Synthesis of 1,3-Diphenyl-1,2,4-triazole

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Einhorn, Bischkopff and Szelinski² reported the preparation of 1,3-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazole (I) from phenylhydrazine and N-formylbenzamide in 30% aqueous acetic acid. Thompson³ showed that this reaction affords 1,5-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazole (II) identical with the preparations of Young⁴ and Cleve.³ We were able to confirm the work of Thompson and showed that II is obtained, although in inferior yield, when pyridine containing pyridinium hydrochloride is used instead of dilute acetic acid.6

It was necessary to synthesize I in order to assess the work of Einhorn and his collaborators as the physical data characterizing their triazole differ from those which apply to II by the agreement of other authors. The synthesis of I was accomplished by the method of Ponzio⁷ which has been found useful in other triazole syntheses.^{6,8} Benzamide phenylhydrazone heated with formic acid affords I in a yield of 36%. I, its hydrochloride

$$HCO_{2}H + PhNHN = C \begin{pmatrix} NH_{2} \\ Ph \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{H-C} N \\ 2H_{2}O + Ph N \xrightarrow{H-C} N \end{pmatrix}$$

and picrate differ from the corresponding products described by Einhorn and collaborators.

Experimental

Benzamide phenylhydrazone was prepared by the method of Voswinkel⁹ and purified through its picrate, m.p. 196-198°. Benzamide phenylhydrazone (7.20 g.) was refluxed with 99% formic acid (8.0 ml.) on the water-bath for 90 minutes. The product was adjusted to pH 8 with aqueous minutes. 10% sodium carbonate and extracted with ether (3 \times 50 ml.). Distillation of the dried ether extract between 160-220° (2 mm.) afforded oily crystals (4.5 g.) which were dissolved in dry ether (150 ml.) and treated with dry hydrogen solved in the penel (130 m) and delated with dry hydrogen chloride to precipitate the hydrochloride of I as a white, microcrystalline powder, m.p. 192–194° (Einhorn, *et al.*, 176°) in a yield of 5.73 g. *Anal.* Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{11}N_8$ ·HCl: Cl, 13.76. Found: Cl, 13.70. The hydrochloride was decomposed with aqueous 10%

The hydrochloride was decomposed with aqueous 10% sodium carbonate (100 ml.) and extracted with ether (3 \times 50 ml.) to afford on removing the solvent colorless prismatic crystals of I, m.p. 79-81° (2.71 g., 36%). Purification through the picrate, yellow needles from ethanol, m.p. 161-161.5° (*Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₃.C₆H₂O₇N₈: C, 53.33; H, 3.11; N, 18.67. Found: C, 53.35; H, 3.24; N, 17.67) (Einhorn, et al., 148°) and two recrystallizations from petroleum ether (60-80°) raised the m.p. to 82.5-83° (Einhorn et al. 96-97°). (Einhorn, et al., 96-97°).

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Anal.¹⁰ Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{11}N_3$: C, 75.99; H, 5.01; N, 18.99. Found: C, 76.34; H, 5.33; N, 19.18.

The triazole and its picrate depress the m.p.'s of authentic II and its picrate,3 respectively.

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The High Field Conductance of an Aqueous Solution of Cadmium Chloride at 25°1

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The unusual behavior of cadmium halides in aqueous solution has been the basis for much discussion in the past.² Harned and Fitzgerald found that the behavior of aqueous solutions of cadmium chloride in electrolytic cells might be adequately explained³ in terms of an equilibrium

$$CdCl^+ \longrightarrow Cd^{++} + Cl^-; K(0) = 0.011 \text{ at } 25^\circ$$
 (1)

it being assumed that the dissociation of CdCl₂ into CdCl+ and Cl- is complete. To investigate this electrolyte from another point of view, we have determined the high field conductance of an aqueous solution of cadmium chloride, 1.697 \times 10⁻⁴ molar, at 25° relative to potassium chloride.

The procedure employed was identical with that of Gledhill and Patterson.⁴ Baker and Adamson C.P. cadmium chloride was recrystallized once from conductivity water; the resulting hydrate was dried for four days in a vacuum oven at 70° , ground in an agate mortar, and again dried for four days in a vacuum oven at 70°. The resulting salt, assumed to be anhydrous, was then stored for use. Both the cadmium chloride and reference electrolyte, potassium chloride, were prepared by weighing in the form of strong stock solutions and then weight diluted to the desired concentrations in the conductance cells. The concentrations were: cadmium chloride, 1.697×10^{-4} molar; potassium chloride, 2.889×10^{-4} molar. The temperature was $25 \pm 0.015^{\circ}$.

