

(m, H<sub>8</sub>) ( $J_{5,6} = 8.4$ ,  $J_{6,7} = 6.9$ ,  $J_{7,8} = 8.0$ ,  $J_{5,7} = 1.2$ ,  $J_{6,8} = 1.6$ ,  $J_{5,8} = 0.6$ ,  $J_{1,5} = 0.6$  Hz).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>5</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub> (mol wt 249.09): C, 43.40; H, 2.02; Br, 32.08. Found: C, 43.19; H, 2.31; Br, 31.67.

#### Preparation of 2,3-Diaminoisoquinolinium Salts 10-12.

A solution of the requisite 3-aminoisoquinoline derivative (5.0 mmol) in 10 mL of dichloromethane was treated with a solution of 5.2 mmol of *O*-tosylhydroxylamine in 20 mL of dichloromethane at 0-5 °C. The product precipitated in crystalline form within 10 min. A further quantity of the crystals deposited on addition of a limited amount of ether. Recrystallization from isopropyl alcohol gave rise to brilliant yellow needles.

**2,3-Diaminoisoquinolinium tosylate (10):** mp 160-162 °C (65%); perchlorate salt, mp 170-172 °C; NMR (TFA)  $\delta$  9.1 (s, 1 H, H<sub>1</sub>), 8.0-7.5 (m, 4 H, H<sub>5-8</sub>), 8.45 (s, 1 H, H<sub>4</sub>).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (mol wt 331.40): C, 57.99; H, 5.17; S, 9.68. Found: C, 57.70; H, 5.40; S, 9.61.

**2,3-Diamino-4-methylisoquinolinium tosylate (12):** mp 168-170 °C (67%); fluoroborate salt, mp 182-184 °C; NMR (TFA)  $\delta$  9.1 (s, 1 H, H<sub>1</sub>), 8.05-7.4 (m, 4 H, H<sub>5-8</sub>), 2.65 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (mol wt 345.43): C, 59.11; H, 5.54; S, 9.28. Found: C, 58.93; H, 5.80; S, 9.03.

**1-Bromo-2,3-diaminoisoquinolinium tosylate (11):** mp 175-177 °C (45%).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (mol wt 410.31): C, 46.84; H, 3.93; N, 10.24; Br, 19.48. Found: C, 46.52; H, 3.98; N, 10.01; Br, 19.10.

**Reaction of the Diaminoisoquinolinium Salts with Nitrous Acid.** A solution of the 2,3-diaminoisoquinolinium derivative (3.0 mmol) in a mixture of 10 mL of acetic acid and 10 mL of water

was treated with a solution of 0.35 g (5.1 mmol) of sodium nitrite in 3 mL of water at room temperature. Crystalline precipitate deposited within few minutes which was filtered and recrystallized from the given solvent.

**Tetrazolo[1,5-*b*]isoquinoline (1a).** The product obtained by this procedure in 70% yield proved to be fully identical (spectroscopical data and physical constants) with that prepared by earlier methods.<sup>1,2</sup>

**10-Methyltetrazolo[1,5-*b*]isoquinoline (14):** mp 139-141 °C (EtOH); yield 65%.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (mol wt 184.21): C, 65.20; H, 4.38; N, 30.42. Found: C, 64.92; H, 4.51; N, 30.18.

**3-Azido-1-bromoisoquinoline (13):** mp 113-114 °C (MeOH); yield 60%.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>5</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub> (mol wt 249.09): C, 43.40; H, 2.02; Br, 32.08. Found: C, 43.28; H, 2.34; Br, 31.72.

**10-Methyltetrazolo[1,5-*b*]isoquinoline HBF<sub>4</sub> Salt (14c).** A solution of 14 in TFA was treated with a few drops of hydrofluoroboric acid (40%) and ether was added. Colorless crystals separated which were recrystallized from nitromethane; mp 174-175 °C.

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (mol wt 272.03): C, 44.15; H, 3.83; N, 20.60. Found: C, 43.87; H, 3.95; N, 20.31.

**Registry No.** 1a, 33459-64-2; 1b, 60877-39-6; 2, 15787-12-9; 3, 75949-08-5; 4, 75949-09-6; 5, 75949-10-9; 6a, 75949-11-0; 6b, 75949-12-1; 7, 25475-67-6; 8, 13130-79-5; 9, 7697-66-7; 10, 75949-14-3; 10 perchlorate salt, 75949-15-4; 11, 75949-17-6; 12, 75949-19-8; 12 fluoroborate salt, 75949-20-1; 13, 75949-21-2; 14a, 75949-22-3; 14b, 75949-23-4; 14c, 75949-25-6; 15a, 75949-26-7; 15b, 75961-48-7.

