SYNTHESIS OF SOME 2-ARYL-6-AMINO-2,3-DIHYDRO-1,2,4-BENZO-TRIAZIN-3-ONES*

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Acylation of 2,4-diaminazobenzene and its derivatives Ia-Ih with ethyl chloroformate gives high yields of the corresponding 2,4-bis(ethoxycarbonylamino)azobenzenes IIa-IIh which, on boiling in acid medium, are cyclized with simultaneous splitting off of the second ethoxycarbonyl group to give the mesomeric 6-amino-2-aryl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-benzotriazinium cations IIIa-IIIh; the latter have been transformed into the free bases IVa-IVh or their tautomers Va-Vh. Constitution of the prepared compounds has been studied by IR spectroscopy. Influence of medium on valence vibrations of the carbamate NH groups in the compounds II has also been studied.

In one of the previous papers¹ a simple preparation method of 2-aryl-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-1,2,4-benzotriazine-3,6-diones was described. In the present work this method was used for preparation of analogous 6-amino derivatives which can be considered vinylogs of 1-aryl-6-azacytosines.

The starting material was 2,4-diaminoazobenzene and its derivatives Ia-Ih prepared by azo coupling of diazonium salts with 1,3-diaminobenzene. The compounds I underwent smooth acylation with ethyl chloroformate in pyridine medium to give the corresponding 2,4-bis(ethoxycarbonylamino) derivatives IIa-IIh.

Structure of the latter compounds was confirmed by IR spectra showing intensive absorption bands in the region of N—H valence vibrations $(3433-3347 \text{ cm}^{-1})$, that of carbonyl group (1741 cm^{-1}) , C=N and C=C bonds $(1611-1400 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ and C—O bonds (the most intensive spectral band at 1201 cm^{-1}). Except for the N—H valence vibrations, position of these bands is independent of the ring substituents. Presence of these substituents made itself felt by a small number of new bands of medium intensity in spectrum of *IIc* (1114 cm^{-1}) , *IId* $(844, 1138 \text{ and } 1500 \text{ cm}^{-1})$, *IIe* (1009 cm^{-1}) , *IIf* (1005 cm^{-1}) , *IIg* (1003 cm^{-1}) and *IIh* $(1034, 1143, 1504 \text{ and } 1600 \text{ cm}^{-1})$. In contrast to solutions in tetrachloromethane, IR spectrum of the compound *IIa* measured in solid state (Nujol) shows isolated bands of the two carbonyl groups of carbamate groups. The effect is obviously due to intermolecular hydro-

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gen bonds between the carbamate CO and NH groups which results in the decrease of carbonyl vibration by 40 cm^{-1} and that of N—H valence vibration by as much as 111 cm⁻¹. Table I gives the wave-numbers of the N—H valence vibrations of the azocarbamates *II* measured in tetrachloromethane solutions. The band at lower wave-number values was assigned to the N—H valence vibration, the respective hydrogen being involved in intramolecular hydrogen bond to azo group. Substituents in benzene ring have distinct effect on this vibration in accord with mechanism of substituents influence on this intramolecular hydrogen bond through the electrondonor azo group. Increasing electron-donor nature of the substituents increases strength of this hydrogen bond, the wave-number of the valence vibration being shifted to lower values (and *vice versa*). The ring substituents have very small and opposite effect on wave-number of the N—H valence vibration 4.

