
DERIVATIVES OF 3,4-DIHYDRO-3-THIOXO-2-QUINOXALINYLACETIC ACID*

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Ethyl 3,4-dihydro-4-methyl-3-thioxo-2-quinioxalinylnylacetate has been prepared by thionation of the 3-oxo derivative. The mechanism is discussed of the reaction of this ester with diethylamine giving the two non-isomerizing ketimine–enamine tautomers and 1,2-dihydro-1,3-dimethyl-2-thioxoquinoxaline. Structure has been studied of the reaction product of both this derivative and its 3-oxo analogue with sodium hydride in dimethyl sulphoxide.

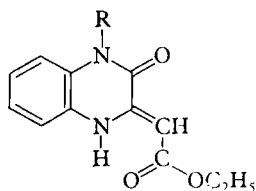
Our earlier reports^{1,2} give chemical properties of 2-ethoxycarbonylmethylene-3-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxaline (*I*). In context with further studies we were interested in the effect of replacement of oxygen for sulphur in the 3-oxo group on reactivity and stability of the enamino ester form.

For the preparation we chose direct thionation of the better soluble 4-methyl derivative *II* with tetraphosphorus decasulphide in boiling chlorobenzene; at shorter reaction times formation of the decomposition products (which were observed in thionation of 1,2-dihydro-1-methyl-2-oxoquinoxaline³) is suppressed. The experiments at lower temperature were unsuccessful, during longer heating the decomposition could not be prevented even by addition of a base³. The wave number value of the band $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ 1752 cm^{-1} in the IR spectrum of the solid sample indicates the ketimine tautomeric structure of ethyl 3,4-dihydro-4-methyl-3-thioxo-2-quinioxalinylnyl acetate (*III*), whereas the oxygen analogue *II* represents an enamine. The ¹H NMR spectrum in deuteriochloroform shows 70% of the ketimine form. The methyl ester analogue *IV* was prepared in similar way.

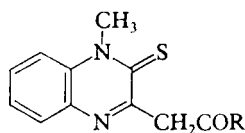
Some cognate derivatives exhibit biological activity⁴, so we tried to prepare the corresponding amides. The reaction of ester *III* with ammonia or amines was carried out at 170°C except for aniline where additional catalysis with sodium was applied⁵. The reaction of ester *III* with ammonia gave 3,4-dihydro-4-methyl-3-thioxo-2-quinioxalinylnylacetamide (*V*), the reactions with amines gave N-cyclohexyl- (*VI*), N-butyl- (*VII*), N-allyl- (*VIII*), N-(3-dimethylamino)propyl- (*IX*), N-phenyl- (*X*),

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and N-(2-furyl)methyl-3,4-dihydro-4-methyl-3-thioxo-2-quinoxalinyacetamide (*XI*). The band of thioxo group $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$ in the IR spectra of the amides *IV*–*XI* and esters *III* and *IV* was found in the wave number interval from 1 125 to 1 139 cm^{-1} , the wave number values of the band of amidic carbonyl are given in Table I.



I, R = H
II, R = CH₃



III, R = OCH₂H₅
IV, R = OCH₃
V, R = NH₂
VI, R = NHCH(CH₂)₅
VII, R = NH(CH₂)₃—CH₃
VIII, R = NHCH₂CH=CH₂
IX, R = NH(CH₂)₃N(CH₃)₂
X, R = NHC₆H₅
XI, R = NHCH₂C(=O)—(CH₂)₃—O
XIII, R = N(C₂H₅)₂

In contrast to these amolysis experiments the reaction product of ester *III* and diethylamine was separated chromatographically into 3 individual compounds: the least polar one which showed no carbonyl group in its IR spectrum was identified as 1,2-dihydro-1,3-dimethyl-2-thioxoquinoxaline (*XII*). Presumably it was formed from the corresponding carbanionic leaving group in decomposition of the tetrahedral intermediate. This carbanion is more stable than that of the 3-oxo analogue, its basicity being comparable with that of ethanolate (see below), hence it is also comparable with ethoxide in the role of a leaving group. An alternative explanation — hydrolysis of the ester *III* with the water traces present in the amine and subsequent decarboxylation — could be excluded, because the derivative *XII* was not formed during heating of the ester *III* with triethylamine containing 3% water even at 230°C.

