Reaction of the Oxidation Product, 6-Cyanoimino-5-diazo-1,3-
dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione with Alcohols or Amines
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#### Abstract

Oxidation of 7,8-diaminotheophylline (1) with lead tetraacetate in refluxing toluene gave a mixture of 3-amino-5,7-dimethylpyrimido[4,5-e][1,2,4]triazine-6,8-dione (2) and 6-cyanoimino-5-diazo-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione (4). The latter was transformed to 2 by the reaction with 1-propanethiol in quantitative yield. The reaction of $\mathbf{4}$ with methanol, ethanol and 1-propanol in the presence of rhodium (II) acetate gave 5 -alkoxy-6-(2-alkyl-3-isoureido)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-diones (7a-c). A similar reaction of $\mathbf{4}$ with alkylamines such as $n$-propylamine, $n$-butylamine, isobutylamine and $n$-hexylamine gave a mixture of 7-alkyl-8-aminotheophyllines (8a-d) and (5-alkylamino-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxopyrimidin-6yl)cyanamides ( $\mathbf{9 a - d}$ ).


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Theophylline is an important drug with diuretic, cardiac stimulant and smooth muscle relaxant activities [1]. In the course of medicinal and chemical studies of theophylline derivatives we previously synthesized 7,8-diaminotheophylline (1) [2] and examined its reactivity [3]. During the examination of the alkylation of $\mathbf{1}$ with alkyl halide in the presence of sodium hydride, the nitrene reaction product 3-amino-5,7-dimethylpyrimido[4,5-e][1,2,4]triazine-6,8dione (2) was found to be formed. This paper reports on the oxidation of $\mathbf{1}$ and the reaction of the oxidation product, 6-cyanoimino-5-diazo-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4dione (4) with alcohols or amines.
Our finding that tricyclic fused purines [4] were formed by the reaction of 8 -aminotheophylline [5] with $\alpha, \omega$-dibromoalkanes induced us to examine facile synthesis of fused tricycles from 1. However, to our surprise the reaction of $\mathbf{1}$ with alkyl halides such as 1,2-dibromoethane, ethyl bromoacetate, and ethyl bromopropionate in the presence of sodium hydride in

$\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-dimethylformamide did not give the expected products, but rather provided 2 [6] in 17\% yield. The structural confirmation of 2 was carried out by proton nuclear magnetic resonance and mass spectra. Moreover, acetylation of 2 with acetic anhydride in pyridine gave 3-acetylamino-5,7-dimethylpyrimido[4,5-e][1,2,4]-triazine-6,8-dione (3a) and 3-diacetylamino-5,7-dimethylpyrimido[4,5-e][1,2,4]triazine-6,8-dione (3b).

Because 2 seemed to be formed via nitrene [7] which was generated during the reaction of $\mathbf{1}$ with sodium hydride and/or air in $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-dimethylformamide, we examined the nitrene reaction of $\mathbf{1}$ with lead tetraacetate [8] as the oxidizing agent (Table 1). The yield of $\mathbf{2}$ is increased

Table 1
Yields of $\mathbf{2}$ and $\mathbf{4}$ by the Oxidation of $\mathbf{1}$ with Lead Tetraacetate.[a]

| Solvent | $\mathrm{Pb}(\mathrm{OAc})_{4}(\mathrm{eq})[\mathrm{b}]$ | Temperature | $\mathbf{2 ( \% )}$ | $\mathbf{4 ( \% )}$ | $\mathbf{1}(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| benzene | 1 | rt | 6 | 46 | 48 |
| benzene | 1 | $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 12 | 41 | 46 |
| benzene | 1 | reflux | 36 | 30 | 24 |
| benzene | 1.5 | rt | 10 | 69 | 20 |
| benzene | 1.5 | $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 24 | 64 | 11 |
| benzene | 1.5 | reflux | 48 | 45 | 0 |
| toluene | 1.5 | reflux | 65 | 27 | 0 |
| benzene | 2.0 | rt | 4 | 92 | 0 |
| benzene | 2.0 | $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 12 | 85 | 0 |

