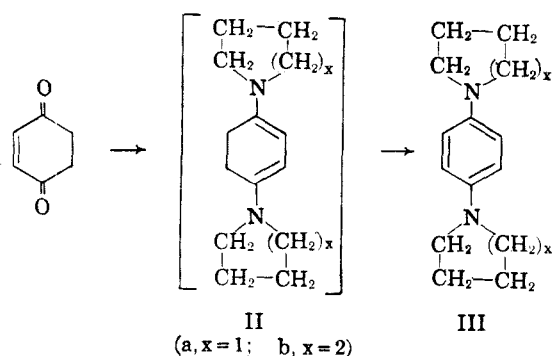


stability usually associated with an enamine function. Analysis suggested the composition $C_{14}H_{22}N_2$ and therefore the bis-enamine structure IIa, but attempted purification at this stage resulted in oxidative transformation. Intentional air-oxidation yielded the benzenoid product, 1,1'-*p*-phenylenedipyrrolidine (IIIa), the structure of which was checked by synthesis from *p*-phenylenediamine and 1,4-dichlorobutane. It was also possible to pre-



pare 1,1'-*p*-phenylenedipiperidine (IIIb) from 1,4-cyclohexanedione and piperidine by the air-oxidation of the bis-enamine intermediate IIb.

EXPERIMENTAL

Reaction of 1,4-cyclohexanedione with pyrrolidine. A solution of 11.2 g. (0.1 mole) of 1,4-cyclohexanedione in 250 ml. of thiophene-free benzene, to which 28.4 g. (0.4 mole) of pyrrolidine had been added, was heated under reflux in a nitrogen atmosphere for one hour, during which time the theoretical amount of water (3.6 ml.) was collected in a Dean-Stark trap. Evaporation of the benzene in a vacuum yielded 17.5 g. (80%) of a dark red solid, which on sublimation became colorless, m.p. *ca.* 137° (dec.), and remained so on recrystallization from ether at Dry-Ice temperature, m.p. *ca.* 144° (dec.). The analysis was slightly low in carbon and hydrogen for $C_{14}H_{22}N_2$, and the compound appeared to pick up oxygen very rapidly, with coloration. The ultraviolet absorption spectrum in hexane solution exhibited maxima at 272 $m\mu$ ($\log \epsilon$ 4.18), 268 $m\mu$ ($\log \epsilon$ 4.15), and 340 $m\mu$ ($\log \epsilon$ 3.39). The infrared spectrum showed a peak at 1633 and two near 800 cm^{-1} in addition to those present in the aromatized structure (see below).

Aromatization was effected by bubbling dry air through a benzene solution of the crude diene at 25° for 18 hours. Evaporation of the solvent was followed by sublimation of the product as colorless needles, m.p. 148–150° (dec.); λ_{max}^{hexane} 270 $m\mu$, $\log \epsilon$ 4.46; 267 $m\mu$, $\log \epsilon$ 4.42; and 340 $m\mu$, $\log \epsilon$ 3.62.⁴ The infrared spectrum in Nujol was clear above 3060 cm^{-1} and showed maxima (selected) at 1593 (w), 1531 (s), 1487 (~) and 1470 (s) cm^{-1} . From 1.0 g. of crude bis-enamine IIa there was obtained 0.5 g. of 1,1'-*p*-phenylenedipyrrolidine.

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{14}H_{20}N_2$: C, 77.73; H, 9.32; N, 12.95. Found: C, 77.56; H, 9.17; N, 13.23.

The *dipicrate* crystallized as yellow needles from absolute ethanol, m.p. 147–147.5° (dec.).

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{26}H_{26}N_8O_{14}$: C, 46.29; H, 3.89; N, 16.61. Found: C, 46.38; H, 3.83; N, 16.76.

1,1'-*p*-Phenylenedipyrrolidine from *p*-phenylenediamine.

(4) P. Grammaticakis, *Bull. soc. chim. France*, 534 (1951) reported λ_{max}^{EtOH} 263 $m\mu$, $\log \epsilon$ 4.16, and 312 $m\mu$, $\log \epsilon$ 3.16, for N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-*p*-phenylenediamine.

A mixture of 20 g. (0.16 mole) of 1,4-dichlorobutane, 5.5 g. (0.05 mole) of *p*-phenylenediamine, and 0.5 g. of anhydrous zinc chloride was heated under reflux for 4 hours. Treatment with excess 10% aqueous ammonium hydroxide followed by separation and evaporation of the organic layer yielded 1.0 g. (9%) of crude 1,1'-*p*-phenylenedipyrrolidine. Sublimation gave pure material with the same physical constants as those for the product described above. The melting point of mixtures of 1,1'-*p*-phenylenedipyrrolidine from the two sources was not depressed. Mixtures of the corresponding dipicrates were likewise undepressed in melting point.

Reaction of 1,4-cyclohexanedione with piperidine. A solution of 2.3 g. (0.02 mole) of 1,4-cyclohexanedione and 6.8 g. (0.08 mole) of piperidine in 50 ml. of benzene was heated under reflux in a nitrogen atmosphere for 5 hours. About 0.4 ml. (55%) of water was collected. Evaporation of the benzene yielded a red oil which solidified on cooling. The ether-soluble portion of the residue was sublimed, giving 1.0 g. (22%) of colorless needles, m.p. 142–144° (dec.) (analysis slightly low in carbon and hydrogen for $C_{16}H_{26}N_2$). Aromatization was effected in 57% yield from the crude bis-enamine IIb by air-oxidation. The pure 1,1'-*p*-phenylenedipiperidine was obtained by sublimation as colorless needles, m.p. 108–109°.

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{16}H_{24}N_2$: C, 78.63; H, 9.90; N, 11.47. Found: C, 78.34; H, 9.64; N, 11.52.

The *dipicrate* crystallized as yellow plates from absolute ethanol, m.p. 192–192.5° (dec.).

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{28}H_{30}N_8O_{14}$: C, 47.86; H, 4.30. Found: C, 48.04; H, 4.38.

1,1'-*p*-Phenylenedipiperidine from *p*-phenylenediamine. A mixture of 2.3 g. (0.022 mole) of *p*-phenylenediamine, 10.3 g. (0.045 mole) of pentamethylene dibromide, 4.77 g. (0.045 mole) of anhydrous sodium carbonate, and 50 ml. of dry toluene was heated under reflux for 21 hours. Strong aqueous sodium hydroxide was added to the solid phase, and the mixture was extracted with three 50-ml. portions of toluene. The combined toluene extracts were evaporated, giving 3.0 g. of brown powder. The ether-soluble portion yielded about 0.3 g. (6%) of sublimate, m.p. 108–109°, identical with the product described above. The dipicrates were also identical by the usual criteria.

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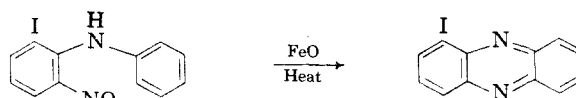
Phenazine Syntheses. IX.¹

1-Halogenophenazines

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In the course of extending ring closure through the nitro group² to a number of representative phenazines, 1-bromo- and 1-iodophenazine and several alkoxy derivatives of these have been prepared. The syntheses were all made through the 6-halogeno-2-nitrodiphenylamines, as shown by the example:



(1) Paper VIII, *J. Org. Chem.*, 21, 1030 (1956).

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