TABLE I 2,4-Bis(ethoxycarbonylamino)azobenzenes II

Com- pound	Formula (m.wt.)	Calculated/Found			M.p., °C	$\nu(N-H)^a$, cm ⁻¹		
		% C	% н	% N	(ethanol)	free	bonded	
IIa	C ₁₈ H ₂₀ N ₄ O ₄ (356·4)	60·66 60·80	5·66 5·71	15·72 15·59	134—135	3 433	3 399	
IIb	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₄ (370·4)	61·61 61·60	5·99 6·08	15·13 15·09	125—127	3 432.5	3 397	
Ilc	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₄ (370·4)	61·61 61·38	5-99 6-00	15·13 15·17	123—124	3 433.5	3 398	
IId	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ FN ₄ O ₄ (374·4)	57·75 58·02	5·12 5·12	14·97 15·19	144—145	3 432.5	3 402	
Ile	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ ClN ₄ O ₄ (390·8)	55-32 55-25	4∙90 4∙94	14·34 14·43	160—161	3 432	3 402.5	
IIf	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ BrN ₄ O ₄ (435·3)	49∙57 49∙39	4·40 4·31	12·87 12·76	155—157	3 432	3 402	
IIg	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ IN ₄ O ₄ (482·3)	44·83 44·55	3∙97 3∙74	11·62 11·49	159—161	3 432	3 402.5	
IIh	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₅ (386·4)	59∙06 58∙93	5·74 5·81	14·50 14·39	126—128	3 433.5	3 397.5	

^a In tetrachloromethane.

Cyclization of the azocarbamates II proceeds on boiling in strongly acidic medium enabling formation of mesomeric cations which are likely intermediates in the cyclization. The cyclization is, however, accompanied by hydrolytic splitting of the second carbamate group so that mesomeric 6-amino-2-aryl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-benzotriazinium cations IIIa-IIIh are produced. In alkaline medium the latter cations were transformed into 6-amino-2-aryl-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-benzo-triazin-3-ones IVa to IVh for which 6-imino-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro forms Va - Vh can also be considered (Table II). However, the problem of tautomerism could not be solved by 1R and ¹H-NMR spectra. The benzotriazine IVa was transformed into the acetyl derivative VIa by acetylation with acetanhydride.

IR spectra of the compounds IV show a single absorption band (within 3274 to 3352 cm⁻¹) (KBr or Nujol) in the region of N—H valence vibrations, which is

TABLE II

6-Amino-2-aryl-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-benzotriazin-3-ones (IV) and their 6-Imino-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro Tautomers (V)

		Cal	Yield		
Compound	Formula	% C	% н	% N	%
IVa	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ N ₄ O (238·2)	65·53 65·44	4·23 4·19	23·52 23·43	75.5
I V b	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ N ₄ O (252·3)	66·65 66·53	4·79 4·55	22·21 21·99	86.4
IVc	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ N ₄ O (252·3)	66∙65 66∙60	4·79 4·69	22·21 22·09	80.3
IVd	C ₁₃ H ₉ FN ₄ O (256·2)	60·93 60·82	3·54 3·32	21·87 21·61	87.7
IVe	C ₁₃ H ₉ ClN ₄ O (272·7)	57·26 57,01	3·33 2·92	20·55 20·26	85.0
IVf	C ₁₃ H ₉ BrN ₄ O (317·2)	49·23 49·50	2·80 2·66	17·67 17·40	75.8
IVg	C ₁₃ H ₉ IN ₄ O (364·2)	42·88 43·13	2·49 2·33	15·39 15·35	74.5
IVh	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ (268·3)	62·68 62·48	4·51 4·40	20·89 20·67	74.1

obviously due to intermolecular interactions. Compared with the starting azocarbamates II, the bands of carbamate carbonyl vibrations are missing. The benzotriazines IV are weak monoacid bases forming with acids mesomeric cations III soluble in water. The protonation makes itself felt in IR spectrum of the compound IIIa by marked shift of absorption bands in the region of C=O and C=N valence vibrations towards higher wave-numbers as it is the case with a number of similar systems^{2,3}. In electronic spectrum this protonation causes bathochromic and hyperchromic shift of the long-wave absorption band.



Further attention was paid to influence of medium on position of absorption bands of valence vibrations of the carbamate N—H groups in the azocarbamate *IIh.* Wave-numbers of these vibrations were measured in eight solvents (Table III). Due to low solubility the measurements were not carried out in hydrocarbons. The effect of medium on position of these bands was evaluated quantitatively with the use