[a] All reactions were carried out with $1(0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 20 ml of benzene or toluene for 20 hours.
[b] Molar equivalent to compound $\mathbf{1}$.
as the reaction temperature is increased, and the best yield was obtained by refluxing toluene with 1.5 molar equivalent of lead tetraacetate to give 2 ( $65 \%$ ) along with 4 in $27 \%$ yield. By contrast, the reaction at room temperature gave better yield of 4 . When two molar equivalents of lead tetraacetate were used in benzene at room temperature, the yield of 4 was remarkably increased to $92 \%$ and that of 2 was decreased to $4 \%$. In this way either 2 or $\mathbf{4}$
can be synthesized at our option. The infrared spectra of 4 indicated the presence of a cyano group. For the confirmation of the unique structure of 4 , hydrolysis with concentrated hydrochloric acid in ethanol (1:5) was carried out by refluxing for 6 hours to give 6-imino-5-diazo-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione (5) in $60 \%$ yield and 5-diazo-1,3-dimethylbarbituric acid (6) [9] in 33\% yield. The reaction of 4 with refluxing concentrated hydrochloric acid gave $\mathbf{5}$ as the sole product in $95 \%$ yield. These experiments proved the presence of the cyanoimino group in 4.


Similar ring expansion of N -aminoimidazoles to triazines by the nitrene reaction has been reported [10]. However, the formation of the cyanoiminouracil type compounds like that of $\mathbf{4}$ is unknown. To further examine the unique structure of 4 the rhodium carbenoid OH insertion reaction [11] was employed. The reaction of the diazo compound 4 in alcohol in the presence of rhodium (II) acetate gave 5-alkoxy-6-(2-alkyl-3-isoureido)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-diones (7a-c). Among the reactions of 4 with methanol, ethanol and propanol, the reaction with propanol gave the better yield (55\%) of the insertion product 7c. However, the carbenoid reaction with butanol or 2-bromoethanol did not proceed at all. Since the carbenoid reaction with propanol gave the better yield of $\mathbf{7 c}$, the reaction of 4 with 1-propanethiol was tried. But, to our surprise this reaction gave 2 in $97 \%$ yield, and no carbenoid reaction was observed. Thus the formation of 2 from 4 appears to arise from the addition of propanethiol to a cyanoimino group.
We next examined the carbenoid reaction with alkylamines. The reaction of 4 with alkylamines, such as $n$-propylamine, $n$-butylamine, isobutylamine, and $n$-hexylamine in the presence of rhodium (II) acetate gave 7-alkyl-8-aminotheophyllines (8a-d) and (5-alkyl-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxopyrimidin-6-yl)cyanamides (9a-d). These reactions even proceeded in the absence of rhodium (II) acetate, though the yields of 8a-d and 9a-d were poor. 7-Propyl-8-aminotheophylline (8a) and 7-butyl-8aminotheophylline ( $\mathbf{8 b}$ ) were identical with those
obtained previously by us [12] during the reaction of 8 -aminotheophylline with propyl bromide or butyl bromide.

Scheme 3

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 8a: } R=n \text {-propyl } & \text { 9a: } \mathrm{R}=n \text {-propyl } \\ \text { 8b: } \mathrm{R}=n \text {-butyl } & \text { 9b: } \mathrm{R}=n \text {-butyl } \\ \text { 8c: } \mathrm{R}=\text { isobutyl } & \text { 9c: } \mathrm{R}=\text { isobutyl } \\ \text { 8d: } \mathrm{R}=n \text {-hexyl } & \text { 9d: } \mathrm{R}=n \text {-hexyl }\end{array}$

Consequently we could synthesize 2 or $\mathbf{4}$ by the nitrene reaction of 7,8 -diaminotheophylline at our option. Since 4 is easily transformed to 2 in excellent yield, our method makes a facile synthesis of $\mathbf{2}$ from $\mathbf{1}$. The carbenoid reaction of $\mathbf{4}$ with alcohols or amines gave new pyrimidinones (7a-c, 9a-d).

## EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points were determined with a Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The infrared spectra were measured with a JASCO IR-810 spectraphotometer. Mass spectra were measured with a JEOL JMS-DX 300 mass spectrometer. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded with a JEOL JNM-LA-400 and JNM-EX-270 spectrometer using tetramethylsilane as internal standard. Abbreviations are as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; q, quartet; br, broad; m, multiplet.