## Pyrimidines. 17. Novel Pyrimidine to Pyridine Transformation Reaction. One-Step Synthesis of Pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidines<sup>1</sup>

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A number of 2,6-dihydropyridines (3) and pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidines (9) were prepared in one step from 1,3-dimethyluracil derivatives (1) via new transfragment reactions by which the N<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>3</sub> fragment of 1 is displaced by the C-C-N fragment of acyclic or cyclic 1,3-ambident nucleophiles. As acyclic nucleophiles, acetamide derivatives (2) substituted at the  $\alpha$  position with an electron-withdrawing R<sup>3</sup> group were employed. The products were 2,6-dihydropyridines substituted at C<sub>3</sub> with R<sup>3</sup> (3). 1,3-Dimethyl-4-thiouracil (4) could be converted into 2-hydroxy-6-mercaptopyrimidinamide (5) by treatment with malonamide. 1-Methylpyridine derivatives (6) could be obtained by treatment of 1,3-dimethyluracil (1a) with *N,N'*-dimethylmalonamide or *N*-methylcyanoacetamide. Treatment of 1a with malonitrile in ethanolic NaOEt gave 3-cyano-2-ethoxy-6-hydroxypyridine (7). Derivatives of 1,3-dialkyl-6-aminouracil (8) were used as cyclic 1,3-ambident nucleophiles. Treatment of 5-substituted 1,3-dimethyluracil (1) with 8 in base afforded 1,3-dialkyl-6-substituted-pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7-(1*H*,3*H*,8*H*)-trione (9). Compound 4 was converted into 7-mercapto-1,3-dimethylpyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4-(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (10) by treatment with 1,3-dimethyl-6-aminouracil. Treatment of 5-cyano-1,3-dimethyluracil (1g) with 1-*n*-butyl-6-aminouracil (11) afforded 1-*n*-butyl-6-cyanopyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7-(1*H*,3*H*,8*H*)-trione (12). Plausible mechanisms for the pyrimidine-to-pyridine and pyrimidine-to-pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine transformation reactions are proposed.

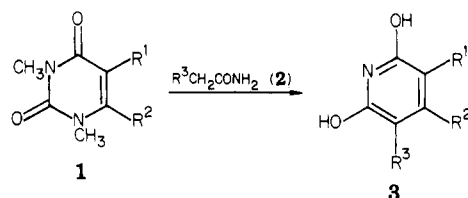
The synthesis of simple heterocyclic compounds has been approached in three different ways: (a) total synthesis by cyclization of acyclic compounds, (b) introduction or modification of functional groups on a heterocyclic ring,

and (c) ring transformations of cyclic compounds.<sup>2</sup> For preparative purposes, the last method has rarely been employed. For example, uracil derivatives were converted into pyrazolone by treatment with hydrazine;<sup>3</sup> however,

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Table I. Reaction of 1,3-Dimethyluracil Derivatives (1) with Substituted Acetamides (2) to give 2,6-Dihydroxypyrimidines (3)



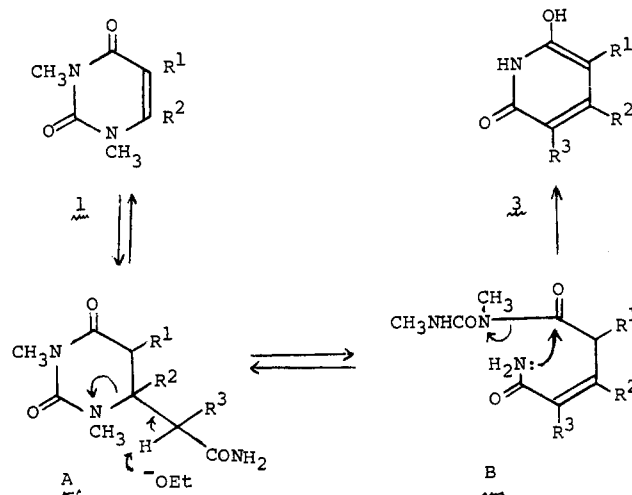
|    | R <sup>1</sup>  | R <sup>2</sup>  | R <sup>3</sup>                | molar ratio of 1/2 NaOEt | reaction time, min | yield, %        | crystallizn solv     |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 3a | H               | H               | CONH <sub>2</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 20                 | 80              | H <sub>2</sub> O     |
| 3b | CH <sub>3</sub> | H               | CONH <sub>2</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 180                | 65              | AcOH                 |
| 3c | H               | CH <sub>3</sub> | CONH <sub>2</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 360                | 0 <sup>a</sup>  |                      |
| 3d | F               | H               | CONH <sub>2</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 10                 | 38 <sup>b</sup> | EtOH                 |
| 3e | Cl              | H               | CONH <sub>2</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 20                 | 95 <sup>c</sup> | EtOH                 |
| 3f | Br              | H               | CONH <sub>2</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 30 <sup>d</sup>    | 67 <sup>e</sup> | DMF-H <sub>2</sub> O |
| 3g | CN              | H               | CONH <sub>2</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 10                 | 68              | H <sub>2</sub> O     |
| 3h | NO <sub>2</sub> | H               | CONH <sub>2</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 10                 | 0 <sup>f</sup>  |                      |
| 3i | H               | H               | CN                            | 1:4:4                    | 30                 | 97              | H <sub>2</sub> O     |
| 3j | H               | H               | COCH <sub>3</sub>             | 1:4:4                    | 300                | 51              | H <sub>2</sub> O     |
| 3k | H               | H               | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> | 1:1:1                    | 420                | 30              | EtOH                 |
| 3m | H               | H               | COONa                         | 1:4:8                    | 1440               | 14              | H <sub>2</sub> O     |

<sup>a</sup> No reaction. Recovery of 1c. <sup>b</sup> Considerable loss due to decomposition during recrystallization. <sup>c</sup> Recrystallization not possible. Washed with boiling EtOH. <sup>d</sup> Room temperature. <sup>e</sup> Analytically pure product not obtained. <sup>f</sup> Adduct formation.