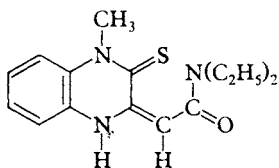
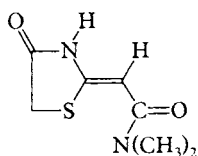
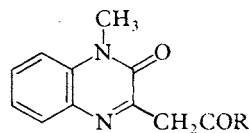
The product from the second chromatographical fraction showed a carbonyl band at 1 630 cm^{-1} corresponding to a tert-amidic group. A singlet of CH₂ group at 4.33 ppm in the ¹H NMR spectrum, the absence of $\nu(\text{N—H})$ band, and mass spectroscopy indicate the ketimine tautomeric structure of N,N-diethyl-3,4-dihydro-4-methyl-3-thioxo-2-quinoxalinyacetamide (*XIII*). The third compound (with the highest polarity) is isomeric with amide *XIII* (they both have identical M⁺ values), and a signal of =C—H group at 6.03 ppm indicates enamine tautomeric form of 2-(N,N-diethylcarbamoyl)methylene-4-methyl-3-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxaline

TABLE I
Products of amonolysis of ester III

Product	Temperature, °C (time, h)	Yield g (%)	M.p., °C solvent	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})^a$ cm^{-1}	Formula (mol.wt.)	Calculated/ found		
						% C	% H	% N
V	170 (2)	0.5 (36)	218—221 ethanol	1 660 vs. b	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ (233.3)	56.65 56.27	4.72 4.77	18.02 18.06
VI	160 (3)	1.15 (61)	223—224 l-propanol	1 635 vs	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ (315.4)	64.76 64.81	6.66 6.38	13.33 13.60
VII	135 (1)	0.7 (41)	175—178 ethyl acetate	1 641 vs	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ (289.4)	62.28 62.20	6.57 6.70	14.53 14.89
VIII	160 (1.5)	0.8 (49)	201—204 benzene-ethyl acetate 1 : 1	1 650 vs	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ (273.4)	78.86 78.87	7.03 6.70	19.71 19.63
IX	160 (2)	1 (42)	149—151 ethanol	1 660 vs	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{OS}$ (318.4)	60.38 60.53	6.91 7.23	17.61 17.87
X	220 (2)	1.2 (65)	232—235 acetic acid	1 660 vs	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ (309.4)	66.01 66.09	4.85 4.73	13.59 13.26
XI	160 (2)	0.9 (48)	200—201 ethanol	1 651 vs	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (313.4)	— —	— —	13.41 13.21
XIII	170 (4)	0.15 (10)	122—125 cyclohexane-ethyl acetate (20 : 1)	1 638 vs	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ (289.4)	— —	— —	— —
XIV	170 (4)	0.20 (13)	178—183	1 635 vs	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ (289.4)	— —	— —	— —

^a The band intensities: vs very strong, s strong, m medium, sh shoulder, b broad band.

(*XIV*). In contrast to the enamino esters *I* and *II*, the band of $\nu(\text{N—H})$ at $3\,260\text{ cm}^{-1}$ is intensive, and the structure of the compound studied is supposed to be better expressed (in solid state) by the formula *XIV* without intramolecular hydrogen bond of the enaminoamide group similar to the enamino *XV* (ref.⁶).

