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	66.98	8.17	18.08	132-134	60
			66.92	8.21	18.01		
<b>2h</b>	<b>A</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	60.34	4.79	18.70	200-202 (204-206 [7])	90
			60.40	4.73	18.78		
<b>2i</b>	<b>A</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	60.46	4.65	18.84	152-154	70
			60.40	4.73	18.78		
<b>2j</b>	<b>A</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	71.07	6.04	16.63	127-130 (131-133 [2])	60
			71.13	5.97	16.59		
<b>2k</b>	<b>A</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	67.75	5.97	14.88	134-136 (134-140 [7])	70
			67.83	6.05	14.83		
<b>4a</b>	<b>A</b>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	57.71	5.76	13.39	159-160	55
			57.67	5.81	13.45		
<b>4b</b>	<b>C</b>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	57.71	5.76	13.39	189-190	50
			57.67	5.81	13.45		
<b>4c</b>	<b>C</b>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	49.80	6.06	13.37	160-164	45
			49.84	6.11	13.41		
<b>4d</b>	<b>C</b>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	49.89	6.19	13.47	190-193	50
			49.84	6.11	13.41		
<b>4e</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	52.47	6.39	14.08	112-114	45
			52.52	6.44	14.13		
<b>4f</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	52.59	6.50	14.06	168-171	50
			52.52	6.44	14.13		
<b>4g</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	51.29	6.40	12.93	130-132	40
			51.37	6.47	12.84		
<b>4h</b>	<b>B</b>	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	51.41	6.55	12.79	116-118	45
			51.37	6.47	12.84		

The change in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra over time indicates that compounds **2a-g** exist in the crystalline state in the cyclic triazepine form **B**. A single set of signals corresponding to this form is observed in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a-g** taken immediately after dissolution in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . This conclusion follows from observation of the doublet for the NH protons at 5.70-5.90 ppm and signal with the corresponding multiplicity at 4.00-4.50 ppm for H-2. The signal for the  $sp^3$ -hybridized carbon atom at 70-75 ppm for C(2) corresponds to triazepine form **B** in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (Tables 2 and 3) [2, 3].

Signals corresponding to the linear 2-aminobenzoylhydrazone form **A** appear in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra 24 h after dissolution of the compounds in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . A typical diagnostic of this form, whose content for these compounds does not exceed 12%, is the downfield signal for the azomethine group protons at 7.10-7.40 ppm in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum and signals for the C=N group carbon at 147 ppm and C=O group carbon at 171 ppm in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (Table 2). The spectra of compounds **2a-g** do not undergo further change, indicating the establishment of a ring-chain equilibrium in solution.

The position of the equilibrium depends on the length and branching of the alkyl substituent. The fraction of linear form **A** increases in going to compounds **2f,g**, which contain bulky isopropyl and isobutyl groups, respectively. A clear correlation of the position of the tautomeric equilibrium with the steric constants of the alkyl substituents could not be established due to the low content of form **A**. Cyclic triazepine form **B** is markedly stabilized in going from polar, strongly basic, aprotic solvents such as  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  and  $\text{DMF-d}_7$  to weakly-polar  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and is the only species observed in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  for all the compounds studied, **2a-g**.

TABLE 2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of Compounds **2a-g**