this reaction has been little explored for its synthetic utility but was later used for other purposes, such as the preparation of apyrimidinic acids from nucleic acids.<sup>4</sup>

Recently, we discovered<sup>5</sup> a new and practical pyrimidine-to-pyrimidine transformation reaction by which the N<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>3</sub> fragment of the pyrimidine ring is directly replaced by an ambident N-C-N fragment. Thus, variously substituted 1,3-dialkyluracils (1) were converted smoothly into substituted isocytosine, 2-thiouracil, or uracil derivatives by an intermolecular transfragment reaction<sup>6-9</sup> upon treatment with guanidine, thiourea, or urea, respectively. This reaction became very important in large-scale preparations of  $\psi$ -isocytidine from  $\psi$ -uridine.  $\psi$ -Isocytidine is a potential antileukemic agent<sup>10,11</sup> originally synthesized in our laboratory.<sup>12</sup> Oostveen et al.<sup>9</sup> reported the conversion of 1-methylpyrimidinium iodide into 2-phenylpyrimidine and 2-*tert*-butylpyrimidine by treatment with benzamidine or pivalamidine. In the above instances, the ambident

Scheme I



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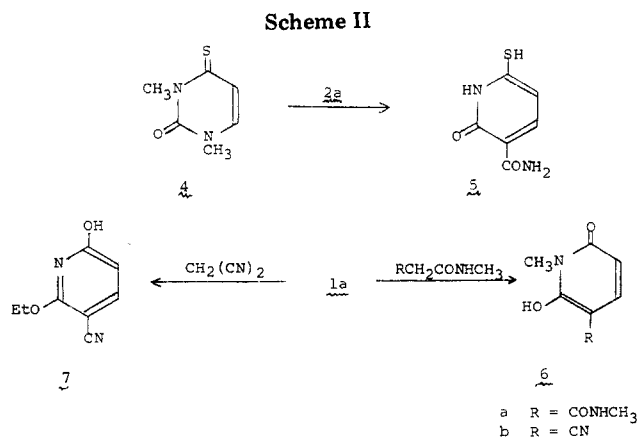
nucleophiles contain two nitrogens at their nucleophilic centers. The ease with which this reaction occurred prompted us to explore the preparation of ring systems other than pyrimidine via this general methodology using acyclic or cyclic ambident nucleophiles containing atoms other than nitrogen at one of the nucleophilic centers. This report describes the transformation of the pyrimidine ring into the pyridine system via direct displacement of the N<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>3</sub> portion by acyclic ambident nucleophiles containing a C-C-N fragment. We also describe herein the one-step preparation of the pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine system from 1 by reaction with cyclic ambident nucleophiles. Preliminary accounts of these subjects have appeared.<sup>13,14</sup>

Treatment of 1,3-dimethyluracil (1a) with 4 molar equiv each of malonamide (2, R<sup>3</sup> = CONH<sub>2</sub>) and sodium ethoxide in ethanol at reflux for 30 min, followed by neutralization of the reaction mixture, afforded the known<sup>15</sup> 2,6-dihydroxynicotinamide (3a) and 1,3-dimethylurea (Table I).

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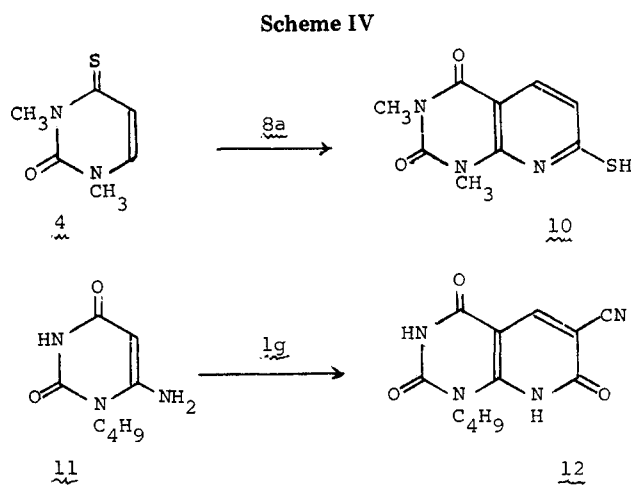
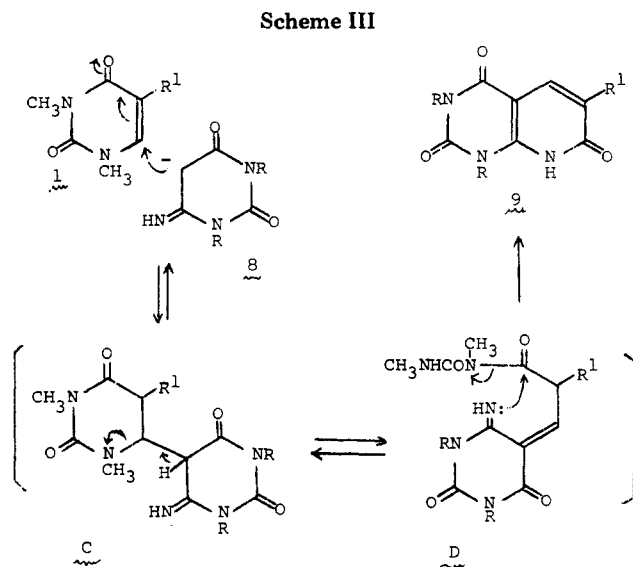
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The former **3a** was further converted into 2,6-dihydroxypyridine<sup>16</sup> by hydrolytic decarboxylation. A plausible mechanism for this transformation was offered via postulated intermediates A and B (Scheme I). The fact that no 2,4-dihydroxynicotinamide was detected in the reaction mixture ruled out the attack of the carbanion on C<sub>4</sub> of **1a**. The effects of C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>6</sub> substituents also lend support to this mechanism. Thus, a 1,3-dimethyluracil with a C<sub>5</sub> electron-withdrawing group (**1d-g**) was converted into the corresponding 5-substituted 2,6-dihydroxynicotinamide (**3d-g**)<sup>17</sup> rather rapidly upon treatment with malonamide (see Table I), whereas the transformation of 1,3-dimethylthymine (**1b**) into 2,6-dihydroxy-5-methylnicotinamide (**3b**) required a longer reaction time. 1,3,6-Triethyluracil (**1c**) was recovered almost quantitatively from the attempted reaction with malonamide. The 5-nitro derivative **1h** did not afford 2,6-dihydroxy-5-nitronicotinamide but gave a Michael adduct. Oostveen and van der Plas<sup>18</sup> reported the transformation of the quaternary pyrimidinium salts into pyridine derivatives by treatment with active methylene compounds. The mechanism proposed for their reaction is similar to the mechanism described herein for the transformation of **1** into **3**.

