a [crotyl bromide]/[3-bromo-1-butene] ratio greater than 15 were employed in metal-catalyzed reactions with ethyl diazoacetate. Reactions were performed as previously described for allyl halides. Direct analyses of the crotyl bromide content of product mixtures was performed following complete reaction, usually 24 h. At temperatures at or below 25 °C reactant isomerization was not observed, but at 50 °C isomerization to the equilibrium mixture of [crotyl bromide]/[3-bromo-1-butene] equal to 4.5 occurred during the course of the catalytic reaction. Product isolation and analyses were performed as previously described. GC analyses were performed by using 4-m 5% ethylene glycol adipate columns. The averaged results from duplicate and triplicate experiments are reported in Tables IV and V.

Ethyl 2-bromo-3-methyl-4-pentenoate (9): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) of major isomer from Rh₂(OAc)₄-catalyzed reactions at or below 25 °C δ 5.72 (ddd, $J_{trans} = 17.0$ Hz, $J_{cis} = 9.7$ Hz, $J_{vic} = 7.5$ Hz, CH=), 5.11 (dd, $J_{trans} = 17.0$ Hz, $J_{gem} = 0.9$ Hz, 1 H), 5.09 (dd, $J_{cis} = 9.7$ Hz, $J_{gem} = 0.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.07 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, CHBr), 3.04–2.55 (sextet m, CHCH₃), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH₂O), 1.21 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, CH_3 CH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) for minor isomer δ 5.80 (ddd, $J_{trans} = 17.0$ Hz, $J_{gem} = 0.9$ Hz, 1 H), 5.13 (dd, $J_{cis} = 9.6$ Hz, $J_{gem} = 0.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, CHBr), 3.04–2.55 (sextet m, CHCH₃), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH₂O), 1.24 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, CHB₃CH).

Anal. Calcd for $C_8H_{13}BrO_2$: C, 43.45; H, 5.94. Found: C, 43.62; H, 6.11.

Ethyl trans-2-bromo-4-hexenoate (10): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.84–5.14 (m, 2 H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, CHBr), 3.00–2.40 (m, 2 H), 1.65 (ddt, J = 5.8, 2.2, 1.2 Hz, CH₃CH=), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH₂O).

Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₃BrO₂: C, 43.45; H, 5.94. Found: C, 43.58; H, 6.17.

Ethyl 2-(bromomethyl)-3-methylcyclopropanecarboxylate (trans-11): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.16 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂O),

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3.91–3.43 (m, CH₂Br), 1.86–1.23 (m, 3 H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH₂O), 1.14 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, CH₃CH).

Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₃BrO₂: C, 43.45; H, 5.94; Br, 36.14. Found: C, 43.63; H, 6.01; Br, 36.32.

Ethyl 2-(bromomethyl)-3-methylcyclopropanecarboxylate (cis-11): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂O), 3.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₂Br), 1.95–1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.50–1.28 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH₂O), 1.23 (m, CH₃CH).

Ethyl 2-(1-bromoethyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate was isolated from the reaction mixture obtained by treatment of combination of crotyl bromide and 3-bromo-1-butene (molar ratio 1.63) with ethyl diazoacetate and a catalytic amount of Rh₂(OAc)₄. Geometrical isomers were not separable by GC analyses: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.15 and 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂O), 3.87–3.43 (quintet, CHBr), 1.78 and 1.76 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, CHCH₃), 1.81–0.60 (m, 4 H), 1.26 and 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃CH₂O). The isomer ratio of the isolated product was 1.2.

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Occurrence of the $S_N(ANRORC)$ Mechanism in the Hydrazination of 1,2,4,5-Tetrazines¹⁻³

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3-Alkyl(aryl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (7) when treated with hydrazine hydrate were found to undergo a Chichibabin hydrazination into 3-alkyl(aryl)-6-hydrazino-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (8) according to an $S_N(ANRORC)$ mechanism. ¹H and ¹³C NMR measurements indicate that the first step in this reaction sequence is the formation of a homoaromatic σ adduct anion, due to attack at C₆, and that the second step is the formation of an open-chain intermediate. With ¹⁵N-labeled hydrazine, part of the label is found in the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring of the 6-hydrazino compounds 8*. NMR evidence is obtained which shows that the hydrazino compounds with the ¹⁵N-label in the ring (8*II) and with the ¹⁵N-label in the hydrazino group (8*I) are formed according to the S_N(ANRORC) mechanism. Treatment of 6-amino- or 6-halogeno-1,2,4,5-tetrazines with hydrazine leads to introduction of a hydrazino group at position 6. During this hydrazino deamination and hydrazino dehalogenation part of the molecules were found to react according to the S_N(ANRORC) mechanism, the other part followed the S_N(AE) pathway.

In a preceding paper¹ we obtained firm evidence that the anion of 6-amino-1,6-dihydro-3-phenyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (2), formed upon addition of ammonia to 3-phenyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (1, Scheme I), is homoaromatic. This σ

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adduct is in the homotetrazole conformation, containing 6π electrons in the tetrazole ring and holding the amino group in the exo position and the hydrogen at the sp³

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carbon atom above the ring. This hydrogen is located in the shielding region, resulting in a chemical shift at high field (δ 1.51).

In the literature it is described⁴ that addition of ammonia to the C₆-N₁ bond in 1-methylpyrimidinium iodide (4, Scheme II) is accompanied by an upfield shift of H₆ $(\Delta \delta = 4.91 \text{ ppm})^4$. Addition of hydrazine hydrate gave about the same upfield shift ($\Delta \delta = 4.5-5 \text{ ppm}$),⁵ from which it was concluded that hydrazine gave an analogous σ adduct, i.e., 6-hydrazino-1-methyl-1,6-dihydropyrimidine (6).

From the σ adduct 2 was obtained 6-amino-3-phenyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (3) upon oxidation with potassium permanganate;⁶ the reaction of 1→3 can be considered as a Chichibabin amination.⁷ It has been published that the Chichibabin amination of 4-phenylpyrimidine⁸ and phenyl-1,3,5-triazine⁹ occurs according to the S_N(ANRORC) mechanism,¹⁰ describing a reaction sequence involving Addition of the Nucleophile to the heterocycle, Ring Opening, and Ring Closure.