Compound	Chemical shifts ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ), $\delta$ , ppm ( $J$ , Hz)
<b>2a</b>	Form <b>A</b> (1%): 1.39 (3H, d, $J = 6.0$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.25 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 5.15 (2H, br. s, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 7.39 (1H, q, $J = 6.0$ , $\text{HC=N}$ ) Form <b>B</b> (99%): 1.24 (3H, d, $J = 6.2$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.08 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 4.45 (1H, dq, $J_1 = 6.8$ , $J_2 = 6.2$ , H-2); 5.87 (1H, d, $J = 6.8$ , NH); 6.23 (1H, br. s, NH); 6.65-7.63 (4H, m, Ar)
<b>2b</b>	Form <b>A</b> (2%): 0.94 (3H, t, $J = 7.4$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.27 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 5.17 (2H, br. s, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 7.28 (1H, t, $J = 4.8$ , $\text{HC=N}$ ) Form <b>B</b> (98%): 0.98 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.55 (2H, m, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.07 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 4.09 (1H, dt, $J_1 = 6.6$ , $J_2 = 6.0$ , H-2); 5.87 (1H, d, $J = 6.6$ , NH); 6.27 (1H, br. s, NH); 6.65-7.64 (4H, m, Ar)
<b>2c</b>	Form <b>A</b> (2%): 0.91 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.23 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 5.17 (2H, br. s, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 7.37 (1H, t, $J = 6.2$ , $\text{HC=N}$ ) Form <b>B</b> (98%): 0.93 (3H, t, $J = 6.8$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.53 (4H, m, 2 $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.06 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 4.27 (1H, dt, $J_1 = 6.6$ , $J_2 = 6.0$ , H-2); 5.87 (1H, d, $J = 6.6$ , NH); 6.26 (1H, br. s, NH); 6.67-7.63 (4H, m, Ar)
<b>2d</b>	Form <b>A</b> (2%): 0.90 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.23 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 5.19 (2H, br. s, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 7.36 (1H, t, $J = 6.0$ , $\text{HC=N}$ ) Form <b>B</b> (98%): 0.91 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.34 (2H, m, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.48 (4H, m, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.06 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 4.16 (1H, dt, $J_1 = 6.6$ , $J_2 = 5.5$ , H-2); 5.87 (1H, d, $J = 6.6$ , NH); 6.26 (1H, br. s, NH); 6.65-7.64 (4H, m, Ar)
<b>2e</b>	Form <b>A</b> (3%): 3.29 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 3.48 (2H, d, $J = 5.2$ , $\text{CH}_2$ ); 5.24 (2H, br. s, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 7.40 (1H, t, $J = 5.2$ , $\text{HC=N}$ ) Form <b>B</b> (97%): 2.79, 2.91 (2H, ABX system, $J_{\text{AB}} = 12.5$ , $\text{CH}_2$ ); 2.93 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 4.46 (1H, dd, ABX system, $J_{\text{AX}} = 6.0$ , $J_{\text{BX}} = 4.5$ , H-2); 5.98 (1H, br. s, NH); 6.31 (1H, br. s, NH); 6.60-7.65 (9H, m, Ar)
<b>2f</b>	Form <b>A</b> (7%): 0.96 (6H, d, $J = 7.0$ , 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.67 (1H, m, CH); 3.21 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 5.19 (2H, br. s, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 7.10 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ , $\text{HC=N}$ ) Form <b>B</b> (93%): 0.93 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.01 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ , $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.83 (1H, m, CH); 3.04 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 3.93 (1H, dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ , $J_2 = 5.2$ , H-2); 5.70 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ , NH); 6.32 (1H, br. s, NH); 6.62-7.68 (4H, m, Ar)
<b>2g</b>	Form <b>A</b> (12%): 0.87 (6H, d, $J = 6.6$ , 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ); 2.03 (1H, m, CH); 3.29 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 5.18 (1H, br. s, $\text{NH}_2$ ); 7.23 (1H, t, $J = 5.6$ , $\text{HC=N}$ ) Form <b>B</b> (88%): 0.93 (6H, d, $J = 6.6$ , 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.41 (2H, m, $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.88 (1H, m, CH); 3.07 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$ ); 4.24 (1H, dt, $J_1 = 6.6$ , $J_2 = 6.2$ , H-2); 5.88 (1H, d, $J = 6.6$ , NH); 6.20 (1H, br. s, NH); 6.65-7.65 (4H, m, Ar)

TABLE 3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compounds **2a-c,e,f,j**

Compound	Form	Chemical shifts (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ), δ, ppm			
		CH <sub>3</sub> N	C(2) or C=N	C=O	R
<b>2a</b>	<b>B</b>	38.55	70.14	171.74	21.46 (CH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>2b</b>	<b>B</b>	38.51	75.82	171.79	9.93 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 27.62 (CH <sub>2</sub> )
<b>2c</b>	<b>B</b>	38.55	74.09	171.79	13.97 (CH <sub>3</sub> ); 18.29, 36.81 (2CH <sub>2</sub> )
<b>2e</b>	<b>B</b>	38.35	75.91	172.01	40.73 (CH <sub>2</sub> ); 126.23-139.39 (Ar)
<b>2f</b>	<b>B</b>	38.34	78.62	171.65	16.84, 18.94 (2CH <sub>3</sub> ); 31.80 (CH)
<b>2g</b>	<b>A</b>	28.32	147.00	170.07	22.25 (2CH <sub>3</sub> ); 26.10 (CH); 41.07 (CH <sub>2</sub> )
	<b>B</b>	38.53	72.57	171.70	22.14 (CH); 23.20, 23.98 (2CH <sub>3</sub> ); 43.57 (CH <sub>2</sub> )
<b>2j</b>	<b>A</b>	28.63	147.28	170.54	128.70-135.08 (Ar)

