

by previously published procedures.^{1,3} Physical constants and analytical data of new compounds are reported in Table I. The infrared spectra were determined in Nujol mulls using a Perkin-Elmer, model 21, spectrophotometer with sodium chloride optics.

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The Preparation of 3-Amino-2-acetylaminofluorene and 2-Amino-7-benzoylamino fluorene¹

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For studies of the metabolism of the carcinogen 2-aminofluorene and related derivatives in progress in this Laboratory 3-amino-2-acetylaminofluorene and 2-amino-7-benzoylamino fluorene were desired. While there is no record for the synthesis of 2-amino-7-benzoylamino fluorene in the literature, the synthesis of 3-amino-2-acetylaminofluorene has been reported by Hayashi and Nakayama² by reduction of 3-nitro-2-acetylaminofluorene with stannous chloride to yield a product which melted at 194.5–195.5°. No data on the composition of their product were given. Attempts to prepare 3-amino-2-acetylaminofluorene by chemical reduction, either by the method of Hayashi and Nakayama² or with iron powder and glacial acetic acid, resulted in products which melted indefinitely starting at 130–140° and which could not be purified satisfactorily. Pure 3-amino-2-acetylaminofluorene, m.p. 225–227°,³ was obtained by catalytic hydrogenation of 3-nitro-2-acetylaminofluorene.² The identity of the compound was established by elemental analysis and infrared spectrum. Treatment of the amine in cold, dilute sulfuric acid with sodium nitrite gave 1-N-acetyl-9H-fluoreno[3,2]-triazole. Formation of a triazole under similar conditions has been reported in the benzene series with *o*-aminoacetanilide.⁴

2-Amino-7-benzoylamino fluorene was obtained by reduction, with zinc dust and ethanol, of 2-nitro-7-benzoylamino fluorene. The latter compound was prepared by treating 2-amino-7-nitrofluorene^{5,6} with benzoyl chloride. Diazotization of the amine followed by hydrolysis in dilute sulfuric acid gave only small amounts of 2-hydroxy-7-benzoylamino fluorene. This derivative was prepared in good yield and purity by benzylation of the hydrochloride of 2-hydroxy-7-aminofluorene.⁷

Experimental

3-Amino-2-acetylaminofluorene.—2.70 g. of 3-nitro-2-acetylaminofluorene (0.01 mole), m.p. 201–202°,² N 10.4% (theory 10.4%), and 400 mg. of platinum oxide were sus-

ended in 70 ml. of glacial acetic acid and hydrogenated⁸ at 27° and 2.7 atmospheres. Hydrogen uptake was complete after 10 minutes, the observed pressure drop (2.6 lb./in.²) being close to the expected pressure drop (2.8 lb./in.²). The reaction mixture was filtered and the catalyst washed with glacial acetic acid. The filtrate was cooled in an ice-bath and rendered alkaline. The gray precipitate was collected, washed free of alkali with distilled water and dried in air. There was obtained 1.2 g. of material, m.p. 204–205°. Recrystallization of the product from 95% ethanol (75 ml./g.) gave 0.73 g. of 3-amino-2-acetylaminofluorene, m.p. 225–227° dec. Recrystallization of the product from benzene yielded long, colorless needles, m.p. 225–227° dec. The compound was soluble in dilute sulfuric and hydrochloric acid and in glacial acetic acid, but only very slightly soluble in diethyl ether. Hayashi and Nakayama² state that their product was readily soluble in diethyl ether.

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O: C, 75.6; H, 5.92; N, 11.8. Found: C, 75.6; H, 6.17; N, 11.8.

The infrared spectrum was determined using a Perkin-Elmer model 21 spectrometer fitted with a sodium chloride prism. The sample was prepared as a potassium bromide pellet. The following prominent absorption maxima were observed in the region 4000–1300 cm.⁻¹: 3400, 3320, 3260, 3020, 2920, 2840, 1650, 1620, 1585, 1530, 1490, 1470, 1455, 1435, 1405, 1370, 1310 cm.⁻¹.

1-N-Acetyl-9H-fluoreno[3,2]triazole.—0.78 g. of 3-amino-2-acetylaminofluorene (0.0033 mole) was dissolved in 80 ml. of 1.6 *M* sulfuric acid with slight warming on the steam-bath. The solution was filtered and the filter rinsed with 40 ml. of 1.6 *M* sulfuric acid. The solution was cooled to 10–15° in an ice-bath and 0.24 g. of sodium nitrite (0.0034 mole) in 10 ml. of distilled water was added dropwise to the rapidly stirred solution over a period of 0.5 hour. After addition of a few drops of the sodium nitrite solution the reaction mixture turned a purplish-red color and a white material precipitated. After addition of the sodium nitrite solution had been completed the suspension was stirred an additional 15 minutes. Excess nitrous acid was destroyed by addition of solid urea and the suspension stirred at room temperature 30 minutes longer. The precipitate was collected and washed free of acid with distilled water. After drying at reduced pressure over calcium chloride it weighed 0.47 g., m.p. 210–214°. The compound was recrystallized from ethanol to give long needles, m.p. 217–218°. Recrystallization from benzyl alcohol gave a product melting at 219–220°. Further recrystallization from glacial acetic acid did not change the melting point. The compound was readily soluble in ether or benzene.

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₁N₃O: C, 72.3; H, 4.45; N, 16.9. Found: C, 72.0; H, 4.95; N, 16.7 (Dumas).

Nitrogen determinations by the micro Kjeldahl procedure⁹ using digestion times of 2 or 8 hours gave a value of 5.76% (4 determinations).

2-Nitro-7-benzoylamino fluorene.—4.3 g. of 2-amino-7-nitrofluorene⁵ (0.013 mole), m.p. 229–232°, was dissolved in 40 ml. of hot pyridine, diluted with 250 ml. of hot benzene and treated dropwise with 2.2 ml. (0.019 mole) of benzoyl chloride in 20 ml. of benzene. The solution, heated and stirred vigorously during the addition, turned deep-orange and a yellow precipitate began to form. After the addition, heating and stirring were continued for 4 hours. The mixture was allowed to stand overnight at 4°, and the precipitate was collected, washed with 10 ml. of cold benzene, then twice with cold 95% ethanol. There was obtained 5.7 g. of a yellow, fluffy material, m.p. 283–285° dec., 90% yield. Recrystallization of 0.2 g. of the compound from glacial acetic acid gave a product melting from 282–286° dec.

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₄N₂O₃: C, 72.7; H, 4.27; N, 8.49. Found: C, 72.7; H, 4.29; N, 8.50.

2-Amino-7-benzoylamino fluorene.—4.0 g. (0.012 mole) of 2-nitro-7-benzoylamino fluorene, m.p. 282–286°, was ground in a mortar with 15 g. of zinc dust, and then heated under reflux with stirring with 220 ml. of 95% ethanol, 1.0 g. of calcium chloride in 10 ml. of distilled water and a trace of CuSO₄·5H₂O. After 2 hours 5.0 g. of zinc dust and 50 ml. of 95% ethanol were added and heating and stirring

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