In an extension of our studies on the amination of 1,2,4,5-tetrazines by liquid ammonia, we became interested whether 1,2,4,5-tetrazines are also appropriate systems for Chichibabin hydrazination by hydrazine hydrate. The use of sodium hydrazide in the Chichibabin hydrazination of some azaaromatic systems has been reported.¹¹ We were particularly interested whether the hydrazination, if it occurs, is accompanied by the intermediate formation of a 1:1 σ adduct having homoaromatic (and anionic) properties and whether the hydrazination would occur according to the S_N(ANRORC) process.

In a previous paper¹² we already presented some evidence that in the hydrazinolysis of 6-amino- and 6bromo-3-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine an $S_N(ANRORC)$ mechanism is operative. In this paper we present an extension of these hydrazino deamination and hydrazino dehalogenation reactions and especially the results of our study with ¹⁵N-labeled hydrazine and the NMR spectroscopy of

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Table I.15N Excess in Acetone-Hydrazones 9* and in the6-Bromo Compounds 10*a

| | % | ⁵ N | % | av of ANRORC 24.6 28.5 0 3.5 | |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| R | 9* | 10* | ANRORC ^b | | |
| CH, C ₂ H, t-C ₄ H, C ₆ H, | $\begin{array}{r} 6.5, 24.6 \\ 5.7, 6.3 \\ 8.0, 20.7 \\ 10.6, 9.3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 1.70, 5.7 \\ 1.60, 1.82 \\ 0, 0 \\ 0.44, 0.27 \end{array}$ | 26.2, 23.0 28.0, 28.9 0, 0 4.2, 2.9 | | |
| ${ m SD}_{ m av}{}^{c}$ | 0.4 | 0.15 | 2.6 | 2.6 | |

^a The percentage of ¹⁵N label in 9* is a measure for the ¹⁵N enrichment in the ¹⁵N doubly labeled hydrazine used for the reaction. This label is incorporated either on the 1,2-position of the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring or in the exocyclic hydrazine group, depending on the position of addition of the hydrazine. The percentage of ¹⁵N label in 10* is a measure for the molecules in which the label is only present in the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring. ^b The percentage ANRORC refers to the percentage of molecules 8* which have been formed by route II (Scheme IV). ^c The standard deviations (SDs) were determined as follows. The ratio of peak heights of the M + 2 and M peaks were determined at high resolving power. The average and standard deviation were determined from 6-10 values. If the value of the SD was < 0.15, 0.15 was taken as the value because this is the accuracy of the apparatus. To determine the SD in the percentage of ANRORC we used the formula $(S_z/z)^2 = (S_x/x)^2 + (S_y/y)^2$ (z = % ANRORC, $x = \%^{15}$ N in 9*, $y = \%^{15}$ N in 10*). Then the SDs of the % ¹⁵N of 9* and 19*, of the % ¹⁵N of 10*, 20*, and 21*, and of the % ANRORC were averaged; e.g., for the % ^{is}N of 9* and 19* we obtained an $SD_{av} = 0.32 \pm 0.11$, resulting in 0.4.

the intermediates in the hydrazination involved.

Results and Discussion

(A) Chichibabin Hydrazination of 1,2,4,5-Tetrazines. On treatment of 1 equiv of the 1,2,4,5-tetrazines 7 with 3 equiv of hydrazine hydrate in ethanol at 298 K the corresponding hydrazino compound 8 is formed (Scheme III; yields between 9% and 15%) together with a number of unidentified colored (not red) and colorless products; 10–15% of starting material 7 is retrieved (Table VI). To facilitate separation of the hydrazino compounds 8, we converted them into the more stable acetone hydrazones 9 (see Experimental Section).

To investigate whether in the formation of 8 the S_N -(ANRORC) mechanism is operative, we carried out the hydrazinations with ¹⁵N doubly labeled hydrazine. If an S_N (ANRORC) process occurs, addition of hydrazine takes place at C_3 , followed by ring opening and ring closure leading to the incorporation of ¹⁵N into the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring; if not, the label will only be present in the exocyclic

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nitrogens of the hydrazino group due to an additionelimination process at C₆. To establish the percentages of the ¹⁵N label present in the tetrazine ring and in the hydrazino group of the hydrazino compound 8^{*13} we measured the excess of ¹⁵N label in the acetone hydrazones 9^* and in the corresponding bromo compounds 10^* , obtained by oxidation of 8^* with bromine in acetic acid.¹⁴ The mass spectrometric measurements were carried out at high resolving power.¹⁵ The results are given in Table I. No label was found in the recovered starting material 7.

From the data in Table I it is evident that during the formation of the hydrazino compounds 8* (R = CH₃, C₂H₅) at least part of the ¹⁵N label of hydrazine is incorporated into the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring. In order to obtain additional evidence for the reaction mechanism, we tried to establish by ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy which intermediary species are present during the reaction. We obtained some unexpected results.

Comparison of the proton chemical shifts of 1,2,4,5tetrazines 7 dissolved in deuteriomethanol with those observed upon dissolving 7 in a 1:1 mixture of hydrazine hydrate and deuteriomethanol at 233 K (Table II) shows that H₆ undergoes a large upfield shift ($\Delta\delta$ between 8.25 and 8.92 ppm). This considerable upfield shift, of the same magnitude as that observed in liquid ammonia ($\Delta\delta = \sim 8.7$ ppm),¹ can only be explained if we assume the formation of the homoaromatic σ adducts 11 (Scheme IV). No ¹H NMR signals of the starting material 7 could be detected.

