due was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O and acidified with dilute HCl to deposit 10, which was identified by the with an authentic sample, yield 0.14 g (70%), mp  $\sim$ 227 dec.

1,4-Dihydro-7*H*-v-triazolo [4,5-b] pyridine-7-thione (13). A.— Treatment of 1 (2.7 g) and hydrated NaSH (13 g) under conditions similar to that described above for the preparation of 10 gave 13, yield 2.0 g (75%), mp 176-177° dec with sublimation (lit.<sup>2</sup> dec > 200°).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: C, 39.46; H, 2.65; N, 36.82. Found: C, 39.41; H, 2.56; N, 36.60.

**B**.—A solution of 16 (0.10 g) in EtOH (12 ml) and 1 N NaOH (3 ml) was refluxed for 16 hr and acidified to pH 1 (paper) with concentrated HCl to deposit 13, yield 0.04 g, mp 176–177° dec with sublimation.

7-(Methylthio)-1*H*-v-triazolo[4,5-b]pyridine (15) was prepared by a procedure similar to that of 9 from 13 (0.89 g), anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  (0.81 g), and  $CH_3I$  (0.83 g) in DMF (18 ml), yield 0.50 g (51%), mp 208-209°.

(31%), hip 203-203 . Anal. Calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: C, 43.35; H, 3.64; N, 33.71; S, 19.29. Found: C, 43.42; H, 3.54; N, 33.88; S, 19.15. 4-Amino[1,2,3] thiadiazolo[4,5-c]pyridine (16). A.—A sus-

4-Amino [1,2,3] thiadiazolo [4,5-c] pyridine (16). A.—A suspension of 13 (1.55 g) in EtOH (160 ml) was refluxed for 141 hr and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with hot CH<sub>3</sub>CN (250 ml), and the extract was evaporated to dryness. Recrystallization of the resulting solid from EtOAc-petroleum ether (bp 80-105°) gave the product, which was dried *in vacuo* over P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at 78°, yield 1.11 g (72%), mp 185-187°.

*in vacuo* over  $P_2O_5$  at 78°, yield 1.11 g (72%), mp 185–187°. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: C, 39.46; H, 2.65; N, 36.82; S, 21.07. Found: C, 39.67; H, 2.65; N, 36.62; S, 20.85.

**B.**—A sample of 13 was heated to  $190^{\circ}$  in a capillary tube. The indicated that the resulting dark, gummy residue and white sublimate contained only 16.

1,5-Dihydro-4*H*-v-triazolo[4,5-c] pyridin-4-one (20).—A solution of 4 (2.0 g) in formic acid (40 ml) was refluxed for 4 hr and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in dilute aqueous NaOH, and after filtration the filtrate was acidified with concentrated HCl to deposit 20, which was dried *in vacuo* over  $P_2O_5$  at 78°, yield 1.6 g (91%). A sample was recrystallized from H<sub>2</sub>O for analyses, mp >360°.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 44.12; H, 2.96; N, 41.16. Found: C, 43.92; H, 2.83; N, 40.99.

1,4-Dihydro-7H-v-triazolo[4,5-b]pyridin-7-one (22).--A solution of 1 (2.0 g) in formic acid (40 ml) was refluxed for 4 hr and evaporated to dryness; the resulting residue was dissolved in dilute NaOH. After filtration the filtrate was neutralized with dilute HCl to deposit a solid, which was again reprecipitated from a NaOH solution with dilute HCl, yield 1.0 g. This material was dissolved in hot H<sub>2</sub>O (400 ml), and the solution was cooled for about 60 hr to deposit a tan precipitate, yield 0.30 g. Elemental analysis of this solid showed the presence of chlorine, and the pmr spectrum indicated that the sample contained a minor amount of 22 and mainly two unidentified components, presumably N-formylated intermediates. A sample (0.13 g)was refluxed in formic acid for 42 hr, and the resulting solid was recrystallized from H<sub>2</sub>O to give a trace amount of the unidentified component and 22 (see below), yield 0.08 g, mp 290° dec.

The aqueous filtrate from the mixture of components described above was concentrated to a low volume to deposit pure 22, which was dried *in vacuo* over  $P_2O_5$  at 78°, yield 0.51 g (29%), mp 290° dec.

Anal. Caled for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 44.12; H, 2.96; N, 41.16. Found: C, 43.96; H, 3.11; N, 40.94.

**Registry No.**—1, 34550-49-7; 2, 34550-46-4; 4, 36258-82-9; 5, 34550-62-4; 8, 36258-84-1; 9, 36258-85-2; 10, 36258-86-3; 12, 36258-87-4; 13, 36258-88-5; 15, 36258-89-6; 16, 36258-90-9; 20, 36286-97-2; 22, 36286-98-3.