Thus, the products of the condensation of aliphatic aldehydes with N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine have benzo-1,3,4-triazepine structure in the crystalline state. Partial conversion to the linear form occurs only in solutions in strongly polar solvents. Thus, the term "N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazone" should be considered as tentative for such compounds.

We should have expected that N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazones of aromatic aldehydes would exist largely in linear form **A** due to stabilization related to inclusion of the aromatic ring into the  $\pi$ - $p$ - $\pi$ -conjugation system of the acylhydrazone fragment [5-7]. This hypothesis is fully supported by an NMR study of the structure of compounds **2h-k**.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazone of benzaldehyde **2j** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> taken both immediately upon preparation and several days after dissolution in a solvent show a single set of signals corresponding to the linear form **A**: the signal for the azomethine proton appears at 8.15 ppm, while the broad singlet of the NH<sub>2</sub> group protons appears at 5.35 ppm (Table 4). The existence of linear form **A** for compound **2j** was also supported by the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (Table 3).

Four structures are possible for the acylhydrazones of carbonyl compounds differing in the arrangement of the substituents relative to the C=N bond (geometrical (*Z,E*)-isomerism) and the amide fragment C-N bond (conformational (*Z',E'*)-isomerism) [5, 6]. The derivatives of aromatic aldehydes exist predominantly or entirely in the (*E*)-configuration relative to the C=N bond. Thus, the signals of linear form **A** in the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazone of benzaldehyde **2j** should be assigned to one of the (*E'*)- or (*Z'*)-conformers of this structural isomer.

Without going into a detailed discussion of the spectral differences between the (*E,E'*)- and (*E,Z'*)-forms, we only note the position of the chemical shifts of the C=N and C=O group carbon atoms in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra: the signals of the (*E'*)-isomer of these groups are in the vicinity of 145 and 170 ppm, respectively, while these signals for the (*Z'*)-isomer lie at 150 and 160 ppm, respectively [8, 9]. Thus, the chemical shifts of the C=N and C=O group carbon atoms given in Table 3 for form **A** of compound **2j** correspond to (*E,E'*)-structural arrangement of the N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazone fragment in this molecule.

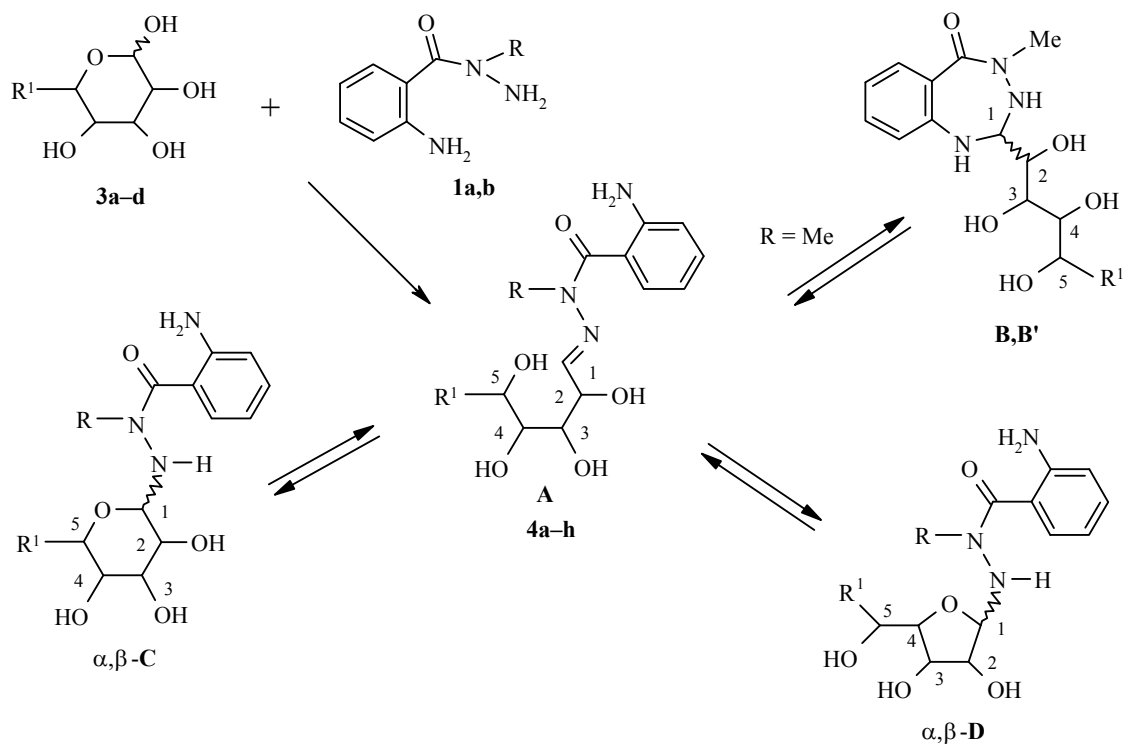
TABLE 4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of Compounds **2h-k**