*XIV**XV*

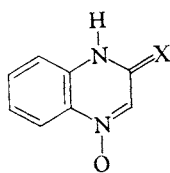
XVI, R = NH₂
XVII, R = NHCH₃
XVIII, R = N(CH₃)₂
XIX, R = N(CH₂CH₂)₂O

Neither of the tautomers *XIII* and *XIV* underwent isomerization in protic and aprotic solvents even in the presence of acidic or basic catalysts. In comparison with the 3-oxo derivative *I*, whose tautomerization was studied in detail², the activation energy of the 3-thio derivatives *XIII* and *XIV* is probably much too high, hence the isomerization only proceeds at elevated temperatures which are also sufficient for the amidation of the thio ester *III* to take place.

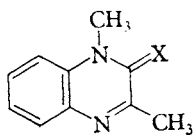
At similar reaction conditions the ester *II* was aminated to 3,4-dihydro-4-methyl-3-oxo-2-quinoxalinyacetamide (*XVI*), and its reaction with amines gave the corresponding N-methyl (*XVII*) and N,N-dimethyl (*XVIII*) derivatives as well as 3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2-quinoxalinyacetmorpholide (*XIX*). The ¹H NMR spectra of *XVI* in hexadeuteriodimethyl sulphoxide indicated the enamine/ketimine ratio to be 2 : 1 and 1 : 1 at 100 and 60°C, respectively, whereas the N,N-dimethyl derivative *XVIII* only contains traces of the ketimine tautomeric form at 60°C (Table II).

For preparation of thio ester type *III* we chose the reaction of 3,4-dihydro-3-thioquinoxaline-1-oxide (*XX*) with ethyl acetoacetate in the presence of a base. Literature⁷ gives the synthesis of the N-oxide *XX* via α -benzoyl-2-nitrothioacetanilide prepared from 2-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate. We chose a simpler approach consisting in direct thionation of 3,4-dihydro-3-oxoquinoxaline-1-oxide (*XXI*) with tetraphosphorus decasulphide in pyridine. The N-oxide *XXI* (which was prepared⁸ in low yields from 2-nitroaniline and ethyl acetoacetate and subsequent cyclization of acetoacet-2-nitroanilide) was obtained more advantageously by replacement of ethyl acetoacetate by diketene which is considered non-reactive to less basic amines (even with catalysis by pyridine⁹ or at elevated temperature¹). A distinct increase in reactivity of 2-nitroaniline and in purity of the product was reached by using catalysis with pyridinium perchlorate in pyridine when the reaction was exothermic even

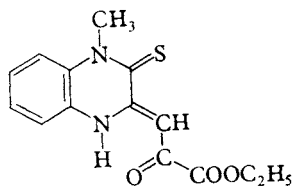
in lower-boiling benzene. In contrast to the oxygen analogue *XXI* (ref.⁸), the N-oxide *XX* did not react with ethyl acetoacetate.



XX, X = S
XXI, X = O



XXII, X = S
XXIII, X = O



XXIV

We also tried to prepare the ester *III* by condensation of 1,2-dihydro-1,3-dimethyl-2-thioxoquinoxaline (*XXII*) (ref.¹⁰) with dimethyl carbonate. The reaction did not give the ester *III* even on application of sodium hydride as the base, although the analogous reaction with the oxo derivative *XXIII* is smooth⁸. The more reactive ester – diethyl oxalate – reacted with the thioxo derivative *XXII* to give a product which was identified as 2-ethoxalylmethylene-4-methyl-3-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxaline (*XXIV*). Its enamine structure is supported by the very intensive $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$ band at 1590 cm^{-1} which is characteristic for enamines, the wave number values of the two carbonyl groups being at 1615 and 1738 cm^{-1} . The NH group