The results are shown in Fig. 1 for two determinations on the same solution. At 200 kv./cm. the fractional high field conductance quotient, $\Delta\lambda/\lambda_0$, has the value 1.07%; this value may be compared with those for potassium chloride, approximately 0.4%, and magnesium sulfate, approximately 3.3%, at the same field. No theory is currently available to permit computation of values for non-symmetrical valence-type electrolytes, although as a rough

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Fig. 1.—The high field conductance of an aqueous solution of cadmium chloride, 1.697×10^{-4} molar, relative to potassium chloride at 25°.

approximation the increase in equivalent conductance has been found³ to be proportional to $(z_+z_-)^2$; thus, $(z_+z_-)^2 = 4$, and 4×0.4 (for potassium chloride) = 1.6%. The curve has a shape something like that of a strong electrolyte, but fails to bend over at so low a field or in so pronounced a manner as does magnesium sulfate, for example.

Determinations on similar valence-type, but stronger, electrolytes, *e.g.*, calcium chloride, are now under way. When completed, these will offer more information on the influence on the high field behavior of the weak ionization referred to in equation 1, above.

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Quaternary Salts of Halogenated Heterocyclic Nitrogen Compounds¹

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A previous article² has reported the preparation of quaternary salts of halogenated pyridines and

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quinolines for screening against tumors in mice. The series have been extended by synthesis of the salts of 2-chloropyridine and 3-bromopyridine listed in Table I and the salts of 3-bromoquinoline, 6chloroquinoline and 4,7-dichloroquinoline listed in Table II. Results of screening tests at the National Cancer Institute are to be published elsewhere.

4,7-Dichloroquinoline was particularly unreactive and was recovered unchanged from mixtures with several halogen compounds although a small quantity of quaternary salt was obtained in a few cases. Attempts to prepare quaternary salts of 8chloroquinoline by reaction of the base with substituted phenacyl bromides at 45° produced the hydrobromide as the chief crystalline product instead of the expected quaternary salt.

TABLE I

SALTS OF SUBSTITUTED PYRIDINES

Salt from 2- Chloropyridine and:	Empirical formula	м.р., °С.	Io halog Calcd.	nic en, % Foundª
p-Methoxyphenacyl bromide	C14H13BrClNO2	171	23.32	23,04
bromide 5.6.7.8-Tetrahydro-	C17H13BrClNO	175	22.04	22.00
β-naphthacyl bromide 4,4'-Bis-(bromo-	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ BrClNO	190	21.79	21.69
acetyl)-phenyl ether	$C_{26}H_{20}Br_{2}Cl_{2}N_{2}O_{3}$	210	25.01	24.79
3-Bromopyridine and:				
β-Phenylethyl iodide lodoacetone Glycerol-α-mono-	C12H14Br1N C8H9Br1NO	152–154 180	32.45 37.10	32.29 37.29
chlorohydrin	C8H11BrC1NO2	216	13.20	13.07
Iodoacetonitrile 4,4'-Bis-(bromo-	C7H6Br1N	177-178	39.06	38.83
acetyl)-phenyl ether Average of two at	C26H20Br4N2O2	220	21.95	21.52
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TABLE II

QUATERNARY SALTS OF HALOGENATED QUINOLINES

Salt from	Empirical formula	м.р.,	halogen, %	
3-Bromoquinoline and:				
Glycerol-α,γ-dibromo- hydrin 3,4-Dihydroxyphenacyl chloride \$\$-Methoxyphenacyl bromide \$\$-Chlorophenacyl bro- mide \$\$-Bromophenacyl bro- mide	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ Br ₃ NO C ₁₇ H ₁₃ BrClNO ₃	251 245	18.76 b	18.91
	$C_{13}H_{15}Br_2NO_2$	241	18,28	18.30
	$C_{17}H_{12}Br_2C1NO_2$	240	18.10	18.15
	$C_{17}H_{12}Br_3NO$	237	16.45	16,63
6-Bromoquinoline and: Glycerol-α,γ-dibromo- hydrin Allyl bromide	C12H12Br3NO C12H11Br2N	241 171	18.76 24.29	19.05 24.07
6-Chloroquinoline and:				
lodoacetone ⊅-Iodophenacyl bro- mide	C12H11Cl1NO	186-187	36.50	36.54
	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ BrClINO	230	16.36	16.32
4.7-Dichloroquinoline and:				
Phenacyl bromide p-t-Butylphenacyl	C16H12BrCl2NO	163	20.12	19.93
bromide	C12H20BrCl2NO	185-186	17.68	17.50
^a Average of two and	alyses. ^b Calco	i.: C, 51	.73; H	I, 3.32.

Found: C, 51.58; H, 3.49.

8-Chloroquinoline Hydrobromide.—Prepared by direct reaction of equimolecular quantities of the base and concentrated hydrobromic acid or as the principal crystalline prod-