SYNTHESIS OF NITROGEN- AND OXYGEN-HETEROCYCLES USING KETENE-S, N-ACETALS

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Ketene- \underline{S} , \underline{N} -acetals derived from tertiary thioamides are interesting α -alkylthio substituted enamines. We have been interested in exploring their synthetic utility as the intermediates for heterocycles.

- I. Synthesis of Monothiouracils.
 - Addition of ethoxycarbonyl isothiocyanate to the ketene-S,N-acetals gives 1:1 adducts, which appear to be attractive new synthetic equivalents of 1,5-dicarbonyl compound. The 1:1 adducts are cyclized by reaction with primary amines as bis-nucleophiles affording monothiouracil derivatives.
- II. Synthesis of 4-Quinolones. Reaction of ketene- \underline{S} , \underline{N} -acetals with isatoic anhydrides as dipolarophilic synthon gives 4-quinolones.
- III. Syntheses of Benzofurane, Benzoxapine, and Benzolactone derivatives.

 Reaction of ketene-S,N-acetals with 1,4-quinones affords benzofurans, which have ketene-O,N-acetal components. Therefore, ring-expansion of benzofurans with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate gives benzoxapines. In addition, Michael_addition of Michael acceptors to benzofurans is carried out to afford 3-substituted benzofurans, which are hydrolyzed to furnish benzolactones (2-coumaranones). Ketene-S,N-acetal is regarded new synthetic requivalent of double-enamine.