The formation of σ adducts 11 was further proven by comparison of the ¹³C chemical shifts of C₆ in 7 dissolved in deuteriomethanol and in a 1:1 mixture of hydrazine hydrate and deuteriomethanol. The upfield shift of $\Delta \delta =$ 59–62 ppm observed for C₆ in the mixed solvent system confirms the formation of 11; this upfield shift is due to the change in hybridization of C₆ (sp² \rightarrow sp³). Also the decrease of the coupling constant J_{C_6H} , from 213–215 Hz in 7 to 159–160 Hz in 11, is in agreement with the adduct formation; the value of 159 Hz is of the same magnitude as that in the ammonia adduct 2 (156 Hz).¹

The question whether the σ adducts 11 are present as neutral species 11A or as anionic species 11B was answered by applying the method discussed in a previous paper.¹

For 3-(p-Y-phenyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine derivatives (Y = Br, OCH₃, CH₃) there exists a linear relationship between the ¹³C substituent chemical shift at C₄ of the aryl ring (SC-S-4)¹⁷ and δ (C₄) (Y = H), which is a measure of the electron demand of the substituted 1,2,4,5-tetrazinyl groups.¹ Therefore, we determined the δ (C₄) values of the σ adducts 11 (R = C₆H₅, p-OCH₃C₆H₄). The SCS-4 value and the δ (C₄) (Y = H) value for the 6-hydrazino-1,6-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazinyl group fit nicely in this plot (r = 0.923,

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 Table II.
 ¹H and ¹³C Chemical Shifts and the Coupling Constants J_{C_6H} (Hz) of 7 and 16 in Deuteriomethanol and in a Mixture of Hydrazine Hydrate and Deuteriomethanol at Various Temperatures

| | | | temp, | | | | | | | |
|--------|--|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|------|------------------------|------|------------|------------------------|---|
| compd | R | solvent | K | $\delta(\mathbf{H}_6)$ | Δδ | $\delta(\mathbf{C}_6)$ | Δδ | J_{C_6H} | $\delta(\mathbf{C}_3)$ | others, δ |
| 7 | CH. | CD,OD | 308 | 10.26 | | 159.3 | | 213 | 171.8 | CH ₃ , 3.03; CH ₃ , 21.7 |
| 11 | 3 | a | 233 | 1.71 | 8.55 | 98.9 | 60.4 | 159 | 153.6 | CH_{3} , 2.42; CH_{3} , 18.2 |
| 13 | | a | 253 | 6.92 | | 143 | | 200 | 152 | CH ₃ , 1.88; CH ₃ , 16.9 |
| 7 | C_2H_s | CD_3OD | 308 | 10.32 | | 159.5 | | 213 | 175.1 | CH_2 , 3.26; CH_3 , 1.44; CH_2 , |
| | | | | | | | | | | 29.7; CH ₃ , 12.3 |
| 11 | | а | 233 | 1.65 | 8.67 | 97.5 | 62.0 | 159 | 158.4 | CH_2 , 2.76; CH_3 , 1.19; CH_2 , |
| | | | | | | | | | | 24.8; CH ₃ ^o |
| 13 | | a | 253 | 6.98 | | 141.7 | | 200 | 153.8 | CH_2 , 2.22; CH_3 ; CH_2 , 23.7; CH_2^{b} |
| 7 | t-C.H. | CD.OD | 308 | 10.45 | | 158.9 | | 213 | 179.5 | $CH_{1}, 1.58; CH_{2}, d 29.4$ |
| 11 | - 49 | a | 233 | 1.53 | 8.92 | 97.3 | 61.6 | 160 | 160.1 | CH_{1} , 1.31; CH_{1} , d 27.1 |
| 13 | | a | 273 | 6.95 | | 141.6 | | 200 | 163.6 | CH_{1} , 1.20; CH_{3} , d 27.3 |
| 7 | C ₆ H, | CD,OD | 308 | 10.35 | | 159.5 | | 215 | 168.0 | $Ph: C_1, 133.6; C_2, 129.3; C_3,$ |
| | ••• | | | | | | | | | $130.6; C_4, 134.1$ |
| 11 | | $N_2H_4 \cdot H_2O$ | 253 | 2.10 | 8.25 | 100.1 | 59.4 | 159 | 156.5 | Ph: C_1 , 136.8; C_2 , 122.7; C_3 , |
| | | | | | | | | | | 129.5; C ₄ , 126.6 |
| 13 | | N₂H₄∙H₂O | 308 | 7.15 | | 142.5 | | 201 | 150 | Ph: $C_1, e; C_2, 127.0; C_3,$ |
| | | | | | | | | | | $129.6; C_4, 131.4$ |
| 13 | | f | 308 | 6.84 | | 142.2 | | 201 | 150.4 | Ph: $C_1, e; C_2, 127.5; C_3,$ |
| | | | 000 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 00 7 | | | 150.0 | $129.7; C_4, 131.6$ |
| 11 | | a | 233 | 2.05 | 8.30 | 99.7 | 59.8 | | 156.8 | Ph: U_1 , 137.2; U_2 , 123.3; U_3 , 100.7: O 197.1 |
| 7 | | CDCI | 200 | 10 11 | | 1575 | | 019 | 166 1 | $129.7, 0_4, 127.1$ Pb. C 194.9.C 190.9.C |
| 4 | p-OCH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ | CDCI ₃ | 300 | 10.11 | | 197.9 | | 213 | 100.1 | 115 0 C 164 0 |
| | | a | 233 | | | 99.7 | 57.8 | | 156.6 | Ph: C 130 1 C 124 7 C |
| | | u | 200 | | | 00.1 | 07.0 | | 100.0 | 114 8 C 1590 |
| 16 | | CD.OD | 308 | | | | | | 166.3 ^g | CH. 2.98; CH. 20.5; g CH. |
| 17^i | | a | 233 | | | | | | -00.0 | 3.02 (br) |
| | | a | 273^{h} | | | | | | 150.6 | CH ₄ , 1.87; CH ₄ , 16.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | 37 . 37 |

^a N_2H_4 · H_2O/CD_3OD (1:1). ^b CH_3 was not determined. ^c Due to contamination with ether it is difficult to assign the CH_3 shift with certainty. ^d The quaternary C could not be observed because of aliphatic impurities. ^e C_1 could not be observed. ^f 2 equiv of N_2H_4 · H_2O in CD_3OD . ^g In $CDCl_3$; see ref 23. ^h At intermediate temperatures δ 3.02 disappears, while δ 1.87 is formed. ⁱ In this solution starting material **16** was also present, as indicated by minor peaks of 166.9 and 20.8 ppm.