TABLE II
Amides XVI–XIX

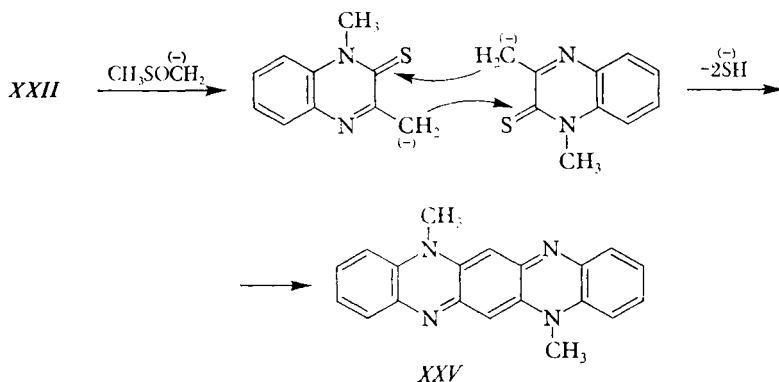
Product	Temperature, °C (time, h)	Yield g (%)	M.p., °C solvent	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})^a$ cm^{-1}	Formula (mol.wt.)	Calculated/Found		
						% C	% H	% N
<i>XVI</i>	173	0.3	208–210	1670 m ^b	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (217.2)	60.82	5.10	19.35
	(1)	(23)	1-propanol	1650 vs		60.83	5.18	19.63
<i>XVII</i>	180	0.7	198–199	1675 s ^b	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (231.3)	62.32	5.67	18.17
	(1.5)	(48)	ethanol	1630 vs		62.53	5.21	18.06
<i>XVIII</i>	180	0.75	138–139	1660 s ^b	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ (245.3)	63.66	6.16	17.13
	(1.5)	(51)	ethanol ^c	1628 vs		63.93	6.08	17.02
<i>XIX</i>	180	0.9	184–186	1662 vs ^b	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ (287.3)	62.70	5.96	14.63
	(1)	(38)	ethanol ^c	1626 vs		62.60	6.57	14.35

^a See the footnote in Table I; ^b the bands of 3-oxo group; ^c the samples were sublimed before the analysis.

bound to oxygen atom of the ketocarbonyl group by an intramolecular hydrogen bond exhibits a diffuse absorption band with the maximum at $3\ 100\ \text{cm}^{-1}$ (measured in chloroform). As compared with the oxygen analogue¹¹, the 3-thioester *XXIV* exhibits a bathochromic shift of the bands in electronic spectrum by $\Delta\lambda\ 40\ \text{nm}$.

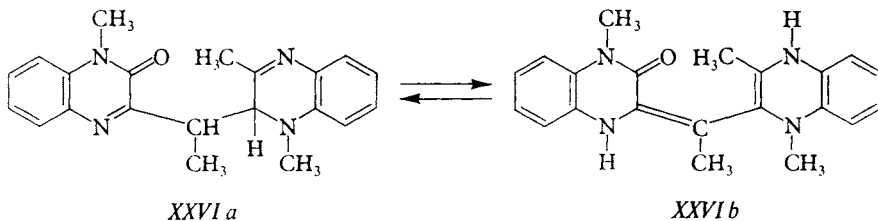
The lower reactivity of derivative *XXII* in the ester condensations is probably connected with more extensive charge delocalization in the carbanion. This explanation is supported by the acidity difference between the oxygen and sulphur analogues *XXIII*, *XXII*: the latter is completely ionized in sodium methoxide solution ($2\ \text{mol l}^{-1}$), whereas the former is not ionized even at a concentration of $4\ \text{mol l}^{-1}$ sodium methoxide. Values of the ionization constants could not be determined due to relatively rapid decomposition of the two derivatives. A similar example of instability of dihydrooxoquinoxalines to methoxide was given earlier¹².

Another attempt at condensation of the thio derivative *XXII* with dimethyl carbonate made use of sodium hydride in dimethyl sulphoxide (dimethyl sodium) at room temperature. We isolated, however, a product without ester group and exhibiting identical mass and IR spectra with those of the known¹³ 5,12-dimethyl-5,12-dihydroquinoxalino[2,3-*b*]phenazine (*XXV*). The latter species was obviously formed by nucleophilic addition of the carbanion of the thio derivative *XXII* and elimination of hydrogensulphide anion connected with formation of the 1,4-benzoquinoid section in the product *XXV*. This desulphurization ring closure represents the third known procedure for obtaining the derivative *XXV* which was suggested for use in dyeing of polyacrylic fibres¹⁴.