Compound	Chemical shifts (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ), δ, ppm.			
	CH <sub>3</sub> N, s, 3H	HC=N, s, 1H	NH <sub>2</sub> , br. s, 2H	Ar, m
<b>2h</b>	3.48	8.11	5.35	6.56-8.22 (8H)
<b>2i</b>	3.33	8.14	5.34	6.58-8.36 (8H)
<b>2j</b>	3.36	7.99	5.30	6.57-7.52 (9H)
<b>2k</b>	3.36	7.94	5.28	3.75 (3H, s, OCH <sub>3</sub> ); 6.57-7.45 (8H)

Formation of the cyclic 1,3,4-triazepine form **B** was also not detected for the products of the condensation of N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine with other aromatic aldehydes **2h-k** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. These compounds exist in linear form **A**, represented by a single structural (*E,E'*)-isomer, in the crystalline state and in solution. The linear structure of compounds **2h-k** is in full accord with the results of Neuvonen et al. [7] in a <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral study of the structure of 2-aminobenzoylhydrazones of aromatic aldehydes.

It would seem that some steric access of the C=N bond for intramolecular nucleophilic attack by the hydrazone NH<sub>2</sub> group is a necessary condition for appearance of the cyclic 1,3,4-triazepine tautomer **B** for N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazones of carbonyl compounds. Such access may be achieved in the case of the products of the condensation of N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine with aliphatic aldehydes or aldoses, which represent a latent form of the aliphatic aldehyde function. A study of the structure of the 2-aminobenzoylhydrazones and N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazones of aldoses fully supports our hypothesis.

2-Aminobenzoylhydrazones and N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazones **4a-h** are the products of condensation of aldoses, D-ribose **3a**, L-arabinose **3b**, D-glucose **3c**, and D-mannose **3d** with N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine **1a** and 2-aminobenzoylhydrazine **1b** are complex tautomeric mixtures capable of cyclization to give a five-membered form **C** and six-membered form **D** as well as a seven-membered 1,3,4-triazepine form **B**.



**4a-d** R = H, **e-h** R = Me; **1b** R = H; **3a,b** R<sup>1</sup> = H, **a** D-ribose, **b** L-arabinose;  
**c,d** R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>2</sub>OH, **c** D-glucose, **d** D-mannose, **a,b,e,f** R<sup>1</sup> = H, **a,e** D-ribose,  
**b,f** L-arabinose; **c,d,g,h** R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>2</sub>OH, **c,g** D-glucose, **d,h** D-mannose

We should note that each of these forms is capable of existing as two structural isomers (α,β-isomers of forms **C** and **D**, (*Z,E'*)-conformers of form **A**, and 2*R*- and 2*S*-stereoisomers of form **B**). Formation of the cyclic benzo-1,3,4-triazepine form for 2-aminobenzoylhydrazones **4a-d** through attack of the NH<sub>2</sub> group at the C=N bond should be considered unlikely. It is known that no tendency has been found for products of the condensation of the hydrazone of 2-aminobenzoic acid with aldehydes to undergo such a cyclization [7, 10].