Table III. $\delta(C_4)$ and $SCS_4^{a,b}$ for 3-(p-Y-phenyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine Derivatives (Y = H, OCH₃)^c

| | Y = 0 | CH ₃ | | solvent | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| substituted 1,2,4,5-tetrazinyl group | $\delta(C_4)$ | SCS-4 | $Y = H, \delta(C_4)$ | | |
| tetrazinyl | 164.01 | 30.77 | 133.24 | CDCl, | |
| 6-aminotetrazinyi 1,6-dihydrotetrazinyi | 161.28 161.22 | $30.86 \\ 31.50$ | 130.42 129.72 | Me_2SO-a_c CD_2OD/D_2O | |
| 1,6-dihy drotetrazinyl anion 6-hydrazino-1,6-dihydrotetrazinyl anion | $159.44 \\ 159.03$ | $32.27 \\ 31.98$ | $127.17 \\ 127.05$ | $CD_{3}OD/D_{2}O^{d}$ N ₂ H ₂ ·H ₂ O/CD ₃ OD (1:1) | |

^a SCS-4 = $[\delta(C_4)(Y \neq H) - \delta(C_4)(Y = H)]$ ppm; a positive value corresponds to a downfield shift. ^b r = 0.923; slope 0.24 ± 0.06; intercept 62 ± 7; $t_{\alpha} = 4.16$. ^c Values are from ref 1. ^d 1.5 equiv of NaOH.

 $t_{\alpha} = 4.16$; Table III). From this plot it is evident that the electron demand of the 6-hydrazino-1,6-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazinyl group resembles mostly that of the 1,6-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazinyl anion. As the $\sigma_{\rm I}$ values of the hydrazino group¹⁸ and hydrogen are not very different, we conclude that the σ adducts 11 are present as *anionic* homoaromatic species in hydrazine hydrate/methanol.

When the solutions of 11 are warmed in hydrazine hydrate/methanol [from 233 to 253 K ($R = CH_3$, C_2H_5), to 273 K ($R = t-C_4H_9$), or to 308 K ($R = C_6H_5$)], both the ¹H and ¹³C NMR adduct signals slowly disappear, and new signals with completely different chemical shifts appear. These could be attributed to open-chain intermediates 13. Evidence for the formation of 13 is based on two facts: (a) in all these open-chain intermediates 13, with different groups R, both H₆ and C₆ are found in a narrow chemical shift range (H₆ between 6.92 and 7.15 ppm; C₆ between 141 and 143 ppm); (b) the chemical shifts of H₆ are of the same magnitude as that found for the HC=N group in N,N-

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dimethylacetaldehyde hydrazone (15).¹⁹ The ¹H chemical shift of the methyl group in 13 ($R = CH_3$) at 1.88 ppm is also in suprisingly good agreement with that found for the *C*-methyl group in 15 (1.90 ppm).



Moreover, when 3,6-dimethyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (16) was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of hydrazine hydrate and deuteriomethanol at 273 K and the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of these solutions were measured, chemical shifts were found which could only be attributed to the dihydrazone 17. Species 17 showed only one methyl group, indicating that in 17 both methyl groups are identical. The ¹H chemical shift for the hydrogens of the methyl group (1.87 ppm) is about the same as that found for 13 (R = CH₃, 1.88

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ppm). Also, nearly identical ¹³C chemical shifts were observed for C₃ (150.6 ppm) and CH₃ (16.1 ppm) as compared with those in 13 ($R = CH_3$; Table II). If 16 is treated with ¹⁵N-doubly-labeled hydrazine (7% ¹⁵N), part of the label is found in the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring of the recovered 16 $(0.6\% {}^{15}N)$. This can be explained by ring closure of the symmetrical open-chain intermediate 17* (Scheme V).

No NMR evidence has been obtained for the intermediacy of 12*. Its occurrence is necessary, however, to explain the formation of 8*II from 7 (R = CH₃ or R = C₂H₅) having both labeled nitrogens in the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring. All NMR data and the results of ¹⁵N labeling are in agreement with the mechanism proposed in Scheme IV. Attack at C₆ (route I) yields the initial homoaromatic σ adduct anion 11*B, which ring opens to give 13*I. Attack at C_3 , in route II, gives an unstable adduct 12*, which is not observed by NMR. Ring opening yields open-chain intermediate 13*II, being identical with 13*I except that the ¹⁵N label is present in a different position. The ring closure takes place by attack on C_6 , leading to the most stable adduct 14*, which is oxidized by hydrazine²⁰ present in the reaction mixture.

That ring closure in 13 occurs by attack of the hydrazino nitrogen on C_6 and not on C_3 , to which R is attached, is probably due to the homoaromatic stabilization of intermediate 14. Homoaromaticity is less likely when two large groups (R and hydrazino as in 12*) are present at the methylene bridge.²¹ This mechanism is in agreement with the fact that 7 (R = C_6H_5 , $t-C_4H_9$ does not, or only to a very small extent, react with formation of ring-labeled 8*II $(R = C_6H_5, t-C_4H_9)$. Both groups are blocking groups and probably retard or prevent addition at C_3 , to which these substituents are attached.

The fact that in all reactions the recovered starting material 7 is unlabeled indicates that 14*I or 14*II does not decompose into 7 or 7*. The recovered starting material 7 is probably *unreacted* starting material. The possibility of a hydrazine-induced rearrangement of 8*I into 8*II can be excluded. After reaction of unlabeled 6-hydrazino-3-ethyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (8, R = $C_2H_5)$ with labeled hydrazine (8% $^{15}\rm{N})$ for 45 min at 25 °C and conversion of the labeled (3%) hydrazino product obtained into the 6-bromo compound 10 ($R = C_2H_5$), it was found that 10 ($R = C_2H_5$) did not contain ¹⁵N. Thus, under these conditions a rearrangement of exocyclic hydrazino nitrogen into ring nitrogen does not take place.