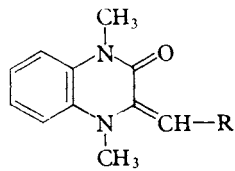
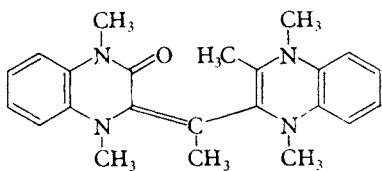


An analogous reaction was also carried out with the oxo derivative *XXIII*, of course without addition of dimethyl carbonate which did not take part in the reaction. No reaction took place when cold, after heating at 60°C we isolated a product whose IR spectrum contained a $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band of tert-amidic group at $1\ 642\ \text{cm}^{-1}$, $\delta(\text{C}-\text{H})$ bands of methyl groups attached to both nitrogen ($1\ 421\ \text{cm}^{-1}$) and carbon

(1370 cm^{-1}). From elemental analysis, mass and $^1\text{H NMR}$ spectra we could derive the probable structure of 2-(1-(1,4-dihydro-1,3-dimethyl-2-quinoxaliny)-ethylidene)-4-methyl-3-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxaline (XXVI). We suppose that the condensation of methyl group with amidic carbonyl group of the second molecule and partial reduction with hydride were accompanied by methylation with dimethyl sodium at the α -carbon atom of the side chain. The alkylation effects of dimethyl sulphoxide at similar conditions were observed with 1,3-butadiene¹⁵ and heterocyclic compounds¹⁶.



Solubility of the product XXVI in ethoxide indicates formation of an anion or dianion of the dienamine form XXVIb. This tautomeric form is also supported by the absence of the proton signal at the tert-carbon atom of the XXVIa form from the $^1\text{H NMR}$ spectrum. The alkylation with methyl iodide gave a product from which we could isolate (chromatographically) a compound whose elemental analysis and mass spectrum indicate the structure of 2-(1-(1,4-dihydro-1,3,4-trimethyl-2-quinoxaliny)ethylidene)-1,4-dimethyl-3-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxaline (XXVII).



Except for the ionization causing a colour change, the oxo derivative XXVIII does not react with dimethyl sodium at room temperature. Alkylation of the anion formed with methyl iodide gave a product representing (according to the GC-MS analysis) a mixture of two compounds which could not be separated on preparative scale. Analysis of the mass spectrum (based on the study¹⁷ of fragmentation of quinoxaline derivatives) suggests that the two compounds are 3-methylene- (XXVIII) and 3-ethylidene-1,4-dimethyl-3-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxaline (XXIX).

EXPERIMENTAL

The melting points were determined with a Kofler apparatus. The IR spectra were measured with a Spektromom 2000 apparatus, the wave numbers being calibrated with polystyrene. The ^1H NMR spectra were measured with a Tesla BS 487 B apparatus at 80 MHz in hexadeuteriodimethyl sulphoxide with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. The GC-MS and MS analyses were carried out with a Varian Mat 44 S apparatus at 70 eV. The ionization was followed^{1,2} with a UV-VIS apparatus (Zeiss, Jena).