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of cross-term⁴, of Buckingham power series⁵. For free NH group the correlation equation was in the form:

$$v(\text{NH}) = 3454\cdot 8 - 435\cdot 6(n^2 - 1)(\varepsilon - 1)/(2n^2 + 1)(2\varepsilon + 1),$$

$$R = 0.991; \quad F = 279\cdot 3,$$

where ε and *n* are relative permittivity and refractive index of the solvent, respectively, *R* is the correlation coefficient, and the value of the Fisher criterion *F* is statistically significant for the significance level $\alpha = 0.05$. However, this equation failed in evaluation of effect of medium on the wave-number of valence vibration of the bonded NH group. For this purpose (as in the systems characterized by rapid tautomerization⁶) the following equation was useful:

$$v(NH) = 3409 \cdot 1 - 254 \cdot 3(n^2 - 1)^2 / (2n^2 + 1)^2$$
, $R = 0.975$, $F = 115 \cdot 3$
($\alpha = 0.1$)

The cross-term $(n^2 - 1)(\varepsilon - 1)/(2n^2 + 1)(2\varepsilon + 1)$ represents a product of the terms $(n^2 - 1)/(2n^2 + 1)$ and $(\varepsilon - 1)/(2\varepsilon + 1)$. From the viewpoint of the Onsager model these terms are proportionality constants between the reaction field of the polarized solvent molecules affecting the solute molecule and dipole moment of the latter. The term containing the refractive index characterizes the effect of the oscillating dipole of the vibrating bond, and that containing the relative permittivity characterizes the effect of the equilibrium dipole moment of the studied bond. The term $(n^2 - 1)/(2n^2 + 1)$ only reflects the electronic and atomic polarization of the solvent molecules when orientation polarization of the solvent molecules (orientation of the equilibrium dipole is changed relatively slowly) is impossible due to high velocity of the bond vibration. From the viewpoint of influence on energy levels of the vibrational transitions the primary effect is due to the reaction field of the oscillating dipole. The fact that this reaction field is formed in an already existing reaction field of the equilibrium dipole of the bond leads to a modification of the effect of this field by a factor proportional to the term $(\varepsilon - 1)/(2\varepsilon + 1)$ of the solvent. If, however, a rapid reorientation of this equilibrium bond dipole takes place as a result of a rapid intramolecular process (e.g. tautomerization via intramolecular hydrogen bond), then the contribution of the orientation polarization of polar solvent molecules to the process of formation of the reaction field becomes zero. Hence, according to the Maxwell theory, the permittivity is transformed into n^2 , the term $(\varepsilon - 1)/(2\varepsilon + 1)$ becomes $(n^2 - 1)/(2n^2 + 1)$, and the term $(\varepsilon - 1)(n^2 - 1)$: $(2\epsilon + 1)(2n^2 + 1)$ becomes $(n^2 - 1)^2/(2n^2 + 1)^2$. Dependence of wave-number of this N-H bond vibration on mere refractive index shows thus the existence of a very rapid orientation change of equilibrium dipole of this bond, at least so during excitation by IR radiation. In accord with the Bayliss theory⁷ a similar dependence on mere refractive index is also exhibited by position of the long-wave absorption maximum of this compound in electronic spectrum (Table III). The Bayliss correlation equation had the form:

$$\lambda = 357.5 + 165.0(n^2 - 1)/(2n^2 + 1); R = 0.9750, F = 192.2 (\alpha = 0.1).$$

In contrast to vibrational transitions, electronic transitions from the ground to the excited state are accompanied by marked changes of both magnitude and orientation of dipole moment vector. According to the Franck–Condon principle, transition to an excited state is much faster than motions of molecules, so that electronic and atomic polarization of solvent molecules only is significant for formation of the reaction field. This fact results in position of the absorption maximum being dependent on the solvent refractive index only.

EXPERIMENTAL

The melting points were determined with a Boetius apparatus and are not corrected. The IR spectra and UV spectra were measured with a Zeiss UR-20 and a Unicam SP 1800 spectrophotometers, respectively.