From all the data presented we concluded that both routes (I and II) of Scheme IV, leading to the ring-labeled hydrazino compound (8*II) as well as to the ring-unlabeled hydrazino compound (8*I), occur with an opening of the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring. Therefore, we have to conclude that both reaction sequences fulfill the definition of the S_{N} -(ANRORC) mechanism (addition of a nucleophile followed by ring opening and ring closure). The only difference between the two routes is the place of initial attack (C_3 or C_6). If a blocking group is present on C_3 , attack only takes place at C_6 , and no label is found to be built into the ring. To our knowledge this is the first example of a reaction in which both the ring-labeled and the exocyclic-labeled compound follow the $S_N(ANRORC)$ pathway. Thus in these reactions no evidence for an $S_N(AE)$ mechanism has been obtained.

(B) Hydrazino Deamination and Hydrazino Dehalogenation of 1,2,4,5-Tetrazines. When $18 (L = NH_2)$ is refluxed in ethanol containing 2 equiv of hydrazine hydrate, 6-hydrazino-3-R'-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (19) are obtained in yields between 40% and 70% (depending on substituent R'), together with recovered starting material 18. The yields and reaction conditions are given in Table VI. When the leaving group L is Br or Cl, compounds 18 (L = Br, Cl) react more quickly in ethanol containing 3 equiv of hydrazine hydrate; even at 293 K they are quantitatively converted into 19 (Table VI).

To investigate whether the $S_N(ANRORC)$ mechanism is also operative in the formation of these hydrazino compounds 19 we carried out the reactions with ¹⁵N-doublylabeled hydrazine. After extraction with benzene, the crude reaction product, without further purification, was inserted directly into the mass spectrometer. To establish the percentages of ¹⁵N present in the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine ring and on the exocyclic nitrogens of the labeled hydrazino compounds 19*, we converted these compounds into the corresponding 6-halogeno-3-R'-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (20*; X = Cl, Br, I) by oxidation with halogen¹⁴ in acetic acid or in some cases into the corresponding 3-R'-1,2,4,5-tetrazines 21* by oxidation with manganese dioxide on carbon²² (Scheme VI). The excess of ¹⁵N in compounds 19*-21* as found by mass spectrometric measurement at high resolving power¹⁵ is given in Table IV. No label was found in the recovered 6-amino-3-R'-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (18, L =NH₂).

From these data it is evident that part of the hydrazino compounds 19^{*} is formed from 18 by the $S_N(ANRORC)$

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Table IV. ¹⁵N Excess in Compounds 19* and 20* or 21*

| | | % | 13N | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| starting 18 | | | 20* or | % | av of |
| \mathbf{R}' | L | 19* | 21* | ANRORC | ANRORC |
| Н | NH ₂ ^a | 6.4, 6.1 | 1.27, 1.42 (X = I) | 20.0, 23.2 | 21.6 |
| CH3 | NH ₂ ^a | 7.1, 6.6 | 1.77 (X = Br), 1.70 (21*) | 24.9, 25.8 | 25.3 |
| C_2H_5 | NH_2^{a} | 6.1, 6.3 | (21^{+}) 0.99, 1.22 (X - Br) | 16.3, 19.5 | 17.9 |
| t-C₄H, | NH_2^a | 6.4, 6.4 | (X = BI) 0, 0 (X = Br) | 0, 0 | 0 |
| C_6H_5 | NH_2^{a} | 5.0, 5.5 | $0(21^*), 0$ | 0, 0 | 0 |
| CH3 | Cl | 5.3, 19.4 | (21) 0.22, 1.71 (X = Br) | 4.1, 8.8 | 6.5 |
| CH3 | Br | 5.8 | 1.18 (X = Br) | 20.5, 18 ^b | 19.3 |
| $C_{2}H_{5}$ | Br | 5.2, 5.2 | 0.19, 0.05 (X = Br) | 3.6, 1.0 | 2.3 |
| $\mathrm{SD}_{\mathrm{av}}$ | | 0.4 | 0.15 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| a No | label m | ver found i | n recovered | starting ma | torial |

^a No label was found in recovered starting material. ^b See ref 12.

mechanism in a decreasing order: $L = NH_2 > L = Br > L = Cl$. In order to gain more insight into the reaction course of the hydrazinolysis, we investigated the reaction

intermediates by ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. The reactions of 18 (L = Br, Cl) could not be followed by NMR spectroscopy, since these compounds react very fast with hydrazine.

On dissolving 6-amino-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (18; R' = H, L = NH₂) in hydrazine hydrate/deuteriomethanol (1:3) at 273 K, the formation of the σ adduct 22 (R' = H) was not observed (see Table V). The ¹H NMR signal δ 6.98 was attributed to the open-chain intermediate 23 (R' = H). This conclusion was based on comparison with the chemical shift of H₆ in 13 (6.92–7.15 ppm, Table II). A similar shift for 23 was also found in a mixture containing one equiv of 18 (R' = H, L = NH₂) and 2 equiv of hydrazine hydrate in deuteriomethanol. The values of the ¹³C chemical shifts of C₃ of 23 (δ 144.9) and J_{C_3H} of 23 (199 Hz, Table V) also correspond nicely with those of C₆ (δ 141–143) and J_{C_3H} (200 Hz) of the open-chain compounds 13 (see Table II).