We also examined the suitability of acetamide derivatives **2** as ambident nucleophiles. Acetamide failed to react with **1a**, probably because carbanion formation is not possible under these reaction conditions. However, acetamide derivatives bearing an electron-withdrawing R<sup>3</sup> group did react with **1a** to afford the 3-substituted 2,6-dihydroxypyridines (**3i-m**, Table I). 2,6-Dihydroxynicotinic acid (**3m**) has been reported as an acid-labile metabolite of nicotinic acid produced by a *Bacillus* species<sup>19,20</sup> and also as a weak inhibitor of fatty acid biosynthesis,<sup>21</sup> but the chemical synthesis of **3m** has not appeared in the literature.

The reaction of 1,3-dimethyl-4-thiouracil (**4**) with malonamide proceeded smoothly to give 2-hydroxy-6-mercaptopyridin-2(1H)-one (**5**) in 83% yield (Scheme II), while treatment of **1a** with *N,N'*-dimethylmalonamide or *N*-



methylcyanoacetamide afforded the corresponding 1-methylpyridone derivative **6**. On the other hand, reaction of **1a** with malononitrile in ethanolic sodium ethoxide afforded 2-ethoxy-3-cyano-6-hydroxypyridine (**7**) in 43% yield. Obviously, the solvent participated in this reaction.

In the above reactions, the ambident nucleophiles are acyclic. We have also investigated the feasibility of using cyclic ambident nucleophiles and found that they can replace the N<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>3</sub> fragment of **1**, yielding the corresponding bicyclic products. Thus, 1,3-dimethyl-6-aminouracil (**8a**, Table II), a cyclic 1,3-ambident nucleophile, reacts with 1,3-dimethyluracil (**1a**) in ethanolic sodium ethoxide solution to give 1,3-dimethylpyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,3,7-(1*H*,3*H*,8*H*)-trione (**9a**). The bicyclic product **9a** was identical with an authentic sample prepared by the procedure of Broom et al.<sup>24</sup> The proposed mechanism<sup>14</sup> for this bicyclic ring formation involves two intermediates, C and D (Scheme III), and is closely related to the mechanism of the pyrimidine-to-pyridine transformation.<sup>13</sup> The isolation of 7-oxopyridopyrimidine **9a** and not the isomeric 5-oxopyridopyrimidine established that the cyclic carbanion of **8a** (not the exocyclic amino group) attacked the C<sub>6</sub> position of **1a**. As expected, uracil derivatives **1** bearing a C<sub>5</sub> electron-withdrawing group were converted into the corresponding pyridopyrimidines **9** more readily than 1,3-dimethyluracil (**1a**, see Table II). 1,3-Di-

(16) Katritzki et al. reported (*J. Chem. Soc. B* 1966, 566) that this compound exists in water as a mixture of 60% 6-hydroxy-1*H*-pyridin-2-one, 25% dihydroxypyridine, and 15% 1*H*,3*H*-pyridin-2,6-dione.