Ethyl 3,4-Dihydro-4-methyl-3-thioxo-2-quinoxalinyllacetate (*III*)

Solution of 44.5 g (0.181 mol) ester *II* in 750 ml chlorobenzene was stirred at 125°C, and 60 g tetraphosphorus decasulphide was added thereto during 5 min. After 5 min boiling, the mixture was cooled to 50°C. The solution was separated from a greasy portion which was washed with 200 ml dichloromethane. Combined organic phases were washed with 4 × 250 ml aqueous ammonia and 100 ml water. The solution was dried by heating and filtered through an alumina column (activity II), and the product mixture was eluted with benzene. The first eluates were separated from the product solution, and the tary byproducts remained in the column. The eluate was concentrated in vacuum (water pump), diluted with 50 ml ethanol, left to stand in cold place 1 h, and the raw product was collected by suction (m.p. 93–100°C). Recrystallization from ethanol gave 17.5 g (37%) yellow crystals, m.p. 98–103°C. For elemental analysis the product was purified by column chromatography (alumina activity I; benzene-cyclohexane 3 : 1), m.p. 103–105°C. ^1H NMR spectrum (deuteriochloroform): 5.64 ppm (s) =CH, 4.20 ppm (s) CH₂, 4.11 ppm (s) N-CH₃. For C₁₃H₁₄N₂O₂S (262.3) calculated: 59.52% C, 5.38% H, 10.68% N; found: 59.84% C, 5.58% H, 10.70% N. Th emethyl ester *IV* was prepared analogously, yield 41%, m.p. 137–140°C (sublimation above 120°C). For C₁₂H₁₂N₂O₂S (248.3) calculated: 58.04% C, 4.82% H, 11.18% N; found: 58.20% C, 4.84% H, 11.13% N.

Amonolysis of the Esters *III* and *II*

The ester *III* (1.5 g; 6 mmol) was heated in a sealed ampoule with 10 ml respective amine (Table I) or ethanolic ammonia. The mixture was concentrated in vacuum, and the unreacted amine was extracted with cold ether, and the product was recrystallized (Table I). In the case of the reaction with diethylamine the mixture was separated by column chromatography (silica gel, benzene-ethyl acetate 1 : 1). The first fraction gave 0.3 g (26%) compound *XXII*, m.p. 147–148°C, ref.¹⁰ gives m.p. 148°C. IR spectrum: $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$ 1 130 cm^{-1} . Two subsequent chromatographical fractions gave the tautomers *XIII* and *XIV* with identical M^+ value 289. *XXIII*: 289 (55), 218 (91), 217 (63), 216 (100), 190 (84), 189 (59), 188 (86), 187 (10), 145 (11), 144 (8), 143 (12), 129 (12), 103 (11), 102 (12), 100 (18), 72 (47). The reaction conditions of the amonolysis of 3-oxo derivative *II* and analytical data of the amides obtained are given in Table II.

3,4-Dihydro-3-thioxoquinoxalin-1-oxide (*XX*)

A mixture of 2.7 g (20 mmol) 3-oxo derivative *XXI* (ref.⁸) and 7.2 g finely ground tetraphosphorus decasulphide in 100 ml anhydrous pyridine was heated at 70°C with stirring 2 h. The solvent was removed by distillation in vacuum (water pump), and the residue was diluted with 100 ml water. The raw product was collected by suction, washed with methanol, and recrystallized from ethanol. Yield 2.9 g (81%) yellow needles, m.p. 185–186°C, ref.⁷ gives the same value.

Acetoacet-2-nitroanilide

A solution of 138 g, (1 mol) 2-nitroaniline and 93 g (1.1 mol) diketene in 400 ml benzene was treated with 1 ml pyridine solution in 0.5 equivalent of 70% perchloric acid. After the exothermic reaction ceased, the reaction mixture was boiled 30 min, cooled, and extracted with 1.2 mol 5% sodium hydroxide solution. The extract was washed with 150 ml benzene and acidified (Congo Red) at the temperature below 10°C. The product was collected by suction and washed with 3 × 250 ml water. After drying the yield was 154 g (75%) product with m.p. 58–62°C; the product was used for cyclization to the N-oxide *XXI*. After recrystallization from ethanol m.p. 66–67°C, ref.⁸ gives m.p. 68°C.

