STUDIES ON NITROGEN-CONTAINING HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS. SYNTHESIS OF BENZO[b][1,8]NAPHTHYRIDINE AND ITS OXIDATION REACTIONS WITH PEROXY ACID

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<u>Abstract</u> - A new method for the synthesis of benzo[b][1,8] naphthyridine (4) was established through the dehydrogenation of 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1,9-diazaanthracene. Oxidation reactions of 4 with peroxy acid afforded seven-membered 1,4-oxazepine derivatives (5-8).

Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds have extensive pharmaceutical applications and *m*-Amsacrin (*m*-AMSA), ¹ an acridine derivative, has been produced as an antitumor agent. In basic research on nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds such as acridine, the present authors have sought new methods for the synthesis of naphthonaphthyridines such as 7,8-, 7,11-, and 11,12-diazabenz[*a*]anthracenes.² When naphtho[1,2-*b* and 2,1-*b*][1,8]naphthyridines was oxidized with peroxy acid in the usual procedure, a ring expansion was previously noted to form seven-membered 1,4-oxazepine ring.^{2c} In the present pap.v, a modified method for the synthesis of benzo[*b*][1,8]naphthyridine (1,9-diazaanthracene) and the oxidation of benzo[*b*][1,8]naphthyridine are described.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Benzo[b][1,8]naphthyridine³ was previously synthesized by the Skraup reaction of 2-aminoquinoline. However, the yield was poor, and a new method to improve this was sought. The dehydrogenation of 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1,9-diazaanthracene (1)⁴ has not been reported to date without an 8-methyl derivative, and 8-methyl-1,9-diazaanthracene has been obtained.⁵

Compound (1) was dehydrogenated using 20 % palladium on charcoal in *p*-cymene, at 180 °C for 15 h. The desired 1,9-diazaanthracene was not obtained. Instead compounds (2), (47 %) and (3), (24 %) were produced. Compound (2) was considered to be 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,9-diazaanthracene on the basis of its ¹H-NMR spectrum. Compound (3) was obtained by the dehydrogenation of 2 under the same conditions, suggesting 2 to be an intermediate of 3. Compound (3) showed aromatic proton at 2-8 positions and methylene and NH proton signals at δ 4.10 and at δ 7.20, respectively. The structure of 3 was therefore determined as 9,10-dihydro-1,9-diazaanthracene. Reaction conditions are summarized in Table 1.

Heating at 250 °C for 3 h in diphenyl ether gave in 56% yield of 3, which was further improved by using a larger amount of solvent, (62 %). On oxidation of 2 with 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-*p*-benzoquinone (DDQ), the starting material was recovered and polymerization occurred at high temperatures such as 250 °C for 1 h. Compound (3) was oxidized with potassium dichromate in dilute sulfuric acid to produce 1,9-diazaanthracene (4) in a high yield of 82 %.

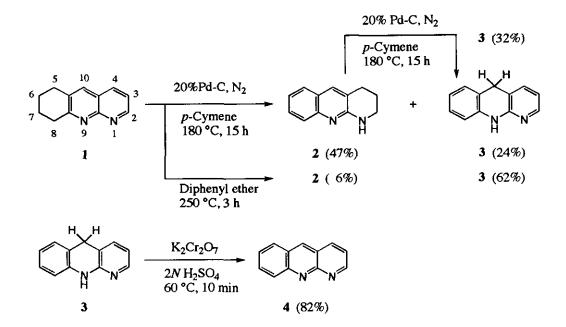
Compound (4) was treated with *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (*m*-CPBA) at 20 °C for 3 h to produce the expected seven-membered 1,4-oxazepine compounds (5, 47 %) and (6, 24 %). When heated at 60 °C for 3 h, the yield of 5 decreased to 21 % and that of 6 increased to 33 %. The structure of 5 was confirmed by the 2D HMBC NMR spectrum shown in Figure 1. This structure was also supported by the similarity between the NMR spectrum patterns of 5 and 6 and those of 12-acetyloxy-7, 12-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*b*]-pyrido[2,3-*e*][1,4]oxazepine, whose structure was previously determined by X-Ray crystallography.^{2c}

Reactions of compound (4) with peracetic acid were as follows. Peracetic acid was prepared by reaction of acetic acid with 30 % hydrogen peroxide at 60 °C for 4 h. Compound (4) was added to the reaction mixture containing peracetic acid and reacted at 20 °C for 1 h to afford compounds (7) to (10). Compound (7) was found to be an 1,4-oxazepine derivative (11 %) and 8 to be an *N*-oxide (20 %). Compound (9) corresponded to the molecular formula $C_{12}H_8N_2O_2$ on the basis of the analytical data and the MS spectrum with m/z: 212 (M⁺). ¹H-NMR spectrum showed a hydrogen bonded proton signal of NH---ON at δ 10.33.