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# Synthesis and Infrared Spectra of Nitrogen-15 Labeled 3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinone Hydrazones and Related Compounds

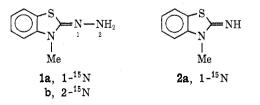
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The syntheses of 3-methyl-2-benzothiazolinone hydrazone- $1^{-15}N$  (1a) and  $-2^{-15}N$  (1b), 2-imino-15N-3-methyl-benzothiazoline (2a), N-(3-methyl-2-benzothiazolinylidene)benzamide-15N (6a), 3-methyl-2-(nitrosimino-15N)benzothiazoline (7a), and 3-methyl-2-(nitrosimino-15N)benzothiazoline (7b) are reported. Infrared spectral studies of 1a, 1b, 2a, 6a, 7a, and 7b and the corresponding unlabeled compounds allow for the assignment of several absorption bands.

Mechanistic studies of the oxidation of 3-methyl-2benzothiazolinone hydrazone (1) with potassium ferricyanide<sup>3</sup> required the preparation of 3-methyl-2benzothiazolinone hydrazone-1-15N (1a) and -2-15N



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(1b). We wish to report viable synthetic routes to 1a and 1b which employ Na<sup>15</sup>NO<sub>2</sub> and <sup>15</sup>NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> as the sources of the isotopic nitrogen label.

### **Results and Discussion**

Stepwise introduction of the two hydrazone nitrogen atoms was deemed necessary in view of the isotopic scrambling that would attend reactions in which both nitrogen atoms become incorporated in one step.<sup>4</sup>

3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinone Hydrazone- $1^{-15}N$ .—It appeared that an attractive method for introduction of labeled nitrogen into the imino nitrogen position of 1a might include the reaction of  $^{15}NH_3$  with an appropriate benzothiazolium salt to form 2-imino- $^{15}N$ -3-methyl-

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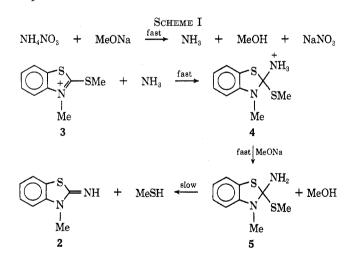
REACTION OF 2	2-X-3-Methylbi	NZOTHIAZOLIUM FL	UOROBORATE WITH	I AMMONIUM NITRATE ANI	SODIUM METHOX	IDE IN METHANOL
Run	x	NH4NO2, mmol	MeONa, mmol	Solvent	Reaction time, days	Yield of imine 1, $\%^{a,b}$
1	$\mathbf{SMe}$	1.05	1.0	MeOH	0.1	0°
2	$\mathbf{SMe}$	1.03	2.0	MeOH	2	22ª
3	$\mathbf{SMe}$	1.05	2.0	MeOH	5	57-68
4	$\mathbf{SMe}$	1.01	2.0	MeOH-MeCN	5.5	15
5	$\mathbf{SMe}$	1.03	3.0	MeOH	1	0
6	$\mathbf{SMe}$	1,00	4.0	MeOH	6	0
7	Cl	1.00	2,0	MeOH-MeCN	3	0°
8	OEt	1,01	2.0	MeOH-MeCN	5	0

TABLE I

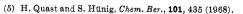
<sup>a</sup> Isolated as the benzoylated derivative, N-(3-methyl-2-benzothiazolinylidene)benzamide. <sup>b</sup> Yield based upon ammonium nitrate. <sup>c</sup> Apparent formation of 3-methyl-2-benzothiazolinone monoazamonomethinecyanine fluoroborate by reaction of 2 with 3: H. Quast and S. Hunig, Justus Liebus Ann. Chem., 711, 157 (1968). <sup>d</sup> Incomplete reaction.

benzothiazoline (2a), since this step has been employed in the preparation of similar imino compounds.<sup>5</sup>

With the goal of establishing appropriate conditions for the reaction of 2-substituted 3-methylbenzothiazolium salts with ammonia, which was to be generated in situ from ammonium nitrate and sodium methoxide. the experiments summarized in Table I were performed. The course of the reactions was followed with ultraviolet spectroscopy by observing the appearance of absorption at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  292 nm for the imine 2. Reaction of 3-methyl-2-methylmercaptobenzothiazolium fluoroborate with 1 equiv of ammonium nitrate and 2 equiv of sodium methoxide in methanol gave reasonable yields of 2-imino-3-methylbenzothiazoline (2). Other ratios of sodium methoxide to ammonium nitrate and other 2-substituted 3-methylbenzothiazolium fluoroborates failed to produce 2. In runs 2-4, the ultraviolet spectrum of the reaction solution exhibited a maximum at 301 nm soon after mixing of the reagents. During the span of several days, the absorption at 301 nm decreased and was replaced by an absorption with  $\lambda_{max}$  292 nm for the imine 2. A mechanism which is consistent with the observed stoichiometry and the spectral changes<sup>6-8</sup> is presented in Scheme I.