The ¹H NMR spectra of 6-amino-3-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (18; R' = CH₃, L = NH₂) with 2 equiv of hydrazine hydrate measured at 323 K during 8 h were analyzed carefully. Four different stages could be discerned, showing the appearance and disappearance of signals. The chemical shifts observed for the methyl group in these four stages indicated by i-iv are (i) 2.73 and 1.85, (ii) 2.73, 1.85, and 2.32, (iii) 1.85 and 2.32, and (iv) 2.32 and 2.68 ppm. The peaks at 2.73 and 2.68 ppm were assigned to starting material 18 (R' = CH₃, L = NH₂) and hydrazino product

Table V. ¹H and ¹³C Spectroscopic Data of 6-Amino-3-R'-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (18: $R' = H, CH_3, C_2H_5; L = NH_2$) in Deuteriomethanol and in a Mixture of Hydrazine Hydrate and Deuteriomethanol

| compd | R' | solvent | temp, K | $\delta(H_3)$ | δ(C ₃) | J_{C_3H} , Hz | $\delta(\mathbf{C}_6)$ | others, δ |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 18 23 | Н | CD ₃ OD a c | 308 b 233 273 | 9.70 6.91 9.70 6.98 ^d | 154.2 144.9 | 213 199 | 166.7 154.3 | |
| 18 23 | CH3 | CD₃OD a a | 308 e g | 0.00 | 162.7 153.3 ^f | | 165.0 155.0 <i>f</i> | CH ₃ , 2.73; CH ₃ , 19.9 CH ₃ , 1.85; CH ₃ , 15.9 CH ₄ 1.85, 2.32, 2.68 |
| 18 23 | C ₂ H ₅ | CD₃OD a a | 308 h g | | 166.4 157.7 | | $165.0 \\ 155.2$ | CH ₂ , 3.12; CH ₃ , 1.45; CH ₂ , 28.1; CH ₃ , 12.9 CH ₂ , 2.22; CH ₃ , 1.18; CH ₂ , 24.4; CH ₃ , 11.3 CH ₂ , 2.22, 2.77, 3.14; CH ₃ , 1.18, 1.33, 1.40 |

^a 2 equiv of N_2H_4 · H_2O in CD_3OD . ^b 45 min at 308 K, measured at 263 K. ^c N_2H_4 · H_2O/CD_3OD (1:3). ^d At intermediate temperatures δ 9.70 is broadened and disappears, while δ 6.98 is formed. ^e 3 h at 323 K, measured at 303 K. ^f Signals may be interchanged. ^g Measured at 323 K during 8 h. ^h 3 h at 323 K, measured at 258 K.

Table VI. Reaction Conditions and Yields of the Hydrazinolysis of 1,2,4,5-Tetrazines 7 and 18^a

| starting matl | $N_2H_4 \cdot H_2O, equiv$ | temp, K | time, min | % hydrazino compd ^{b,c} | % recovd starting matl ^b |
|--|----------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|
| $7, R = CH_3$ | 3 | 298 | 45^d | 12 | 10 |
| 7, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{H}_5$ | 3 | 298 | 45^d | 15 | 14 |
| 7, $\mathbf{R} = t \cdot \mathbf{\hat{C}}_{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{\hat{H}}_{\mathbf{a}}$ | 3 | 298 | 45^d | 12 | 12 |
| 7, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{s}}$ | 3 | 298 | 45^d | 9 | 15 |
| 18 , $R' = H$, $L = NH$, | 2 | 351 | 90 | 62 | 2 |
| 18 , $R' = CH_3$, $L = NH_2$ | 2 | 351 | 90 | 47 | 35 |
| 18 , $R' = C_2 H_5$, $L = N H_2$ | 2 | 351 | 90 | 50 | 27 |
| 18, $\mathbf{R}' = t \cdot \mathbf{C}_4 \mathbf{H}_9$, $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{H}_7$ | 2 | 351 | 90 | 34 | 33 |
| 18, $R' = C_6 H_5$, $L = NH_2$ | 2 | 351 | 90 | 70 | 2 |
| 18, $R' = CH_3$, $L = Cl$ | 3 | 293 | 20 | >90 | 0 |
| 18 , $R' = CH_3$, $L = Br$ | 3 | 293 | 20 | >90 | 0 |
| 18 , $\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{C}_{2}\mathbf{H}_{5}^{'}$, $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{r}$ | 3 | 293 | 20 | >90 | 0 |

^a Reactions were carried out on a 1-mmol scale in 4 mL of ethanol. ^b Yields were determined by UV measurement. ^c The hydrazino compounds were converted to the acetone hydrazones. ^d Under nitrogen.