The proton at the 10-position vanished and signals of protons at 2, 3, and 4-positions of the pyridine ring appeared as double doublets. The structure of **9** was considered to be 1-oxy-1-azaacridone by the comparison of the proton chemical shifts with those of 1-azaacridone (**11**).⁶ The chemical shifts of protons at positions 2, 3, and 4 (δ : 8.72, 7.28, and 8.78) of **11** appeared in higher magnetic fields than those of **9** (δ : 8.60, 7.19, and 8.35) due to the effect of the *N*-oxide group⁷ in **9**. The structure of **9** was supported by the finding that oxidation of **11** with *m*-CPBA gave **9** as the sole product. (Scheme 1).

Compound (10) was considered to be a ring-opened compound similar to that of the product obtained from acridine⁸ based on the ¹H-NMR spectrum showing signals corresponding to the CHO group at δ 9.91, NH---OC and OH---OC hydrogen bond at δ 10.50 and 10.64. To determine whether CHO or OH group of 10 was bound to the pyridine or benzene ring, the comparison of the proton NMR chemical shifts was made with the chemical shifts of 2-anilinopyridine. Structure of 10 was confirmed by the finding that when the CHO group was bound to the pyridine ring, the ring proton signals shifted to a lower field through the electron-withdrawing effect of this group and when the OH group was bound to the benzene ring, shifts to a higher magnetic field due to the electron-donating effect of the OH group was bound to the pyridine of 2-anilinopyridine, indicated that the CHO group was bound to the pyridine ring and the OH group was bound to the benzene ring.

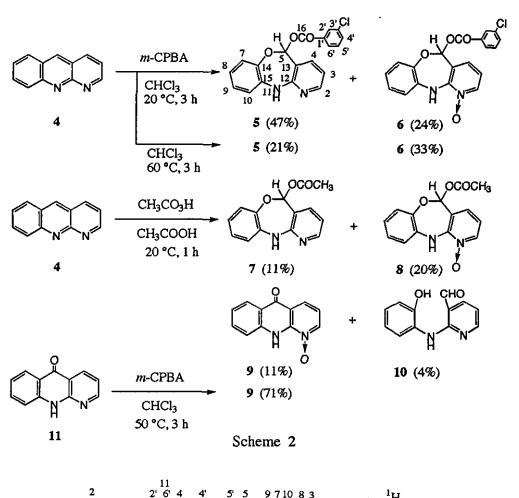
CONCLUSION



Scheme 1

Compd		20% Pd-C	Solvent	Temp	Time	Product (2)	Product (3)
(No.)	(mmol)	(g)	(mL)	(°C)	(h)	(%)	(%)
1	10	1.0	p-Cymene 20	180	15	47	24
1	10	0.5	Ph-O-Ph 30	250	1	23	36
1	10	0.5	Ph-O-Ph 30	250	3	17	56
1	10	0.5	Ph-O-Ph 30	250	6	12	44
1	10	0.5	Ph-O-Ph 5	250	3	25	50
1	10	1.0	Ph-O-Ph 30	25 0	6	7	40
1	10	2.0	Ph-O-Ph 30	250	3	-	36
1	10	1.0	Ph-O-Ph 60	250	3	6	62
1	10	1.0	Diethylene 30 glycol	250	3	7	54
2	10	1.0	p-Cymene 20	180	15	35	32
2	10	1.0	Diethylene 30 glycol	25 0	3	21	43
2	1	DDQ 2 mmol	Diethylene 15 glycol	250	1	polymerized	