## 3-Amino-5,7-dimethylpyrimido[4,5-e][1,2,4]triazine-6,8-dione (2).

To a solution of 7,8-diaminotheophylline (1) ( $2.1 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-dimethyl formamide ( 130 ml ) was added sodium hydride ( $60 \%$ dispersion in mineral oil 840 mg ) at $100^{\circ}$ and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with water $(10 \mathrm{ml})$ and neutralized with $5 \%$ aqueous hydrochloric acid. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $5 \times 30 \mathrm{ml}$ ). The organic layer was washed with water ( 30 ml ), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with a mixture of chloroform:methanol ( $10: 1$ ) as eluent to give compound $2(0.36 \mathrm{~g}, 17 \%)$, fine crystals, $\mathrm{mp}>300^{\circ}$ (from methanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 3.27$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.38 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}$ ), $8.30\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right.$ ); ir (potassium bromide): $v$ max 3350 and $3330 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 1690 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$; $\mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 208\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, 40.37; H, 3.88; N, 40.38 . Found: C, 40.29; H, 4.08; N, 40.15 .

3-Acetylamino-5,7-dimethylpyrimido[4,5-e][1,2,4]triazine-6,8dione (3a) and 3-Diacetylamino-5,7-dimethylpyrimido[4,5-e]-[1,2,4]triazine-6,8-dione (3b).

To a solution of compound $2(208 \mathrm{mg}, 1 \mathrm{mmol})$ in pyridine $(3 \mathrm{ml})$ was added acetic anhydride $(3 \mathrm{ml})$ at $100^{\circ}$ and stirred for

12 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with a mixture of chloroform:methanol (15:1) to give compound 3a ( $138 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{55} \mathrm{\%}$ ) and 3b ( $26 \mathrm{mg}, 9 \%$ ).

Compound 3a: mp 244-246 ${ }^{\circ}$ (from ethanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} n \mathrm{mr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 2.28$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.31 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), $3.45(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 8.31(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH})$; ir (potassium bromide): $\vee \max 3210 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 1740$ and $1680 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ $250\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ : C, 43.20; $\mathrm{H}, 4.03 ; \mathrm{N}, 33.59$. Found: C, 43.16; H, 4.03; N, 33.60.

Compound 3b: mp $158-160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (from ethanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 2.39(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Me}$ x 2$), 3.59(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.66 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ); ir (potassium bromide): $v \max 1740$ and $1680 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 292\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Reaction of 7,8-Diaminotheophylline with Lead Tetraacetate (Synthesis of 2 and 4).

Method a: To a solution of 7,8-diaminotheophylline (105 mg, $0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in refluxing toluene $(20 \mathrm{ml})$ was added lead tetraacetate $(332 \mathrm{mg} 0.75 \mathrm{mmol})$ and the solution was stirred for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with a mixture of chloroform:methanol (50:1) as eluent to give compound 2 ( $64 \mathrm{mg}, 65 \%$ ) and compound $4(26 \mathrm{mg}, 27 \%)$.

Compound 4: mp $197-199^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (from ethanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 3.35(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.43$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ); ir (potassium bromide): $v \max 2190 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{CN}), 2145 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{N}), 1720$ and $1670 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 206\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, $40.78 ; \mathrm{H}, 2.93 ; \mathrm{N}, 40.77$. Found: C, $40.75 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.05 ; \mathrm{N}, 40.78$.

Method b: To a solution of 7,8-diaminotheophylline ( 105 mg , $0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in refluxing benzene $(20 \mathrm{ml})$ was added lead tetraacetate ( $443 \mathrm{mg}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and the solution was stirred for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with a mixture of chloroform:methanol (50:1) as eluent to give compound $2(4 \mathrm{mg}, 4 \%)$ and compound $4(95 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%)$.

Hydrolysis of Compound 4: Synthesis of 6-Imino-5-diazo-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione (5) and 5-Diazo-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4,6-trione (6).

Method a: To a solution of compound 4 ( $206 \mathrm{mg}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in ethanol ( 30 ml ) was added concentrated hydrochloric acid $(6 \mathrm{ml})$ and the mixture was refluxed for 6 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with a mixture of chloroform:methanol (15:1) as eluent to give 5 ( $109 \mathrm{mg}, 65 \%$ ) and $6(64 \mathrm{mg}, 35 \%)$.