Table VII. Physical Data of the New 1,2,4,5-Tetrazines Prepared in This Study

| | | $\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{MS},m/e\\ (\mathrm{M}^{*}) \end{array}$ | | anal., % | | |
|--|-----------|---|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| compd | mp, °C | | 'Η NMR, δ | calcd C (H) | found C (H) | |
| $\overline{7, R = C_2 H_5 (C_4 H_6 N_4)}_{8, R = C_2 H_5}$ | oil | 110 140 | Table II | 43.63 (5.49) | 44.41 ^a (5.71) | |
| 8 , ^b R = $\hat{C}_{2}\hat{H}_{5}$ ($C_{11}H_{12}N_{6}$) | 161-162.5 | 228 | 1.47 (t, CH ₃), 3.15 (q, CH ₂), 7.31-7.90 (m, Ph), 8.33 (s, CH), 12.33 (NH) [Me ₂ SO- d_{k}] | 57.88 (5.30) | 57.84 (5.19) | |
| 8, $R = t \cdot C_4 H_9$ 8, $R = C_6 H_5$ | | 168 188 | 1.41 (s, CH ₃), 5.0 (NH) [Me ₂ SO-d ₆] 4.69 (s, NH ₂), 9.70 (s, NH), 7.50-7.64 (m, m/p-Ph), 8.20-8.35 (m, o-Ph) [Me SO-d ₁] | | | |
| 9 , R = CH ₃ (C ₆ H ₁₀ N ₆) | 112-115 | 166 | $(NH_{3}) = (S, (CH_{3})_{2}), 2.74 (s, CH_{3}), 10.71$ (NH) [Me, SO-d_1] | 43.36 (6.07) | 43.65 (6.25) | |
| 9 , $R = C_2 H_5 (C_7 H_{12} N_6)$ | 106-109 | 180 | 1.33 (t, CH_3), 2.00 (s, $(CH_3)_2$), 3.07 (g, CH_3), 10.76 (NH) [Me.SO-d,] | 46.65 (6.71) | 46.85 (6.86) | |
| 9 , R = $t \cdot C_4 H_9 (C_9 H_{16} N_4)$ | 72.5-77.5 | 208 | 1.44 (s, \dot{CH}_3), 2.03 (s, \dot{CH}_3) ₂), 10.86 (NH) [Me.SO- d_{-1}] | 51.90 (7.74) | 51.60 (7.86) | |
| 9 , R = $C_6 H_5 (C_{11} H_{12} N_6)$ | 180-182 | 228 | 2.07 (s, (CH ₃) ₂), 7.52-7.61 (m, <i>m/p</i> - Ph), 8.22-8.36 (m, <i>o</i> -Ph), 11.06 (NH) [Me_SO-d,] | 57.88 (5.30) | 57.68 (5.31) | |
| 10 , $R = C_2 H_s$ (C.H.BrN.) | 34.5-35.5 | 190/188 | 1.46 (\dot{t} , CH ₃), 3.25 (q , CH ₂) [CDCl ₃] | 25.41(2.67) | 25.62 (2.52) | |
| 10, $\mathbf{R} = t \cdot C_4 H_g$ (C.H.BrN.) | oil | 218/216 | $1.57 (s, CH_3) [CDCl_3]$ | 33.20 (4.18) | 33.34 (4.02) | |
| 18 , $\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}$, $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{H}_{2}^{c}$ (C.H.N.) | 170-170.5 | 97 | 7.20 (NH), 9.66 (s, H) $[CD_{3}COCD_{3}]$ | 24.74 ^e (3.11) | 24.99 ^e (3.11) | |
| $(C_{2}H_{3}H_{5})$ 18 , R' = $C_{2}H_{5}$, L = NH ₂ ^c (C.H.N.) | 126.5-127 | 125 | $1.49 (t, CH_3), 3.09 (q, CH_2), 7.08 (NH) (CD_2COCD_1)$ | 38.39 (5.64) | 38.58 (5.33) | |
| 18 , $\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_3$, $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{I}$ ($\mathbf{C}_3\mathbf{H}_3\mathbf{C}\mathbf{I}\mathbf{N}_4$) | 83.5-84.5 | 132/130 | $3.00 (s, CH_3) [CD_3OD]$ | 27.60 (2.32) | 27.94 (2.27) | |
| 19 , $R' = H$ 19 , ${}^{b}R' = H(C_{9}H_{8}N_{6})$ | 187-187.5 | $\frac{112}{200}$ | 7.31-7.82 (m, Ph), 8.30 (s, CH), 9.92 | 53.99 (4.03) | 54.11 (3.81) | |
| 10 , $\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}$, $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{I}$ (C.HIN.) | oil | 208 | $10.25 (s, H) [CDCl_3]$ | 11.55 (0.48) | d | |

^{*a*} Exact mass measurement gave for $C_4H_6N_4$ (M⁺) 110.0596 (theor. 110.0592). ^{*b*} Benzaldehyde hydrazone. ^{*c*} Compound is mentioned in ref 25, but no physical data are given. ^{*d*} Exact mass measurements gave for C_2HIN_4 (M⁺) 207.92478 (theor. 207.92478); this compound is unstable but can be stored for short time at -20 °C. ^{*e*} Calcd for N, 72.14; found, 72.04.

19 (R' = CH₃), respectively. The peak at 1.85 ppm is attributed to R' = CH₃ in open-chain intermediate 23, because it is in agreement with 1.88 ppm found for the open-chain intermediate 13 (R = CH₃) (Table II). The signal at 2.32 ppm can probably be attributed to compound 24I,II (R' = CH₃). Compound 24II is obtained by ring closure of 23II according to route b and 24I by attack of hydrazine on C₆ of 18 (R' = CH₃, L = NH₂) (route I, Scheme VII). This shift resembles the one at 2.42 ppm found for the CH₃ group of σ -adduct 11 (R = CH₃).

From stage i the corresponding ¹³C NMR spectra were measured; the ¹³C chemical shifts of **23** resemble those of the open-chain intermediates **13** in Table II. Similar results were obtained on measuring the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 6-amino-3-ethyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (18; R' = C_2H_5 , $L = NH_2$) (see Table V). All the NMR data and the results of ¹⁵N labeling support the mechanism proposed in Scheme VII.

In contrast to the reaction course presented for the Chichibabin amination of 7 (Scheme IV), we conclude that in the hydrazino deamination a somewhat different reaction sequence takes place (Scheme VII). The ring-labeled hydrazino compound 19*II is obtained by an $S_N(AN-RORC)$ mechanism (route II), and the hydrazino compound with the ¹⁵N label in the side chain, i.e., 19*I, is formed by the $S_N(AE)$ mechanism (route I). Compound 19*II is formed via the open-chain intermediate 23*II. The possible occurrence of 23*I as an intermediate can be excluded, since ring-labeled 18* would then have been formed; this is, however, not the case. That no $S_N(AN-RORC)$

Experimental Section

Melting points are uncorrected. Mass spectra were determined on an AEI MS-902 mass spectrometer. Exact mass measurements and intensity ratio measurements on the M and (M + 2) peaks were carried out at a resolving power of 10000. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL NM C-60H, a Varian EM 390, or a Varian XL-100-15 spectrometer. Me₄Si was used as an internal standard (δ 0). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-100-15 spectrometer. Me₄Si was used as an internal standard. Typical spectral parameters for ¹³C NMR were as follows: spectral width, 5120 Hz (1.25 Hz/point); acquisition time, 0.8 s; pulse delay, 0-1.2 s; pulse width, 10-20 μ s (about 30°). UV spectra were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 550 spectrophotometer. Column chromatography was carried out over Merck silica gel 60 (70-230 mesh). ¹⁵N-Hydrazine hydrate from Prochem was used. It contained 95 atom % of ${}^{15}N_2$ and was a 24.6% solution of ${}^{15}N_1$ hydrazine hydrate in water. This was mixed with unlabeled hydrazine hydrate (100%, from Merck). The enrichment was determined from the labeling of the hydrazone compounds 9* or the hydrazino compounds 19*. For some of the experiments of Table IV ¹⁵N-labeled hydrazine hydrate was prepared from ¹⁵Nhydrazine sulfate, as described before.¹²

The melting points, the ¹H NMR data, the mass spectrometric measurements, and the microanalyses of the new compounds are summarized in Table VII.