Table 1. Dehydrogenation of 1 and 2 with 20% Pd-C



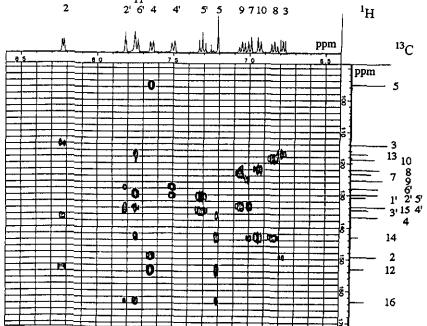


Figure 1. HMBC spectrum of compound (5) in CDCl₃

Since the right hand side pyridine ring in 1 undergoes reduction more easily than the benzene ring in quinoline and benzoquinoline, isomerized 2 was obtained through the dehydrogenation and hydrogenation of 1 with Pd-C. But this type's reaction was observed only for the 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1,9-diazaanthracene. Ring expansion occurred during the oxidation of 4 by *m*-CPBA. Such reactions do not occur in bicyclic 1,8-naphthyridine⁹ and tricyclic acridine.⁸ Thus, the ring expansion may be considered characteristic of nitrogen-containing heterocycles having a benzo[*b*][1,8]naphthyridine ring. Reactions of 4 with peroxy acids gave 1,4-oxazepine in a better yield than previously noted with the naphthonaphthyridine ring.^{2c} The productions of compound (9) and ring-opened compound (10) indicate that 4 also has acridine-like characteristics not observed in the naphthonaphthyridine ring.

EXPERIMENTAL

¹H-NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL JNM GX-270 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are given on a δ scale (ppm). The MS spectrum was taken with a Hitachi GC-MS M-80 spectrometer. IR and UV-VIS spectra were recorded on a JASCO IRA-I and Shimadzu UV-240 spectrophotometer, respectively.

9,10-Dihydro-1,9-diazaanthracene (3)

A mixture of 1 (0.92 g, 5 mmol) and 20% palladium on charcoal (Pd-C) (0.5 g) in diphenyl ether (or *p*-cymene) (30 mL) was heated under reflux at 250 °C (or 180 °C), with stirring for 3 h (or 15 h). Following the removal of the catalyst (Pd-C) by filtration, CHCl₃ (30 mL) was added to the filtrate and the mixture was then extracted with 10% HCl. The extracts were washed with CHCl₃, and basified with 10% NaOH. 'The solution was extracted 3 times with CHCl₃. The extracts were washed with water, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was chromatographed over silica gel [eluted with CHCl₃-acetone (10:1)] to give compounds (2, 3). The first elution gave 1.13 g (62%) of 3.

3: pale yellow needles (cyclohexane), mp 163-165 °C; MS m/z: 182 (M⁺). IR (CHCl₃) cm⁻¹: 3420 (NH), 1602, 1584, 1490, 1443. UV-VIS (cyclohexane) λ max nm (log ϵ)=287 (4.04), 384 (2.69). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 4.10 (s, 2H, H-10), 6.71 (m, 1H, H-5), 6.77 (dd, 1H, J=7.4, 5.0 Hz, H-3), 6.88 (m, 1H, H-6), 7.09 (m, 1H, H-8), 7.10 (m, 1H, H-7), 7.29 (br s, NH), 7.34 (dd, 1H, J=7.4, 1.0 Hz, H-4), 8.02 (dd, 1H, J=5.0, 1.0 Hz, H-2). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₂H₁₀N₂: C, 79.10; H, 5.53; N, 15.37. Found: C, 79.24; H, 5.32; N, 15.20. The second elution gave 0.11g (6%) of **2**.

2: colorless needles (AcOEt), mp 180-182 °C; MS m/z: 184 (M⁺), 183 (M⁺-1). IR (CHCl₃) cm⁻¹: 3425 (NH), 1628, 1500, 1444. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 1.98 (m, 2H, H-3), 2.90 (m, 2H, H-4), 3.52 (t, 2H, J=5.4 Hz, H-2), 5.58 (br s, 1H, NH) 7.15 (m, 1H, H-6), 7.45 (m, 1H, H-7), 7.52 (m, 1H, H-5), 7.54 (s, 1H, H-10), 7.56 (m, 1H, H-8). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂N₂: C, 78.23; H, 6.56; N, 15.20. Found: C, 78.17; H, 5.32; N, 15.24.

Benzo[b][1.8]naphthyridine (4)

A solution of 3 (0.91 g, 5 mmol) in 2N-H₂SO₄ (30 mL) was added to a solution of K₂Cr₂O₇ (1.8 g, 6.1

mmol) in water (60 mL) at 60 °C and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The reaction mixture was made alkaline with NaOH and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The CH_2Cl_2 extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was recrystallized from AcOEt to give 0.74g (82%) of **4** as yellow prisms, mp 197-199 °C (lit.,³ mp 190-192 °C). MS *m/z*: 180 (M⁺). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3020, 1619, 1604, 1547, 1507, 740. UV-VIS (H₂O) λ max nm (log ϵ)=227 (4.45), 247 (4.80), 354 (4.10). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.47 (dd, 1H, J=8.4, 3.7 Hz, H-3), 7.60 (m, 1H, H-6), 7.85 (m, 1H, H-7), 8.03 (m, 1H, H-5), 8.36 (dd, 1H, J=8.4, 2.0 Hz, H-4), 8.37 (m, 1H, H-8), 8.80 (s, 1H, H-10), 9.28 (dd, 1H, J=3.7, 2.0 Hz, H-2). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₈N₂: C, 79.98; H, 4.47; N, 15.54. Found: C, 80.04; H, 4.53; N, 15.36.