Compound 5; colorless crystalline powder, mp 259-261 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (from methanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 3.21(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.44(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 8.26(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH})$; ir (potassium bromide): $v \max 3450 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 1720 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ $181\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, 39.78; $\mathrm{H}, 3.89 ; \mathrm{N}, 38.66$. Found: C, 40.16; H, 4.22; N, 38.30.

Compound 6; colorless prisms, mp 162-163 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (from methanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 3.35$ (s, 6H, N-Me $x 2$ ); ir (potassium bromide): $v \max 2150 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{N}), 1710$ and $1660 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 182\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Method b: A solution of compound 4 ( $618 \mathrm{mg}, 3 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in concentrated hydrochloric acid ( 36 ml ) was refluxed for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with a mixture of chloroform:methanol (15:1) as eluent to give compound 5 ( 514 mg , $95 \%$ ).

General Procedure for the Reaction of Compound 4 with Alcohols: Synthesis of 5-Alkoxy-6-(2-alkyl-3-isoureido)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-diones (7a-c).

To a solution of compound $4(0.49 \mathrm{mmol})$ in alcohol $(30 \mathrm{ml})$ was added rhodium(II) acetate $(4.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0098 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature and stirred at $65^{\circ}$ for 15 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with a mixture of chloroform:methanol (20:1) as eluent.
5-Methoxy-6-(2-methyl-3-isoureido)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione (7a).

Compound 7a was obtained in $19 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 209-211 ${ }^{\circ}$ (from methanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta$ 3.37 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.38 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.66 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), $3.87(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Me}), 4.87\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$; ir (potassium bromide): $v \max 3380$ and $3320 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 1695 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ $242\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, $44.63 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.83 ; \mathrm{N}, 23.13$. Found: C, 44.34; H, 5.64; N, 23.18.
5-Ethoxy-6-(2-ethyl-3-isoureido)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4dione (7b).

Compound 7b was obtained in $37 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, $\mathrm{mp} 140-141^{\circ}$ (from chloroform); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 1.24\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.35(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.35(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.37(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.88(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}$, $\left.\mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 4.30\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 4.99$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}$ ); ir (potassium bromide): $\mathrm{v} \max 3395$ and 3315 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 1690 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 270\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, $48.88 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.71 ; \mathrm{N}, 20.73$. Found: C, 48.73; H, 6.69; N, 20.78.
5-Propoxy-6-(2-propyl-3-isoureido)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-dione (7c).

Compound 7 c was obtained in $55 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, $\mathrm{mp} 110-111^{\circ}$ (from chloroform); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta$ $0.92\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.00(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.59-1.68\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.69(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.33(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.36(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.75$ $\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 4.19(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 5.10\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$; ir (potassium bromide): v max 3400 and $3350 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 1700 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 298$ $\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, 52.34; H, 7.43; N, 18.78. Found: C, 52.58; H, 7.40; N, 18.78.

## Reaction of Compound 4 with 1-Propanethiol.

To a solution of compound $4(51.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.25 \mathrm{mmol})$ in chloroform ( 5 ml ) was added 1 -propanethiol $(380 \mathrm{mg}, 5$ mmol ) at room temperature and the mixture was refluxed for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform:methanol (15:1) as eluent to give compound 2 ( $46 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ ) .

General Procedure for the Reaction of $\mathbf{4}$ with Alkylamines: Synthesis of 7-Alkyl-8-aminotheophyllines (8a-d) and (5-Alkylamino-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxopyrimidin-6-yl)carbodiimides (9a-d).
To a solution of alkylamine ( 49 mmol ) in chloroform ( 135 ml ), rhodium (II) acetate ( $22 \mathrm{mg}, 0.49 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added. A solution of $\mathbf{4}$ in chloroform ( 15 ml ) was added dropwise over 10 minutes to the above mixture. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with chloroform:methanol (20:1) as eluent.

## 7-Propyl-8-aminotheophylline (8a).

This compound was obtained in $57 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 233-234 (from ethanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 0.98$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 1.77-1.90 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $3.50(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.38 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), $4.04\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 4.59\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$; ir (potassium bromide): $v \max 3390$ and $3340 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 1700$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 237\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$. This compound was identical with that obtained by the reaction of 8 -aminotheophylline with propyl bromide [12].