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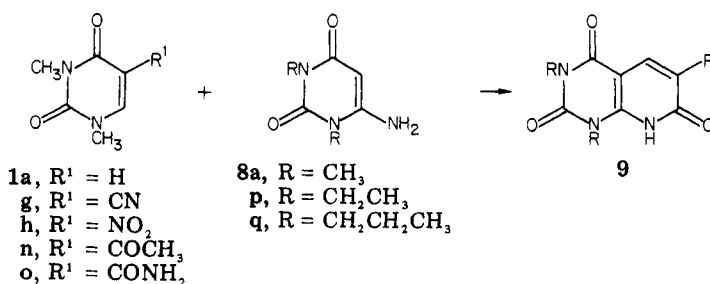
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Table II. Formation of Pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidines (9)

| starting matl | molar ratio of 1/8/base | reaction time, <sup>a</sup> h | product | R                             | R <sup>1</sup>    | yield, <sup>a</sup> % | crystallizn solv |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1a + 8a       | 3:10:20                 | 95                            | 9a      | CH <sub>3</sub>               | H                 | 33                    | MeOH             |
| 1g + 8a       | 3:10:20                 | 5 (4)                         | 9g      | CH <sub>3</sub>               | CN                | 52 (63)               | H <sub>2</sub> O |
| 1h + 8a       | 3:10:10                 | 3 (3)                         | 9h      | CH <sub>3</sub>               | NO <sub>2</sub>   | 34 (50)               | H <sub>2</sub> O |
| 1n + 8a       | 3:10:20                 | (9)                           | 9n      | CH <sub>3</sub>               | COCH <sub>3</sub> | (65)                  | EtOH             |
| 1o + 8a       | 3:10:10                 | 2 (4)                         | 9o      | CH <sub>3</sub>               | CONH <sub>2</sub> | 16 (30)               | AcOH             |
| 1g + 8p       | 3:10:20                 | 1                             | 9x      | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> | CN                | 65                    | H <sub>2</sub> O |
| 1n + 8p       | 3:10:20                 | 1 (2)                         | 9y      | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> | COCH <sub>3</sub> | 89 (82)               | EtOH             |
| 1g + 8q       | 3:10:20                 | 2                             | 9z      | C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> | CN                | 63                    | EtOH             |

<sup>a</sup> When KOH instead of NaOEt was used as the base, the reaction time and yield are given in parentheses.

methylthymine (1b) was recovered quantitatively from the reaction with 8a. It should be noted that although the reaction of 1,3-dimethyl-5-nitouracil (1h) with guanidine<sup>5</sup> or malonamide gave the corresponding Michael adduct, reaction of 1h with 8a afforded the 6-nitropyrido-pyrimidine 9h. The reaction of 5-acetyl-1,3-dimethyluracil (1n) with 8a under the same conditions did not give the expected transformation product 9n. We found, however, that the use of potassium hydroxide instead of sodium ethoxide gave the desired bicyclic product 9n in 65% yield. In general, the use of potassium hydroxide somewhat improved the yield of the bicyclic product. The reaction of 1,3-dimethyl-4-thiouracil (4) with 8a in ethanolic sodium ethoxide gave the 7-mercaptopyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine derivative (10) in 78% yield (Scheme IV). It was also found that 6-amino-1-*n*-butyluracil (11) reacts with 1g to afford 1-butyl-6-cyanopyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,3,7-(1*H*,3*H*,8*H*)-trione (12).

The simple transformation of a uracil to a pyridine or pyridopyrimidine system reported herein represents a new synthetic method of significant potential, especially since several 2,6-dihydroxypyridine<sup>25</sup> and pyridopyrimidine<sup>26</sup> derivatives have shown interesting biological activities.

### Experimental Section

Melting points are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained on a JEOL J1M-PFT-100 spectrometer, and except when otherwise specified, Me<sub>2</sub>SO-*d*<sub>6</sub> was used as the solvent with Me<sub>4</sub>Si as the internal standard; chemical shifts are reported as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), and m (multiplet); and *J* values are first order. Microanalyses were performed by Galbraith Laboratories, Inc., and Microanalytical Laboratory, Gifu College of Pharmacy, Gifu, Japan.

**2,6-Dihydroxynicotinamide (3a).** A mixture of 1,3-dimethyluracil (1a; 1.40 g, 0.01 mol) and malonamide (2a; 4.5 g, 0.04 mol) in ethanolic sodium ethoxide [prepared by dissolving metallic Na (920 mg, 0.04 mol) in 40 mL of EtOH] was heated at reflux for 20 min. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in cold water (20 mL). Upon acidification with

concentrated HCl to pH ~2, the crystalline product precipitated and was collected by filtration. One crystallization from H<sub>2</sub>O gave analytically pure 3a, 1.22 g (80%). For physical constants, see Table III.

The 2,6-dihydroxypyridine derivatives 3 listed in Table I were prepared similarly under the conditions specified in Table III. Compounds 5 and 6 were also prepared in a similar manner (Table III).

**2-Ethoxy-3-cyano-6-hydroxypyridine (7).** A solution of 1a (3.5 g, 0.025 mol) and malononitrile (6.6 g, 0.1 mol) in ethanolic sodium ethoxide (2.3 g of Na in 200 mL of EtOH) was heated at reflux for 20 h. The mixture was concentrated to dryness in vacuo, and the solid residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL). The solution was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 100 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The solid residue was crystallized from Et<sub>2</sub>O-petroleum ether to give 1.77 g (43%) of light beige crystals, mp 115–116 °C. For the physical data for 7 see Table III.

**1,3-Dimethylpyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7-(1*H*,3*H*,8*H*)-trione (9a).** Compound 8a (1.16 g, 7.5 mmol) was dissolved in ethanolic sodium ethoxide [prepared by dissolving metallic Na (345 mg, 15 mmol) in 45 mL of EtOH] and heated at reflux for 1 h. The solution was treated with 1a (1.05 g, 7.5 mmol), and the mixture was heated at reflux for 95 h. When the mixture cooled to room temperature, insoluble precipitates were removed from the mixture by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, the residue dissolved in cold water (20 mL), and the solution acidified with concentrated HCl to pH 2. The crystalline precipitates were collected by filtration and recrystallized from MeOH to give 510 mg (33%) of 9a. For physical constants, see Table IV.