Oxidation of 4 with m-CPBA

A solution of 4 (0.9 g, 5 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (*ca.* 70% purity) (2.47 g, 12 mmol) in CHCl₃ (50 mL) was stirred at 20 °C for 3 h. A solution of 5% Na_2CO_3 (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the whole was extracted with CHCl₃. The extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was chromatographed over silica gel [eluted with CHCl₃] to give compounds (5, 6). The first elution gave 0.82 g (47%) of 5.

5: pale yellow needles (MeCN), mp 156-158 °C; MS *m/z*: 352 (M⁺), 323, 213, 197 (M⁺-OCOC₆H₄Cl). IR (CHCl₃) cm⁻¹: 3400 (NH), 1733 (C=O). UV-VIS (cyclohexane) λ max nm (log ε)=203 (4.66), 283 (4.15). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 6.79 (dd, 1H, J=7.4, 5.0 Hz, H-3), 6.84 (m, 1H, H-8), 6.94 (m, 1H, H-10), 7.01 (m, 1H, H-7), 7.06 (m, 1H, H-9), 7.21 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.32 (t, 1H, J=8.1 Hz, H-5⁺), 7.51 (m, 1H, H-4⁺), 7.65 (dd, 1H, J=7.4, 1.7 Hz, H-4), 7.73 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.75 (m, 1H, H-6⁺), 7.82 (m, 1H, H-2⁺), 8.23 (dd, 1H, J=5.0, 1.7 Hz, H-2); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 95.2 (C-5), 114.2 (C-3), 117.1 (C-13), 118.7 (C-10), 122.0 (C-8), 123.3 (C-7), 125.3 (C-9), 127.9 (C-6⁺), 129.8 (C-2⁺), 129.9 (C-5⁺), 130.7 (C-1⁺), 133.7 (C-4⁺, 15), 134.7 (C-3⁺), 136,8 (C-4), 143.0 (C-14), 149.3 (C-2), 163.3 (C-16). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₉H₁₃N₂O₃Cl: C, 65.06; H, 3.99; N, 8.12. Found: C, 64.68; H,3.69; N, 7.94. The second elution gave 0.45 g (24%) of **6**.

6: pale yellow pnsms (AcOEt), mp 167-168 °C; MS *m/z*: 368 (M⁺), 352 (M⁺-O), 213 (M⁺-OCOC₆H₄Cl), 197. IR (CHCl₃) cm⁻¹: 3225 (hydrogen bonding in NH---ON), 1736 (C=O). UV-VIS (cyclohexane) λmax nm (log ε)=205 (4.29), 258 (3.96), 278 (3.73). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 6.74 (dd, 1H, J=7.7, 6.7 Hz, H-3), 6.96 (m, 1H, H-9), 7.05 (m, 1H, H-8), 7.15 (m, 2H, H-7, H-10), 7.24 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.34 (t, 1H, J=8.1 Hz, H-5'), 7.35 (dd, 1H, J=7.7, 1.0 Hz, H-4), 7.54 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.73 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.81 (m, 1H, 2'H), 8.28 (dd, 1H, J=6.7, 1.0 Hz, H-2), 9.83 (br s, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₉H₁₃N₂O₄Cl: C, 61.87; H, 3.56; N, 7.61. Found: C, 61.87; H, 3.53; N, 7.60.

Oxidation of 4 with Peracetic Acid

Peracetic acid was prepared as follows: a solution of 30% H₂O₂ (13.6 mL) in AcOH (34 mL) was stirred at 55-60 °C for 4 h, cooled to 20 °C, to which was added 4 (11.08 g, 6 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 1 h. NaHSO₃ (*ca.* 12 g) was added to cause the decomposition of H₂O₂. The reaction mixture

was treated in the same manner as the oxidation mixture of 4 with *m*-CPBA. The first elution gave 0.05 g (4%) of 10.