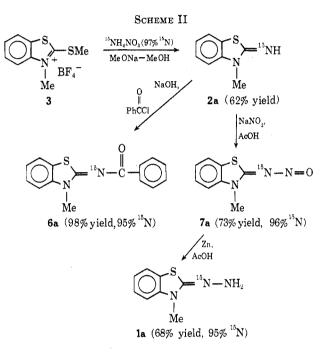
The synthetic route to 3-methyl-2-benzothiazolinone hydrazone- $1^{-15}N$  is outlined in Scheme II. The reported yields are yields for each step. Conversion of



(6) The ultraviolet spectra of 3-methylbenzothiazolium iodide in ethanol exhibits  $\lambda_{\max}$  at 276 nm.<sup>7</sup>

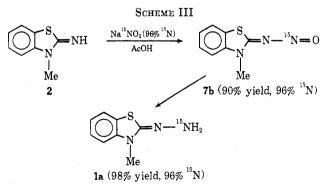
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the imine 2a into the hydrazone 1a was accomplished by modification of the procedure of Besthorn.<sup>9</sup> The <sup>15</sup>N content of 1a, 6a, and 7a, as determined by mass spectrometry, demonstrates complete incorporation of the isotopic nitrogen label.

3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinone Hydrazone- $2^{-15}N$ . — The synthesis of hydrazone 1b from 2-imino-3-methylbenzothiazoline is depicted in Scheme III. The



procedure of Besthorn for this conversion<sup>9</sup> was modified to achieve the highest yield of **7b** from reaction of limited labeled ammonium nitrite. Again complete incorporation of the <sup>15</sup>N label was observed.

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Infrared Spectral Investigations.—The availability of <sup>15</sup>N labeled derivatives of 1, 2, 6, and 7 encouraged careful study of the infrared spectra of corresponding labeled and unlabeled compounds.<sup>10</sup> The results of this investigation, which are presented in Tables II-V,

#### TABLE II

### Infrared Absorption Band Shifts<sup>a,b</sup> for 2-Imino-3-methylbenzothiazoline (2) and 2-Imino-<sup>15</sup>N-3-methylbenzothiazoline (2a) in the Regions 3200-3400 and 800-1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Absorption		Strength of ab-	$\Delta \nu (2-2a),$		
2 2a		sorption	cm -1	Assignment	
3344	3338	w	6	NH stretch	
1610	1602.5	s	7.5	C=N stretch	
1590	1586	s	4	NH bend	
1584	1579.5	s	4.5	NH bend	
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 $^{o}$  Measured in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution.  $^{b}$  Shifts of 2 cm  $^{-1}$  or less are not reported.  $^{o}$  w, weak; s, strong.

For 2-imino-3-methylbenzothiazoline (2), characteristic ketimine absorptions in the regions 3200–3260 (NH stretch) and 1600–1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N stretch) might be anticipated.<sup>11,12</sup> For 2, the absorptions at 3344 (NH stretch) and 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N stretch) shift by 6 and 7.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, when a <sup>15</sup>N-labeled imino nitrogen is incorporated (Table II). For the gas-phase spectrum of ethyleneimine, the N-H stretch at 3346 cm<sup>-1</sup> is displaced by 9 cm<sup>-1</sup> in <sup>15</sup>N-ethyleneimine.<sup>13</sup> The bands at 1590 and 1584 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which both shift by 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> in **2a**, are in the region (1500–1590 cm<sup>-1</sup>) of N-H bending vibrations for imines.<sup>14</sup>

The absorption bands of 3-methyl-2-benzothiazolinone hydrazone 1 at 3358 and 1645 cm<sup>-1</sup> may be assigned to N-H stretch and C—N stretch, respectively, on the basis of the frequency shifts observed for 1a and 1b (Table III). Although both symmetrical and asymmetrical N-H stretching vibrations might be anticipated, hydrazones only exhibit one absorption in the