**6-Cyano-1,3-dimethylpyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4,7-(1*H*,3*H*,8*H*)-trione (9g).** A mixture of 1g (500 mg, 0.003 mol) and 8a (1.65 g, 0.01 mol) in 0.5 M sodium ethoxide in ethanol (40 mL) was heated at reflux for 5 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in water (20 mL), the insoluble materials were filtered, and the filtrate was acidified with concentrated HCl to pH 2. The crystalline precipitates were collected and recrystallized from water to give analytically pure 9g. For physical and analytical data, see Table IV.

The pyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine derivatives (9) listed in Table II were prepared in a similar manner under the conditions specified in the table.

**1,3-Dimethyl-7-mercaptopyrido[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4-(1*H*,3*H*)-dione (10).** A mixture of 4 (480 mg, 0.003 mol) and 8a (1.55 g, 0.01 mol) in 0.4 M ethanolic sodium ethoxide (50 mL) was heated at reflux for 24 h and then concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was triturated with water (20 mL), and insoluble materials were removed by filtration. The filtrate was acidified to pH 2 with concentrated HCl. The crystalline pre-

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Table III. Some Physical Constants of 3-Substituted 2,6-Dihydropyridine Derivatives (3) and Related Compounds (5-7)<sup>g</sup>

| compd | mp, °C                 | UV data               |                   |                       |                   | <sup>1</sup> H NMR (Me <sub>2</sub> SO-d <sub>6</sub> ) |        |                       |                   |  |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
|       |                        | λ <sub>max</sub> , nm | 10 <sup>3</sup> ε | λ <sub>min</sub> , nm | 10 <sup>3</sup> ε | δ(H-4)  | δ(H-5) | J <sub>4,5</sub> , Hz | δ(dissociable H)  | δ(other)   |
| 3a    | 261-271 <sup>a</sup>   | 326                   | 21.6              | 285                   | 2.4               | 7.91 d  | 5.70 d | 8.9                   | 11.0 br s         |  |
|       |                        | 264                   | 9.9               | 233                   | 1.7               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3b    | >300                   | 332                   | 7.6               | 295                   | 2.7               | 7.74 <sup>b</sup>                                       |        |                       |                   | 1.91 d <sup>b</sup> (CCH <sub>3</sub> )  |
|       |                        | 256                   | 8.4               | 230                   | 3.8               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3d    | >300                   | 336                   | 16.1              | 288                   | 2.0               | 7.88 d <sup>c</sup>                                     |        |                       |                   |  |
|       |                        | 265                   | 7.7               | 235                   | 1.8               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3e    | 225-230 <sup>d</sup>   | 340                   | 19.1              | 292                   | 1.5               | 8.17 s  |        |                       |                   |  |
|       |                        | 268                   | 9.3               | 238                   | 2.4               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3f    | 255-260 <sup>a</sup>   | 338                   | 18.4              | 292                   | 1.8               | 8.36 s  |        |                       |                   |  |
|       |                        | 266                   | 9.1               | 235                   | 2.4               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3g    | >300                   | 332                   | 23.7              | 287                   | 1.3               | 8.02 s  |        |                       | 3.36, 6.74        |  |
|       |                        | 268                   | 14.7              | 238                   | 2.6               |   |        |                       | 8.66, 10.26       |  |
|       |                        | 217                   | 10.7              |                       |                   |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3i    | >300                   | 324                   | 19.4              | 280                   | 1.4               | 7.82 d  | 5.68 d | 8.1                   | 11.8 br s (2 H)   |  |
|       |                        | 257                   | 12.2              | 223                   | 1.6               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3j    | 243-246                | 339                   | 22.1              | 291                   | 3.8               | 7.76 d  | 5.38 d | 9.6                   |                   | 2.37 s (OCH <sub>3</sub> )   |
|       |                        | 274                   | 7.1               | 246                   | 1.8               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3k    | 225-227                | 337                   | 13.3              | 301                   | 3.6               | 7.54 d  | 5.73 d | 7.9                   |                   | 7.1-7.8 m (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )   |
|       |                        | 275                   | 6.1               | 246                   | 3.1               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 3m    | 244-245 <sup>a,e</sup> | 324                   | 19.6              | 283                   | 2.8               | 7.59 d  | 5.29 d | 9.0                   | 3.41 (3 H), 10.38 |  |
|       |                        | 263                   | 10.0              | 230                   | 1.2               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 5     | 246-247                | 371                   | 21.6              | 301                   | 0.9               | 7.77 d  | 6.61 d | 9.0                   | 9.7 (4 H)         |  |
|       |                        | 273                   | 11.6              | 241                   | 3.8               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 6a    | 191-194 <sup>f</sup>   | 325                   | 20.3              | 286                   | 2.6               | 7.91 d  | 5.83 d | 9.0                   |                   | 2.83 s, 3.30 s (NCH <sub>3</sub> )   |
|       |                        | 267                   | 8.5               | 239                   | 2.2               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 6b    | 266-267 <sup>a,f</sup> | 323                   | 17.7              | 282                   | 1.8               | 7.76 d  | 5.70 d | 8.7                   | 8.04              |  |
|       |                        | 259                   | 10.9              | 231                   | 2.5               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
| 7     | 115-116                | 292                   | 11.2              | 272                   | 5.8               | 7.97 d  | 6.32 d | 8.4                   | 12.0              | 1.34 t (CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )<br>4.39 q (CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ) |
|       |                        | 263                   | 6.5               | 218                   | 3.5               |   |        |                       |                   |  |
|       |                        | 245                   | 10.2              |                       |                   |   |        |                       |                   |  |