2-Ethoxalylmethylene-4-methyl-3-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxaline (*XXIV*)

A mixture of 1.8 g (10 mmol) thioxo derivative *XXII* (ref.¹⁰), 0.6 g sodium hydride, 6 ml diethyl oxalate, and 30 ml toluene was boiled with exclusion of air humidity 2 h. The product was decomposed with water and acetic acid, the organic phase was separated and concentrated. The precipitated product was recrystallized from 2-ethoxyethanol to give 1.65 g (57%) orange needles, m.p. 194–196°C. For C₁₄H₁₄N₂O₃S (290.3) calculated: 58.91% C, 4.85% H, 9.65% N; found: 58.92% C, 5.00% H, 9.47% N.

5,12-Dimethyl-5,12-dihydroquinoxalino[2,3*b*]phenazine (*XXV*)

With exclusion of air humidity, 2.3 g (13 mmol) thioxo derivative *XXII* (ref.¹⁰) was added at 20°C to solution of dimethyl sodium obtained from 0.72 g (30 mmol) sodium hydride and 50 ml dimethyl sulphoxide at 50°C. After 1 h stirring the mixture was diluted with water, the precipitated product was collected by suction and extracted with 3 × 100 ml boiling ethanol. The red solution was concentrated to give 0.8 g blue needles, m.p. 294°C (determined only approximately due to dark colour), ref.¹³ gives m.p. 297°C. Mass spectrum: 312 (100), 297 (93), 282 (31), 156 (24). IR spectrum (KBr disc): $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ 1565 cm⁻¹, $\nu(\text{C}-\text{H})$ of N-methyl groups 2870, 3000 cm⁻¹ were identical (as well as the value of molecular ion) with the published data¹³.

Condensation of Compound *XXIII* by Action of Dimethyl sodium

a) Solution of 2.2 g (13 mmol) oxo derivative *XXIII* in 15 ml dimethyl sulphoxide was added drop by drop to solution of 0.72 g (30 mmol) sodium hydride in 50 ml dimethyl sulphoxide at 50°C. After 0.5 h stirring on boiling water bath, the green reaction mixture was decomposed with 150 ml water and 10 ml acetic acid. The precipitated product was collected by suction, washed with water and methanol, and the unreacted portions were extracted with boiling dioxane. After recrystallization from acetic acid the yield was 0.6 g orange crystals of compound *XXVI*, m.p. 317–320°C (sublimation above 260°C). ¹H NMR spectrum (trifluoroacetic acid): 3.01 ppm singlet of four methyl groups, multiplet of aromatic protons 7–8 ppm. Mass spectrum: M⁺ 346 (20), 199 (10), 198 (8), 187 (40), 173 (15), 159 (55), 157 (33), 145 (100), 131 (45). For C₂₁H₂₂N₄O (346.4) calculated: 72.80% C, 6.40% H, 16.17% N; found: 72.72% C, 6.75% H, 16.50% N.

b) The reactants were mixed as ad a), and the mixture was stirred 0.5 h, whereupon 3 ml methyl iodide was added. After cooling red crystals were separated with m.p. 258–260°C. Mass spectrum: M⁺ 374 (46), 359 (22), 199 (91), 188 (58), 187 (52), 185 (47), 184 (36), 173 (73), 172 (83), 161 (100), 157 (47), 147 (32), 145 (67), 133 (67). For C₂₃H₂₆N₄O (374.5) calculated: 73.77% C, 7.00% H, 14.96% N; found: 73.51% C, 6.89% H, 14.90% N.

c) The reactants were mixed as ad a), stirred at room temperature 5 min, and treated with 5 ml methyl iodide. The reaction mixture was extracted with chloroform, the extract was washed

with water, dried, and the solvent was evaporated to give 0.1 g orange needles with m.p. 160°C which did not change on recrystallization from acetic acid. The TLC (Silufol, benzene-ethyl acetate 1 : 1) showed only one spot. Mass spectrum of compound *XXVIII*: M^+ 188 (100), 173 (50), 159 (69), 145 (19); *XXIX*: M^+ 202 (92), 187 (100), 174 (98), 158 (58).

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