TABLE III

Infrared Absorption Band Shifts<sup>a,b</sup> for 3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinone Hydrazone (1) 3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinone Hydrazone- $1^{-18}N$  (1a) and 3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinone Hydrazone- $2^{-15}N$  (1b) in the Begions 3100-3550 and 800-1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>

		IN THE REGIO	NS 3100-3550 ANL	000-1700 CM -		
Absorption maxima, cm <sup>-1</sup>			Strength of	$\Delta \nu (1-1a),$	$\Delta \nu (1-1b)$	
1	1a	1b	absorption	cm <sup>-1</sup>	cm -1	Assignment
3358	3358	3348	vw	0	10	NH stretch
1645	1631	1646	S	14	-1	C = N stretch
1568	1565	1567	m	3	1	
1082.5	1077.5	1077	w	5	5.5	NN stretch
1021	1018	1020	w	3	1	

 $\cdot^{a}$  Measured in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution.  $^{b}$  Shifts of 2 cm<sup>-1</sup> or less are not reported.  $^{\circ}$  vw, very weak; w, weak; m, medium; s, strong.

TABLE IV

Infrared Absorption Band Shifts<sup>a,b</sup> for 3-Methyl-2-nitrosiminobenzothiazoline (7),

3-Methyl-2-(Nitrosimino-imino-15N)Benzothiazoline (7a), and 3-Methyl-2-(Nitrosimino-nitroso-15N)Benzothiazoline (7b) in the Region 800-1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>

A hear	rption maxima, cm <sup>-1</sup> -		Strength of	$\Delta \nu (7-7a),$	$\Delta \nu (7-7b)$ ,	
7	7a	7b	absorption	$\operatorname{cm}^{-1}$	cm <sup>-1</sup>	Assignment
1556, 1548	1554	1548	w, b			
1436	1436	1429	s	0	7	N=O stretch
1405	1403	1396	s	$^{2}$	6	N=O stretch
1063.5	1059	1060	m	4.5	3.5	NN stretch
1020.5	1015	1018	m	4.5	2.5	NN stretch
861.5	857.5	857	s	4	4.5	

<sup>a</sup> Measured in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Shifts of 2 cm<sup>-1</sup> or less are not reported. <sup>c</sup> w, weak; m, medium; s, strong; b, broad.

#### TABLE V

Infrared Absorption Band Shifts<sup>a,b</sup> for N-(3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinylidene)benzamide (6) and N-(3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinylidene)benzamide-<sup>15</sup>N(6a) in the Region 800–1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Absorption maxima, cm <sup>-1</sup> <b>6 6a</b>		Strength of ab- sorption <sup>c</sup>	$\Delta \nu (\mathbf{6-6a}),$ cm <sup>-1</sup>	Assignment
1510	1505	s	5	C=N stretch
1456.5	1462	s	-3.5	
1367	1350	S ,	17	OC—N stretch
905	900	m	5	

<sup>a</sup> Measured in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Shifts of 2 cm<sup>-1</sup> or less are not reported. <sup>c</sup> m, medium; s, strong.

further support the specificity of the synthetic routes to 1a and 1b and allow for the identification of several absorption bands in the complex spectra of 1, 2, 6, and 7.

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In the monomeric state, nitrosoamines exhibit infrared absorptions in the regions 1430-1530 (N=O stretch) and 925-1150 cm<sup>-1</sup> (N-N stretch).<sup>16</sup> The infrared spectra of 2-nitrosoimino-3-methylbenzothiazoline (7) and its <sup>15</sup>N-labeled drivative (7a and 7b) (Table IV) indicate the presence of the two geometrical isomeric forms 8 and 9 for 7. The presence of two iso-

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mers is inferred from the similar frequency shifts in the absorptions at 1436 and 1405 cm<sup>-1</sup> (N=O stretch) when the nitroso nitrogen is labeled with <sup>15</sup>N and at 1063.5 and 1020.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (N–N stretch) when either the imino or the nitroso nitrogen of 7 is labeled. In the spectrum of N-methyl-p-nitrophenylnitrosoamine, single absorptions at 1466 (N=O stretch) and 942 cm<sup>-1</sup> (N-N stretch) have been identified by <sup>15</sup>N labeling.<sup>17</sup> Evidence for geometrical isomerism of imino compounds<sup>18</sup> and alkoxydiazenium salts<sup>19</sup> has been obtained by pmr spectroscopy. However, the pmr spectrum of 7 in deuteriochloroform shows only a singlet for the 3-methyl group. The presence of only a single absorption indicates either that the distance between the anisotropic nitrosimino function and the N-methyl group is too great or that 8 and 9 are in rapid equilibrium relative to the pmr time scale so that an averaged signal is obtained. No infrared absorption which could be attributed to a C=N stretching vibration was evident in the spectrum of 7.