Preparation of Starting Materials. 3-R-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (7; $\mathbf{R} = CH_3$,¹² t-C₄H₉,⁶ C₆H₅,²⁴ p-OCH₃C₆H₄²⁴) and 6-amino-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (18; $\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}$,²⁵ CH₃,²⁶ C₂H₅,²⁶ C₆H₅,⁶ L = NH₂) were prepared according to known synthetic procedures. Compounds 18 ($\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{H}$, C₂H₅; L = NH₂) were only mentioned in ref 25, but no physical data were given.

3-Ethyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (7, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}_2\mathbf{H}_5$) was prepared by hydrazinolysis of 6-amino-3-ethyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (18; $\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{C}_2\mathbf{H}_5$, $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{NH}_2$) and subsequent oxidation of the hydrazino compound with manganese dioxide on carbon,²² analogously as described before.¹² This oxidation reaction is almost quantitative.

6-Bromo-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (10; $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{C}_2\mathbf{H}_5$, t- $\mathbf{C}_4\mathbf{H}_9$) were prepared by hydrazinolysis of 6-amino-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (18; $\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{C}_2\mathbf{H}_5$, t- $\mathbf{C}_4\mathbf{H}_9$; $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{NH}_2$) and subsequent oxidation of the hydrazino compounds with 2 equiv of bromine in acetic acid according to the procedure described before for 6-bromo-3methyl(phenyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (10; $R = CH_3$, ${}^{12}C_6H_5^6$). These reactions give almost quantitative yields.

6-Halogeno-1,2,4,5-tetrazines (20; X = Cl, Br, I; R' = H, CH₃, C_2H_5 , $t-C_4H_9$, C_6H_5) were prepared from the corresponding 6amino compounds 18 (R' = H, CH₃, C_2H_5 , $t-C_4H_9$, C_6H_5 ; L = NH₂) analogously to the preparation of the 6-bromo compounds 10. With the other halogens the oxidation reaction is also almost quantitative.

Hydrazinolysis Reactions. These reactions were carried out under the conditions and with the results given in Table VI. The hydrazino compounds 8 and 19 were identified as their benzaldehyde^{6,12} or as their acetone hydrazones 9. The separations were carried out as follows: 7 from 9 (R = CH₃, C₂H₅, t-C₄H₉), column chromatography with $3:1 \text{ CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /petroleum ether (bp 60-80 °C) as eluant; 7 from 9 (R = C_6H_5), thin-layer chromatography over silica gel PF 254 (0.5 mm) with 40:3 $CH_2Cl_2/$ ethylacetate as eluant; 7 from 10, column chromatography with 1:2 CH_2Cl_2 /petroleum ether (bp 60–80 °C) as eluant; 18 (L = NH₂) and the acetone hydrazone of 19, column chromatography with 1:1 ether/petroleum ether (bp 40-60 °C) as eluant; 18 (L = NH_2) and 20 (L = Cl, Br, I), column chromatography with 1:2 ether-/petroleum ether (bp 40-60 °C) or ether/pentane as eluant. The solvents were evaporated on a rotatory evaporator at moderate temperature (<33 °C) because of the instability and volatility of the compounds.

Acetone hydrazones 9 ($\mathbf{R} = CH_3$, C_2H_5 , t- C_4H_9 , C_6H_6) were prepared by refluxing 1 mmol of pure hydrazino compound 8 or of a mixture containing hydrazino compound 8 with 2 mL of acetone during 5 min. This reaction is quantitative.

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Registry No. 7 (R = CH₃), 67131-36-6; 7 (R = t-C₄H₉), 78114-01-9; 7 (R = C₆H₅), 36022-11-4; 7 (R = p-OCH₃C₆H₄), 56107-91-6; 7 (R = C₂H₅), 79357-27-0; 9 (R = CH₃), 79357-28-1; 9 (R = C₂H₅), 79357-29-2; 9 (R = t-C₄H₉), 79357-30-5; 9 (R = C₆H₅), 79357-31-6; 10 (R = C₂H₅), 79329-77-4; 10 (R = t-C₄H₉), 79329-82-1; 10 (R = CH₃), 67131-33-3; 10 (R = C₆H₆), 35011-53-1; 11 (R = CH₃), 79357-32-7; 11 (R = C₂H₅), 79357-33-8; 11 (R = t-C₄H₉), 79357-34-9; 11 (R = CH₃), 79357-35-0; 13 (R = CH₃), 79357-36-1; 13 (R = C₂H₅), 79357-37-2; 13 (R = t-C₄H₉), 79357-38-3; 13 (R = C₆H₅), 79329-72-9; 16, 1558-23-2; 17, 79329-73-0; 18 (R' = H, L = NH₂), 79329-74-1; 18 (R' = CH₃, L = NH₂), 14418-27-0; 18 (R' = C₂H₅, L = NH₂), 79329-75-2; 18 (R' = t-C₄H₉, L = NH₂), 7913-95-8; 18 (R' = C₄H₅, L = NH₂), 14418-30-5; 18 (R' = CH₃, L = Cl), 79329-76-3; 18 (R' = CH₃, L = Br), 67131-33-3; 19 (R' = H), 79329-78-5; 19 (R' = CH₃), 67131-34-4; 19 (R' = C₂H₅), 79329-73-6; 19 (R' = t-C₄H₉), 79329-80-9; 19 (R' = C₆H₅), 21801-14-9; 20 (R' = H, X = I), 79329-81-0; 23 (R' = H), 79329-83-2; 23 (R' = CH₃), 79329-84-3; 23 (R' = C₂H₅), 79357-39-4.

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