<sup>a</sup> Decomposition. <sup>b</sup> Allylic coupling, 2 Hz. <sup>c</sup> J<sub>4,F</sub> = 12.2 Hz. <sup>d</sup> Signals attributed to impurities at δ 2.9 integrated less than 1 H. <sup>e</sup> Obtained as the monohydrate. <sup>f</sup> Crystallized from water. <sup>g</sup> Satisfactory analytical data (±0.5% for C, N, H) were reported for all compounds in the table.

Table IV. Physical Data for Pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine Derivatives 9, 10, 12<sup>d</sup>

| compd | mp, °C  | UV data, <sup>a</sup> λ <sub>max</sub> , nm (10 <sup>3</sup> ε)                            | <sup>1</sup> H NMR (Me <sub>2</sub> SO-d <sub>6</sub> ), δ |   |
|-------|---------|--|--|---|
|       |         |  | H-5  | other   |
| 9a    | 288-289 | 313 (11.5), <sup>b</sup> 304 (12.7),<br>262 (6.7), 213 (28.1)                              | 8.14 d <sup>c</sup>  | 3.29 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.26 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ),<br>12.08 (NH)   |
| 9g    | >300    | 340 (14.7), <sup>b</sup> 328 (15.9),<br>284 (11.9), 230 (27.7), <sup>b</sup><br>221 (32.0) | 8.87 s   | 3.87 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.60 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> )  |
| 9h    | 239-240 | 362 (12.2), 291 (13.8),<br>274 (12.6), <sup>b</sup> 244 (17.6), <sup>b</sup><br>228 (25.2) | 8.69 s   | 3.49 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.27 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> )  |
| 9n    | 242-243 | 353 (9.5), 330 (9.7),<br>288 (11.6), 228 (24.0)  | 8.58 s   | 3.48 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.26 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ),<br>2.61 s (3 H, CCH <sub>3</sub> )                                |
| 9o    | >330    | 333 (19.5), 283 (11.5),<br>226 (30.2)  | 8.81 s   | 3.46 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 8.07 (NH)  |
| 9x    | 294-295 | 337 (17.9), 331 (17.8), <sup>b</sup><br>285 (13.9), 230 (33.6), <sup>b</sup><br>225 (34.2) | 8.53 s   | 4.09 m (4 H, CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.23 m (6 H, CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )                                      |
| 9y    | 183-184 | 356 (10.7), <sup>b</sup> 329 (30.5),<br>289 (14.4), 228 (30.5)                             | 8.56 s   | 4.06 m (4 H, CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.61 s (3 H, COCH <sub>3</sub> ),<br>1.19 m (6 H, CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ) |
| 9z    | 264-265 | 337 (17.4), 330 (17.3), <sup>b</sup><br>286 (13.3), 232 (32.3), <sup>b</sup><br>226 (33.6) | 8.53 s   | 3.99 m (4 H, NCH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.66 m (4 H, CCH <sub>2</sub> ),<br>0.89 m (6 H, CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )                 |
| 10    | 191-193 | 363 (18.1), 336 (12.3),<br>267 (6.0), 235 (16.6), <sup>b</sup><br>213 (25.0)               | 8.20 d <sup>d</sup>  | 3.68 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.48 s (3 H, NCH <sub>3</sub> )  |
| 12    | 221-223 | 284 (13.5), 230 (30.5),<br>224 (29.5) <sup>b</sup>   | 8.47 s   | 4.07 t (2 H, NCH <sub>2</sub> ), 11.65 (NH), 12.4 (NH),<br>0.7-1.9 m (7 H, CCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )       |

<sup>a</sup> Taken in EtOH for 9o (H<sub>2</sub>O). <sup>b</sup> Shoulder. <sup>c</sup> H-6 at δ 6.50 (J<sub>s,6</sub> = 8.0 Hz). <sup>d</sup> H-6 at 7.04 (d, J<sub>s,6</sub> = 8.0 Hz). <sup>d</sup> See footnote g of Table III.

precipitates were collected by filtration, triturated with 0.1 N NaOH (20 mL), and filtered, and the filtrate was acidified to pH 2 with concentrated HCl. The precipitate was collected by filtration and crystallized from EtOH to afford analytically pure 9g: 520 mg (78%); mp 191-193 °C. See Table IV for physical constants.

**1-n-Butyl-6-cyanopyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine-2,4,7-(1H,3H,8H)-trione (12).** A mixture of 1g (990 mg, 6 mmol) and 6-amino-1-n-butyluracil (549 mg, 3 mmol) in ethanolic sodium ethoxide (230 mg of Na in 40 mL of EtOH) was heated at reflux for 1 h, and then the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue

was triturated with cold water (20 mL) and filtered. The filtrate was acidified with concentrated HCl to pH 2, and the precipitate was collected and crystallized from water to give 370 mg of 11. See Table IV for physical and analytical data.