TABLE 5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of Compounds **4a–h**

Compound	Form (%)	Chemical shifts (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ), δ, ppm*									
		CH <sub>3</sub> N	C(1)	C(2)	C(3)	C(4)	C(5)	C(6)	Ar	C=O	
<b>4a</b>	A (60)	—	151.73	74.55	72.25	72.20	63.46	—	113.34-150.15	165.76	
	β-C (25)	—	88.13	70.20	69.13	67.64	64.33	—	—	168.91	
	β-D (15)	—	95.89	72.84	70.12	83.32	61.58	—	—	168.50	
<b>4b</b>	A (25)	—	151.35	68.98	70.80	71.17	63.78	—	114.67-147.22	165.69	
	β-C (65)	—	89.13	73.65	72.75	69.05	65.08	—	—	168.74	
	β-D (10)	—	95.94	78.81	76.89	85.53	61.82	—	—	168.01	
<b>4c</b>	α-C (30)	—	88.41	72.19	73.99	70.65	71.49	60.46	114.89-149.73	168.19	
	β-C (70)	—	91.38	71.71	78.14	70.76	77.05	61.81	—	168.94	
	α-C (40)	—	89.48	71.89	70.92	67.85	73.31	61.75	113.32-150.18	168.98	
<b>4d</b>	β-C (60)	—	88.11	71.75	74.51	67.36	78.50	62.13	—	168.65	
	B (55)	37.98	74.85	72.70	73.14	72.70	62.79	—	116.51-145.60	171.68	
	B'(45)	38.38	75.10	73.00	73.51	71.52	63.43	—	—	171.58	
<b>4f</b>	B (65)	38.35	75.37	65.35	70.21	71.52	63.96	—	117.65-145.39	172.33	
	B'(35)	38.60	76.88	65.35	70.30	71.52	63.75	—	—	172.15	
	B (70)	37.86	75.11	70.69	73.22	72.03	72.49	64.53	117.70-146.74	170.20	
<b>4g</b>	B'(30)	38.09	76.38	70.78	73.40	71.60	72.35	63.91	—	170.10	
	B (60)	38.48	75.10	71.52	69.53	69.76	71.64	64.20	117.54-146.02	171.89	
	B'(40)	38.72	75.48	70.37	69.66	69.92	73.30	63.85	—	170.88	

\* Numbering of the atoms proceeds according to the carbohydrate fragment.

In all the experiments, we recorded the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra over time and followed the change in the NMR spectra of the reaction products from immediately after dissolution until the completion of any chemical transformation. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data served as the major criterion for identification of specific forms in the solutions of compounds **4a-h**. Thus, we would have expected a signal for anomeric carbon C(1) in the pyranose form **C** at 85-90 ppm. The analogous signal for five-membered furanose form **D** would be found at 95-100 ppm. In case of seven-membered triazepine form **B**, the signal for atom C(1) should be found upfield at 70-75 ppm, which is characteristic for an  $sp^3$ -hybridized carbon atom of a seven-membered ring attached to two nitrogen atoms [2, 3, 11]. A downfield  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signal at 150 ppm related to the C=N bond should be diagnostic for aldoso-hydrazone form **A**.

One set of signals belonging to linear form **A** is observed in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the product of the condensation of the hydrazide of 2-aminobenzoic acid with D-ribose **4a** taken immediately after dissolution. This finding suggests that compound **4a** has the same structure in the crystalline state. After 2 days, sets of signals arise corresponding to the cyclic pyranose form **C** and furanose form **D** in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the solution. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signal for atom C(1) at 88.13 ppm is characteristic for form **C**. The presence of the five-membered furanose form **D** is indicated by the signals for C(4) and C(1) at 83.32 and 95.89 ppm, respectively. The spectrum of compound **4a** stops changing after some time, indicating the establishment of a ring-chain equilibrium, in which linear form **A** (60%) exists along with the cyclic pyranose **C** (25%) and furanose **D** forms (15%) (Table 5).