10: pale brown plates (CCl₄), mp 129-131 °C; MS m/z: 214 (M⁺), 197 (M⁺-OH), 196 (M⁺-H₂O), 185 (M⁺-CHO), 168 (196 -CO). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3445 (OH), 3400 (NH), 1645 (CHO), 1610, 1572, 1520, 1450, 760. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) & 6.85 (dd, 1H, J=7.4, 5.0 Hz, H-3), 6.89 (m, 1H, H-4⁺), 7.08 (m, 2H, H-3⁺, 6⁺), 7.14 (m, 1H, H-5⁺), 7.96 (dd, 1H, J=7.4, 2.0 Hz, H-4), 8.30 (dd, 1H, J=5.0, 2.0 Hz, H-2), 9.91 (s, 1H, CHO), 10.50 (br s, 1H, NH), 10.66 (s, 1H, OH). Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{10}N_2O_2$: C, 67.28; H, 4.70; N, 13.08. Found: C, 67.21; H,4.72; N, 13.01. The second elution gave 0.164 g (11%) of 7.

7: pale yellow prisms (hexane), mp 124-126 °C; MS m/z: 256 (M⁺), 213 (M⁺-COCH₃), 197 (M⁺-OCOCH₃). IR (CHCl₃) cm⁻¹: 3398 (NH), 1752 (C=O). UV-VIS (cyclohexane) λ max nm (log ϵ)=284 (4.32). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) & 2.06 (s, 3H, OCOCH₃), 6.76 (dd, 1H, J=7.4, 5.0 Hz, H-3), 6.87 (m, 1H, H-10), 6.89 (m, 1H, H-9), 6.94 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.01 (m, 1H, H-7), 7.06 (m, 1H, H-8), 7.33 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.56 (dd, 1H, J=7.4, 1.7 Hz, H-4), 8.19 (dd, 1H, J=5.0, 1.7 Hz, H-2). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₃: C, 65.62; H, 4.72; N, 10.93. Found: C, 65.83; H, 4.86; N, 10.82. The third elution gave 0.33 g (20%) of **8**.

8: colorless needles [benzene-ligroin (1:3)], mp 142-144 °C; MS m/z: 272 (M⁺), 256 (M⁺-O), 229 (M⁺-COCH₃), 213 (M⁺-OCOCH₃). IR (CHCl₃) cm⁻¹: 3220 (hydrogen bonding in NH---ON), 1762 (C=O). UV-VIS (cyclohexane) λ max nm (log ε)=210 (4.37), 261 (4.39), 304 (4.42), 349 (3.73). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 2.08 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 6.71 (dd, 1H, J=6.8, 5.4 Hz, H-3), 6.96 (s, 1H, H-5), 7.03 (m, 2H, H-8, 9), 7.12 (m, 2H, H-7, 10), 7.28 (dd, 1H, J=6.8, 1.0 Hz, H-4), 8.23 (dd, 1H, J=5.4, 1.0 Hz, H-2), 9.71 (br s, 1H, NH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₄: C, 61.76; H, 4.44; N, 10.29. Found: C, 61.77; H, 4.49; N, 10.34. The fourth elution gave 0.145 g (11%) of **9**.

9: yellow needles (EtOH), mp > 300 °C; MS m/z: 212 (M⁺), 196 (M⁺-O), 168 (196 -CO). IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3050 (NH), 2790, 1645 (C=O), 1614, 1208 (N-O), 750. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) &: 7.19 (dd, 1H, J=8.1, 6.4 Hz, H-3), 7.42 (m, 1H, H-7), 7.53 (m, 1H, H-8), 7.79 (m, 1H, H-6), 8.35 (dd, 1H, J=8.1, 1.4 Hz, H-4), 8.45 (m, 1H, H-5), 8.60 (dd, 1H, J=6.4, 1.4 Hz, H-2), 10.33 (br s, 1H, NH). Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_8N_2O_2$: C, 67.92; H, 3.80; N, 13.20. Found: C, 67.90; H, 3.80; N, 13.01.

Oxidation of 11 with m-CPBA

A solution of 11 (0.1 g, 0.5 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (*ca.* 70% purity) (0.27 g, 1.1 mmol) in CHCl₃ (100 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was treated in the same manner as the oxidation mixture of 4 with *m*-CPBA. The elution gave 0.075 g (71%) of 9 as yellow needles (EtOH), mp > 300 °C. The product was identical to 9, previously synthesized by the oxidation of 4 with peracetic acid, by the comparison of their IR and ¹H-NMR spectra.

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