TABLE III

Effect of Medium on Wave-Numbers of Valence Vibrations of Carbamate N—H Groups and on Position of Absorption Maximum in Electronic Spectrum of Compound IIh

	$f(\varepsilon, n^2)$	$f(n^2)$	ν (N—H), cm ⁻¹		λ
Solvent			bonded	free	nm
Pentane	0.032	0.179		_	388·0
Hexane	0.034	0.185		—	388.0
Heptane	0.037	0.192	-	_	388.5
Cyclohexane	0.042	0.204		_	389.5
Tetrachloromethane	0.048	0.214	3 398.0	3 433.5	392·5
Tetrachloroethylene	0.023	0.228	3 396-0	3 432.5	393-5
Trichloroethylene	0.068	0.220	3 395.0	3 427.0	392.5
Carbon disulphide	0.068	0.261	3 392.0	3 423.0	400.5
Dichloromethane	0.082	0.202	3 398.5	3 417.0	392·0
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.090	0.209	3 398.5	3 415.0	393.5
Dibromomethane	0.092	0.239	3 395.0	3 413.0	399.0
Dijodomethane	0.106	0.287	3 388.0	3 409.0	405.0

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2,4-Diaminobenzenes Ia-Ig

The respective aromatic amine (10-0 mmol) was dissolved in 25–50 ml ice water, 60 ml 37% HCl and 10 g ice and diazotized by addition of solution of 690 mg (10-0 mmol) NaNO₂ in 20 ml ice water. The diazonium salt was added to solution of 20 g (18-49 mmol) 1,3-diaminobenzene in 50 ml ice water. After 2 h the reaction mixture was treated with solution of 60 g Na₂CO₃ in 20 ml water with stirring. After several hours the products were collected by suction, washed with water and dried. The yields were within 96–99%. After recrystallization from ethanol the derivatives *Ia*–*Ic*, *Ie*, *If*, *If* had m.p. in agreement with those in refs⁸⁻¹¹. The 4'-fluoro derivative *Id*, yellow crystals, m.p. 159–161°C; for C₁₂H₁₁FN₄ (230-3) calculated: 62·60% C, 4·81% H, 24·33% N; found: 62·86% C, 4·93% H, 24·52% N. The 4'-iododerivative *Ig*, m.p. 154–156°C; for C₁₂H₁₁IN₄ (338·2) calculated: 42·62% C, 3·28% H, 16·57% N; found: 42·39% C, 3·39% H, 16·29% N.

2,4-Bis(ethoxycarbonylamino)azobenzenes IIa--IIh

Solution of 5.0 mmol respective azo compound *I* in 25 ml pyridine was cooled in ice bath and treated with 3.5 ml (36.7 mmol) ethyl chloroformate added drop by drop with stirring and cooling. The mixture was stirred and cooled for another 2 h and then left to stand at room temperature 20 h. Then it was diluted with 80 ml water added portionwise so that the carbamates *II* might separate in crystalline form. After several hours the products were collected by suction, washed with water and dried. The yields were within 97 to 100%. After recrystallization from ethanol the azocarbamates *II* formed yellow needles. The UV absorption maxima of 2. 10⁻⁵ so thanol (log c): 225 nm (4.41), 266 nm (4.11), 379 nm (4.17). IR spectrum of *IIa* (Nujol, cm⁻¹): 423 w, 532 m, 553 m, 620 m, 665 w, 690 m, 723 m, 733 w, 765 sh, 771 s, 817 sh, 828 w, 875 w, 888 m, 921 w, 988 m, 1055 s, 1065 s, 1093 m, 1113 m, 1146 w, 1202 s, 1234 s, 1250 w, 1290 s, 1322 m, 1367 w, 1380 m, 1389 w, 1406 m, 1484 m, 1503 sh, 1515 s, 1530 s, 1585 sh, 1598 s, 1700 s, 1740 s, 3322 m, 3396 m. IR spectrum of *IIa* (solution in CCl₄, cm⁻¹): 834 m, 867 m, 884 w, 958 m, 1005 w, 1016 m, 1056 s, 1066 sh, 1093 m, 1114 w, 1127 w, 1148 w, 1201 s, 1225 sh, 1255 sh, 1531 s, 1322 sh, 1327 m, 1417 s, 1440 m, 1468 m, 1483 w. 1520 s, 1585 sh, 1598 s, 1598 s, 1511 s, 1329 sh, 1323 sh, 1329 m, 343 m. For further data see Table I.