## 7-Butyl-8-aminotheophylline ( $\mathbf{8 b}$ ).

This compound was obtained in $53 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 202-203 ${ }^{\circ}$ (from chloroform); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 0.95\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, 1.34-1.45 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 1.68-1.79 $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 3.36 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.48 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), $4.08\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 5.63\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$; ir (potassium bromide): $v \max 3350$ and $3420 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 1690$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 251\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$. This compound was identical with that obtained by the reaction of 8 -aminotheophylline with butyl bromide [12].

## 7-(2-Methylpropyl)-8-aminotheophylline (8c).

This compound was obtained in $38 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 172-174 (from ethanol), ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 0.98\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz},(\mathrm{Me})_{2} \mathrm{CHCH}_{2}-\right)$, 2.17-2.27 ( $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},(\mathrm{Me})_{2} \mathrm{CHCH}_{2}-\right), 3.38(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.50$ $(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.85\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz},(\mathrm{Me})_{2} \mathrm{CHCH}_{2}-\right), 4.66$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}$ ); ir (potassium bromide): $v$ max 3460 and 3420 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 1700 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 251\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.
Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, $52.58 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.82 ; \mathrm{N}, 27.87$. Found: C, 52.36; H, 6.75; N, 27.64.
7-Hexyl-8-aminotheophylline (8d).
This compound was obtained in $43 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 176-177 (from methanol); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuteriochloroform): $\delta 0.87\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, 1.26-1.34 (6H, m, CH2 $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.74-1.82(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 3.38 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.49 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), $4.07\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 4.97\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)$; ir (potassium bromide): $v \max 3400$ and $3350 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 1700$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 279\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.
Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, 55.88; H, 7.58; N, 25.08. Found: C, 55.81; H, 7.58; N, 25.34.
(1,3-Dimethyl-2,4-dioxo-5-propylaminopyrimidin-6-yl)cyanamide (9a).
This compound was obtained in $24 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 299-301 ${ }^{\circ}$ (from chloroform): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ (deuterio-
chloroform): $\delta 0.98$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 1.59-1.68 $\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.32\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, 3.37 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.52 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 5.71 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}$ ), $10.88(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH})$; ir (potassium bromide) $v \max 3325 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (NH), $3150 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 1700 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 237\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, $50.61 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.38 ; \mathrm{N}, 29.53$. Found: C, 50.57; H, 6.32; N, 29.31.
(5-Butylamino-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxopyrimidin-6-yl)cyanamide (9b).

This compound was obtained in $25 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 227-229 (from chloroform): $\delta 0.95(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1$ $\mathrm{Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 1.34-1.45 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 1.51-1.62 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $3.36(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 3.37 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), 3.51 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}$ ), $5.56(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.59(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH})$; ir (potassium bromide): $v$ $\max 3500 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 3300 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 1695 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$; ms: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 251\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, $52.58 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.82 ; \mathrm{N}, 27.87$. Found: C, 52.33; H, 6.91; N, 27.84.
(1,3-Dimethyl-5-(2-methylpropylamino)-2,4-dioxopyrimidin-6yl)cyanamide (9c).

This compound was obtained in $26 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 254-256 (from ethanol): $\delta 1.00(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right), 1.84-1.96\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right), 3.27(2 \mathrm{H}$, d, J = $\left.6.6 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right), 3.42(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 3.55(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}), 5.12(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}), 11.36(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH})$; ir (potassium bromide): $v$ max $3280 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 3170 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 1695 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ); ms: m/z $251\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, $52.58 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.82 ; \mathrm{N}, 27.87$. Found: C, 52.29; H, 6.59; N, 27.61.
(5-Hexylamino-1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dioxopyrimidin-6-yl)cyanamide (9d).

This compound was obtained in $33 \%$ yield as colorless prisms, mp 223-225 (from ethanol): $\delta 0.89(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.25-1.49\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, 1.60-1.72 ( $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m},-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.41(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me})$, $3.46\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz},-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.55(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me})$, $4.99(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}), 11.56(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH})$; ir (potassium bromide): v $\max 3270 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 3130 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{NH}), 1695 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (C=O); ms: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 279\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, $55.88 ; \mathrm{H}, 7.58 ; \mathrm{N}, 25.08$. Found: C, 55.65; H, 7.42; N, 25.00.

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