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2k, 103-81-1; 2m, 75993-39-4; 3a, 35441-11-3; 3b, 75993-40-7; 3d, 75993-41-8; 3e, 75993-42-9; 3f, 75993-43-0; 3g, 52600-58-5; 3i, 18266-78-9; 3j, 68999-74-6; 3k, 10211-36-6; 3m, 75993-44-1; 4, 49785-67-3; 5, 71350-47-5; 6a, 68999-73-5; 6b, 53422-09-6; 7, 71350-48-6; 8a, 6642-31-5; 8p, 41740-15-2; 8q, 41862-14-0; 9a, 57821-20-2; 9g, 74115-52-9; 9h, 74115-55-2; 9n, 74115-56-3; 9o, 75993-45-2; 9x, 74115-53-0; 9y, 75993-46-3; 9z, 74115-54-1; 10, 74115-57-4; 11, 53681-49-5; 12, 75993-47-4.

## Palladium-Catalyzed Alkenylation of Aromatic Heterocycles with Olefins. Synthesis of Functionalized Aromatic Heterocycles<sup>1</sup>

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Aromatic heterocycles such as furan, thiophene, benzofuran, benzothiophene, and *N*-acetylindole undergo facile palladium-assisted alkenylation with various olefins to produce mono- and/or dialkenylated heterocycles in high yield. With furan and thiophene, the reaction is regioselective, giving products substituted at the 2-position of the heterocycles, and is also stereoselective, giving *E* products when the substituent on the olefin is bulky. The reactions of benzofuran and *N*-acetylindole with olefins give cyclization products such as dibenzofuran and carbazole derivatives together with alkenylated products. The mechanistic implications with respect to these alkenylations are discussed.

The reaction with palladium salts has been intensively studied following the discovery of the Wacker process.<sup>2</sup> We have reported a new reaction which combines aromatic compounds and olefins via direct activation of the both olefinic and aromatic C-H bonds by palladium salts, giving aromatic-substituted olefins. This reaction provides a convenient synthetic method for a wide variety of olefins.<sup>3</sup>

Aromatic heterocycles like furan and thiophene are important starting materials for synthesis of various biologically and physiologically active compounds.<sup>4</sup> However, functionalization of these compounds, especially introduction of alkenyl groups to such heterocycles, is difficult and no general method is known for alkenylation. For example, one has to prepare alkenylated heterocycles via multistep procedures involving formylation and subsequent Wittig reactions.<sup>5</sup>

We have developed a new route to alkenylated aromatic heterocycles by the Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>-Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyst system. Herein we report the palladium-catalyzed one-step mono- and dialkenylations of five-membered aromatic heterocycles such as furan or thiophene<sup>6</sup> and the reactions of benzofuran, benzothiophene, and *N*-acetylindole with olefins like acrylonitrile, methyl acrylate, and styrene to give cyclization products such as dibenzofuran and carbazole derivatives along with alkenylated products.

Table I. Pd-Assisted Alkenylation of Furan and Thiophene with Olefins (CH<sub>2</sub>=CHR)

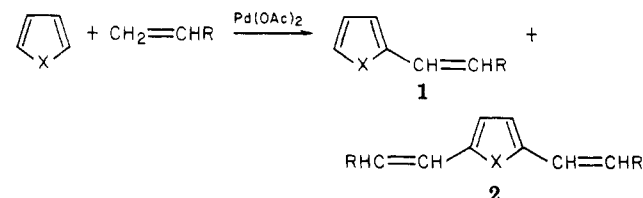
| X | R                               | product,<br>% yield <sup>a</sup> |                 | stereochemistry       |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|   |                                 | 1                                | 2               |                       |
| O | CN                              | 23 <sup>b</sup>                  | 31 <sup>c</sup> | <i>Z</i> and <i>E</i> |
| O | Ph                              | 15                               | 46              | <i>E</i>              |
| O | CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 26                               | 19              | <i>E</i>              |
| S | CN                              | 24 <sup>d</sup>                  | 11 <sup>e</sup> | <i>Z</i> and <i>E</i> |
| S | Ph                              | 13                               | 36              | <i>E</i>              |
| S | CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 33                               | 28              | <i>E</i>              |

<sup>a</sup> Yields are based on palladium acetate. <sup>b</sup> *Z* and *E* 1:2 mixture. <sup>c</sup> *E*, *Z* and *E*, *E* 1:1 mixture. <sup>d</sup> *Z* and *E* 1:2 mixture. <sup>e</sup> *E*, *Z* and *E*, *E* 1:1 mixture.

### Results and Discussion

**Stoichiometric Alkenylation.** The alkenylation reactions of furan and thiophene with olefins (CH<sub>2</sub>=CHR) were carried out, using equimolar amounts of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, the heterocycle, and the olefin in a solution of dioxane and acetic acid. The solution was stirred at 100 °C in the presence of air for usually 8 h. The results are given in Table I.

As can be seen from Table I, furan and thiophene are easily alkenylated with olefins to give 2-alkenylated heterocycles (1) and 2,5-dialkenylated heterocycles (2) in good



X = O, S  
R = CN, Ph, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

yields. It is interesting that the dialkenylated product is

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