

NEW N-SUBSTITUTED CYTISINE DERIVATIVES

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The widespread nature and high physiological activity of cytosine enables various N-substituted derivatives to be obtained from it for the purpose of establishing an interrelationship between structure and physiological activity. Numerous cytosine derivatives have been synthesized by condensing it with various alkyl halides, acid chlorides, amino acids, etc. [1-3].

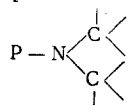
We have obtained N-substituted derivatives of cytosine and of N-(3-amino-2-hydroxypropyl)cytosine with dialkyl phosphites. For this purpose, 2 moles of cytosine was dissolved in a mixture of chloroform and carbon tetrachloride, and 1 mole of dialkyl phosphite was added. During the first few days, cytosine hydrochloride deposited. To complete the reactions, the mixture was left at room temperature for 7 days.

After the separation of the crystals from the mother liquor, chromatography on a column of silica gel (elution with a mixture of chloroform and methanol) gave the N-(dialkoxyphosphinyl)cytosines.

The treatment of N-(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl)cytosine [4] with conc. ammonia solution gave N-(3-amino-2-hydroxypropyl)cytosine, forming a crystalline hydrate with mp 233-234°C.

The condensation of N-(3-amino-2-hydroxypropyl)cytosine with dialkyl phosphites likewise gave its N'-dialkoxyphosphinyl derivatives. The physicochemical constants of the derivatives obtained are given in Table 1.

The structures of products (I)-(VII) were established by their IR, mass and NMR spectra. The IR spectra of (I)-(IV) show the presence in the substances of an  $\alpha$ -pyridone ring (1660, 1565, and 1585  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),



grouping (810-820  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), and of a P-O-C (alkyl) group (990  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) [5]. In the IR spectrum of

(V), in addition to the absorption of the  $\alpha$ -pyridone fragment there are absorption bands showing the presence in the substance of OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  groups (3380 and 3300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively).

TABLE 1

Substance	Comp.	$[\alpha]_D$ , deg	$R_f^*$	$n_D^{20}$	Yield, % of theoretical
N-(diethoxyphosphinyl)cytosine (I)	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{PO}_4$	-187,7	0,78	1,5395	84
N-(dipropoxyphosphinyl)cytosine (II)	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{PO}_4$	-168,9	0,84	1,5304	57
N-(dibutoxyphosphinyl)cytosine (III)	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{PO}_4$	-153,8	0,83	1,5110	97
N-(diisobutoxyphosphinyl)cytosine (IV)	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{PO}_4$	-151,6	0,82	1,5135	62
N-(3-amino-2-hydroxypropyl)cytosine (V)	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$	-154,1	0,07	1,5616	Quantitative
N-[3-(dipropoxyphosphinylamino)-2-hydroxypropyl]cytosine (VI)	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_3\text{PO}_5$	-98,1	0,89	1,5212	59
N-[3-(dibutoxyphosphinylamino)-2-hydroxypropyl]cytosine (VII)	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_3\text{PO}_5$	-88,2	0,88	1,5115	63

\*TLC on silica gel in the chloroform-methanol (4:1) system.

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By comparing the extinction coefficients of the absorption maxima in the UV spectra between 234 and 310 nm we determined the molecular weights of the products obtained. The structures of the cytosine derivatives obtained were also confirmed by the assignment and integration of the signals of the protons.

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