A single set of signals corresponding to cyclic pyranose form **C** is observed for the product of condensation of the hydrazide of 2-aminobenzoic acid with L-arabinose **4b** immediately after dissolution. As in the case of compound **4a**, we may assume that the spectral data reflect the structure of compound **4b** in the crystalline state. Sets of signals corresponding both to the five-membered furanose form **D** and linear aldoso-hydrazone form **A** gradually arise in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum in DMSO- $d_6$ . The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signal at 151.35 ppm for the C=N carbon is characteristic for linear form **A** (Table 5).

Going from ribose derivative **4a** and arabinose derivative **4b** to products of condensation with hexoses **4c,d** is accompanied by disappearance of the cyclic furanose form **D** and linear aldoso-hydrazone form **A** from the equilibrium. In the crystalline state, compounds **4c,d** have pyranose structure **C**, while the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra indicate that these compounds in DMSO- $d_6$  solution are represented by geometric  $\alpha,\beta$ -isomers of this form.

Thus, in contrast to the results of a study of El-Barbary et al. [12] on the structure of a series of 3,5-disubstituted 2-aminobenzoylhydrazones of aldoses, in which the linear aldoso-hydrazone structure was adopted, we have shown that, in the case of aldose 2-aminobenzoylhydrazones **4a-d**, these compounds may convert to alternative cyclic pyranose and furanose forms and that both ring-chain and ring-linear-ring tautomeric equilibria are possible.

Different behavior is found for compounds **4e-h**, which are the products of the condensation of aldoses with N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine. The change in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of all these products indicates that they have the cyclic benzo-1,3,4-triazepine structure **B** in the crystalline state. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signal for atom C(1) at 75-80 ppm characteristic for an  $sp^3$ -hybridized carbon atom in a seven-membered ring attached to two nitrogen atoms [2, 3, 11] is diagnostic for benzo-1,3,4-triazepine form **B**. Signals corresponding to a second configurational isomer of the benzo-1,3,4-triazepine form **B'** are found in the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compounds **4e-h** in DMSO- $d_6$ . It was impossible to determine the *2R*- or *2S*-configuration of these derivatives. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of solutions of the products of the condensation of aldoses with N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine stop changing after 4-7 days, indicating that transition to the possible linear form **A** and cyclic pyranose form **C** does not occur.

A tendency to cyclize with formation of a seven-membered benzo-1,3,4-triazepine ring is a common feature of compounds **4e-h** and the previously studied products of the condensation of aldoses with the hydrazide of 2-methylbenzoic acid. Intramolecular attack by the sulfur atom at the C=N bond of the hydrazone fragment of the initially-formed linear form leads to coexistence in solution of an additional seven-membered benzo-1,3,4-triazepine tautomer along with the cyclic pyranose tautomer [11].

## EXPERIMENTAL

The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were taken on a Bruker AV-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz and AT-500 spectrometer at 125 MHz, respectively with HMDS as the internal standard. The quantitative composition of the tautomeric forms was determined by integration of the corresponding signals in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra. Monitoring of the reaction course and purity of the products was carried out by thin-layer chromatography on Silufol UV-254 plates using 4:1 benzene–acetone as the eluent for compounds **2a-k** and 12:5:4 ethyl acetate–pyridine–water as the eluent for compounds **4a-h**. Hydrazides **1a,b** were obtained according to reported methods [2, 10].

**N-(2-Aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazones of Aldehydes 2a-k.** A mixture of corresponding aldehyde (15 mmol) and N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine **1a** (1.65 g, 10 mmol) in methanol (50 ml) was maintained at room temperature for 2 h. The crystalline precipitate was filtered off, washed with ether, dried, and recrystallized from 1:4 benzene–petroleum ether.

**2-Aminobenzoylhydrazones and N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazones of Aldoses 4a-h.** A mixture of corresponding monosaccharide **3a-d** (10 mmol) and N-(2-aminobenzoyl)-N-methylhydrazine **1a** or 2-aminobenzoylhydrazine **1b** (10 mmol) in methanol (25 ml) was heated at reflux for 2-6 h. After removal of the solvent, the crystalline precipitate was filtered off, washed with ether, dried, and recrystallized from 1:8 methanol–acetonitrile.

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