On the basis of the observed shifts in the spectrum of N-(3-methyl-2-benzothiazolinylidene)benzamide (6), when the imino nitrogen is labeled with <sup>15</sup>N, the 1510and 1367-cm<sup>-1</sup> bands are assigned to C=N stretching and OC-N stretching modes, respectively. The OC-N stretching band of dimethylformamide is displaced from 1383 to 1370 cm<sup>-1</sup> in <sup>15</sup>N-dimethylformamide.<sup>20</sup>

## **Experimental Section**

General.—Melting points are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were measured in methylene chloride solution (0.12-0.17 g/ml)with a Beckman IR-12 infrared spectrophotometer. Mass spectrometric analysis was performed using low ionization voltages (8-18 eV).

2-Imino-<sup>16</sup>N-3-methylbenzothiazoline (2a).—To 0.34 g (4.2 mmol, 97% <sup>15</sup>N, Isocommerz, Berlin, DDR) of <sup>16</sup>NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> dissolved in 40 ml of MeOH was added 8.0 ml of 1.04 M MeONa-

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N-(3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinylidene)benzamide-<sup>15</sup>N (6a).— As in the synthesis of 2a, 0.085 g (1.05 mmol) of <sup>15</sup>NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> in 10 ml of MeOH, 2.0 ml of 1.04 *M* MeONa-MeOH, and 0.28 g (1.00 mmol) of 3 were combined. After 4 days, the reaction solution was evaporated *in vacuo*. To the residue was added 50 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O, 2 g of NaOH, and 0.5 ml of benzoyl chloride. After vigorous shaking, the mixture was placed in a refrigerator overnight. The precipitate was filtered, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, dissolved in hot AcOH, and slowly reprecipitated with H<sub>2</sub>O. Filtration, washing with H<sub>2</sub>O, and drying the resulting 6a *in vacuo* yielded 0.18 g (62%), mp 149-150° (reported<sup>21</sup> mp 155°).

**3-Methyl-2-**(nitrosimino-*imino*-<sup>16</sup>N)**benzothiazoline** (7a).— During 15 min, a solution of 0.17 g (2.5 mmol) of NaNO<sub>2</sub> in 1.5 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 0.24 g (1.5 mmol) of 2a in 2 ml of AcOH at room temperature. After 1.5 hr, 20 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O was added and the mixture was stirred for several hours. The orange precipitate was filtered, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried *in vacuo*, producing 0.20 g (73%) of 7a, mp 149° dec (reported<sup>9</sup> mp 147° dec).

3-Methyl-2-benzothiazolinone Hydrazone- $1^{-16}N$  (1a).—To a stirred mixture of 0.18 g (0.93 mmol) of 7a and 5 ml of 90% AcOH cooled to 0° was added 0.41 g (6.2 mg-atoms) of zinc dust in small portions during 1 hr. After an additional 1 hr, the excess zinc dust was removed by filtration. The filtrate was cooled to 0° and the hydrazone 1a was precipitated by addition of concentrated NH4OH. The precipitate was filtered and dried *in vacuo*, yielding 0.11 g (68%) of crude 1a, with mp 133–135°. Three recrystallizations from benzene gave 1a, mp 142–143° (reported<sup>9</sup> mp 143°).

3-Methyl-2(nitrosimino-*nitroso*-<sup>15</sup>N)benzothiazoline (7b).— Using the procedure described for 7a, 0.36 g (5.2 mmol) of Na<sup>15</sup>NO<sub>2</sub> (96% <sup>15</sup>N, Isocommerz, Berlin, DDR) in 5 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O and 1.08 g (6.6 mmol) of 1 in 4 ml of AcOH were combined. The orange 7b weighed 0.90 g (90%) and had mp 147.5° dec (reported<sup>9</sup> mp 147° dec).

3-Methyl-2 benzothiazolinone Hydrazone  $2^{15}N$  (1b).—The synthetic method reported for 1a was used to treat 0.48 g (2.5 mmol) of 7b in 15 ml of 90% AcOH with 1.22 g (18.7 mg-atoms) of zinc dust. The crude 1b (0.36 g, 80% yield) had mp 140–141° (reported<sup>9</sup> mp 143°).

**Registry No.**—1a, 35667-05-1; 1b, 35667-06-2; 2a, 35667-07-3; 6a, 35667-08-4; 7a, 35667-09-5; 7b, 35667-10-8.

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