

The mechanism of the reaction may in agreement with the usual thermal (as opposed to photochemical) decomposition of Δ^2 -triazolines be formulated according to eq. 3 [3]. The major pathway of the betaine **7** is the *Wagner-Meerwein* (or *Demjanov-Tiffeneau* type) rearrangement to the imidate ester **3d**. Side products are probably derived from the intermediate aziridine **8**, which being unstable undergoes further rearrangements.

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