6-Amino-2-phenyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-benzotriazinium Chloride (IIIa)

a) Mixture of 180 mg (0.50 mmol) azo compound IIa and 150 ml 20% HCl was refluxed 5 h, filtered and concentrated. After cooling the separated solid was collected by suction, washed with little 20% HCl and dried. Yield 110 mg (79-2%). After repeated crystallization from 20% HCl yellow crystals, m.p. above 350°C.

b) Recrystallization of the base IVa from 20% HCl gave identical product. The UV absorption maxima of $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M IIIa solution in 0·01M-HCl λ_{max} , nm (log ϵ): 212 (4·51) 258 (4·16), 410 (4·39). IR spectrum (KBr, cm⁻¹): 685 m, 733 m, 752 m, 767 m, 821 m, 844 m, 868 m, 928 w, 950 sh, 996 sh, 1007 m, 1030 m, 1070 m, 1133 m, 1145 s, 1150 sh, 1219 w, 1243 s, 1274 m, 1283 w, 1308 sh, 1355 m, 1375 m, 1436 m, 1455 m, 1480 sh, 1490 s, 1510 sh, 1545 m, 1509 s, 1640 s, 1633 s, 1702 s, 2942 m, 3042 m, 3342 m For C₁₃ H₁₁ ClN₄O (274·7) calculated: 56·84% C, 404% H, 20·40% N; found: 56·99% C, 3·92% H, 20·11% N.

6-Amino-2-aryl-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-benzotriazin-3-ones *IVa—IVh* and their 6-Imino-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro Tautomers *Va—Vh*

The respective azocarbamate II (IIa 2.0 mmol, IIb-IIe 1 mmol, IIf-IIh 0.5 mmol) was added

to the mixture of 10 ml acetic acid, 40 ml water and 20 ml 98% H₂SO, and the mixture was refluxed 5 h. After cooling it was filtered and neutralized (pH 7) by addition of aqueous ammonia. After several hours the separated solid was collected by suction, washed with water and dried at 110°C. The yields varied within 74 to 88%. For analysis the compounds were crystallized from a large volume of ethanol; orange crystals do not melt up to 350°C being decomposed above 320°C. The UV absorption maxima of 2.10⁻⁵ M solution of *IVa* in ethanol, λ_{max} , nm (log ε): 227 (4·47), 269 (4·36), 389 (4·33). IR spectrum (Nujol, cm⁻¹) IVa: 434 m, 470 w, 485 w, 485 w, 506 m, 527 s, 612 m, 626 w, 656 m, 694 s, 729 s, 767 s, 800 w, 821 m, 828 m, 852 w, 860 w, 887 m, 910 w, 956 m, 1000 m, 1006 w, 1035 w, 1070 m, 1140 s, 1155 s, 1190 w, 1200 m, 1245 s, 1296 s, 1305 s, 1404 m, 1426 s, 1480 s, 1510 s, 1558 m, 1601 s, 1650 s, 1700 m, 3274 m, 3308 m; IVb: 423 m, 437 m, 499 m, 513 s, 532 m, 563 m, 617 m, 629 m, 642 m, 696 w, 717 m, 731 s, 764 s, 790 w. 827 m, 839 m, 858 m, 952 m, 1002 m, 1036 w, 1136 w, 1152 m, 1188 m, 1212 s, 1242 s, 1273 s, 1303 s, 1376 s, 1401 m, 1450 s, 1473 m, 1509 s, 1556 m, 1575 sh, 1600 s, 1649 m, 1680 m, 1696 w, 1755 m, 3283 m; IVc; 422 m, 431 w, 460 m, 488 w, 502 w, 520 s, 587 m, 608 w, 623 m, 640 w, 663 m, 705 m, 728 m, 770 m, 785 w, 809 m, 821 m, 836 w, 855 m, 873 w, 950 m, 1001 m, 1054 m, 1107 m, 1138 s, 1200 w, 1217 s, 1245 s, 1282 s, 1307 m, 1360 sh, 1380 m, 1408 w, 1440 s, 1474 s, 1483 s, 1507 s, 1562 s, 1606 s, 1723 m, 3328 m; IVd: 431 w, 465 w, 485 w, 514 m, 524 m, 587 m, 610 w, 666 m, 710 w, 716 m, 768 m, 798 m, 826 m, 835 w 853 m, 950 m, 980 w, 1005 m, 1088 m, 1137 s, 1152 m, 1172 w, 1194 w, 1227 s, 1245 sh, 1284 m, 1308 m, 1366 sh, 1375 s, 1406 sh, 1415 m, 1430 sh, 1450 sh, 1473 s, 1485 m, 1505 s, 1540 w, 1565 m, 1610 s, 1657 s, 1680 w, 3274 m; IVe: 447 w, 497 m, 513 w, 552 m, 612 w, 628 w, 664 w, 705 m, 727 m, 732 m, 768 m, 805 w, 812 m, 830 m, 835 w, 845 m, 858 w, 950 w, 1000 m, 1088 m, 1095 m, 1140 s, 1178 w, 1198 w, 1220 sh, 1248 m, 1285 m, 1308 m, 1378 m, 1401 m, 1450 sh, 1473 s, 1490 s, 1513 s, 1560 m, 1608 s, 1656 s, 1680 sh, 3352 m; IVf: 439 w, 462 m, 487 m, 504 w, 539 m, 613 w, 626 w, 633 w, 663 m, 702 m, 728 m, 768 m, 805 m, 833 m, 845 m, 855 m, 951 m, 998 m, 1064 m, 1140 s, 1180 w, 1200 w, 1224 m, 1248 s, 1283 s, 1308 s, 1377 m, 1393 m, 1405 w, 1453 m, 1457 s, 1488 s, 1507 s, 1520 sh, 1561 m, 1608 s, 1650 s, 1680 sh, 3340 m; IVg: 438 w, 470 w, 485 w, 507 w, 536 m, 663 m, 699 w, 728 m, 769 m, 803 m, 816 w, 832 w. 843 m, 854 w, 951 m, 999 m, 1057 w, 1090 w, 1138 m, 1177 w, 1198 m, 1220 sh, 1247 m, 1283 m, 1308 m, 1363 sh, 1377 m, 1391 w, 1404 w, 1452 s, 1475 s, 1484 s, 1508 s, 1560 w, 1605 s, 1653 m, 1 676 sh, 1 690 w, 3 340 m; IVh: 423 m, 457 m, 516 m, 538 m, 589 m, 627 m, 641 w, 655 w, 685 m, 720 w, 733 m, 768 m, 785 w, 821 m, 837 sh, 844 m, 865 m, 945 w, 953 m, 996 m, 1015 m, 1030 m, 1075 w, 1105 m, 1137 s, 1149 w, 1160 m, 1170 m, 1202 w, 1245 s, 1285 m, 1305 s, 1365 sh, 1376 m, 1450 sh, 1474 s, 1506 s, 1590 sh, 1600 s, 1650 m, 1679 m, 1697 m, 3308 m. For further data see Table II.

6-Acetylamino-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-benzotriazin-3-one (VIa)

Mixture of 120 mg (0.50 mmol) compound *IVa* and 10 ml acetic acid was heated until dissolution; 5 ml acetanhydride was added thereto and the mixture was refluxed 20 min. After pouring in 30 ml water and decomposition of the excess anhydride the separated solid was collected by suction, washed with water and dried. Yield 108 mg (76.5%). After recrystallization from ethanol yellow crystals, m.p. $342--344^{\circ}$ C with decomposition. IR spectrum (KBr, cm⁻¹): 420 w, 477 w, 495 m, 535 w, 597 m, 630 w, 650 w, 695 m, 735 m, 740 w, 764 m, 783 w, 790 w, 824 m, 855 w, 880 m, 937 m, 960 w, 1005 m, 1109 m, 1152 w, 1190 w, 1225 m, 1245 m, 1253 m, 1288 m, 1320 w, 1368 m, 1383 m, 1444 s, 1470 m, 1504 s, 1566 s, 1620 s, 1663 s, 1710 c. For C₁₅H₁₂N₄O₂ (280-3) calculated: 64·27% C, 4·32% H, 19·99% N; found: 64·10% C, 4·25% H, 19·72% N.

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