

641. *Infrared Studies of Heterocyclic Compounds. Part III.*¹
3-Monosubstituted Pyridines.

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The positions and intensities of eleven characteristic bands are recorded and discussed for twenty-seven 3-substituted pyridines.

FOLLOWING our work on 2-¹ and 4-substituted pyridines,² we now report spectra for some 3-analogues. Cook and Church³ investigated the spectra of 3-picoline (which has also been studied in detail⁴) and five nicotine derivatives containing a 3-substituted pyridine ring (as liquid films) and indicated that characteristic bands were at 1605—1585, 1587—1568, 1486—1475, 1427—1416, 1383—1377, 1318—1312, 1253—1239, 1196—1180, 1131—1117, 1034—1021, 810—789, and 715—712 cm.⁻¹; the fifth of these was stated to be "of variable intensity," but otherwise no indication of intensities was given. Shindo⁵ correlated the spectra of thirteen 3-substituted pyridines (measured in Nujol, CS₂, CCl₄, or chloroform) and found characteristic bands at 1202—1182 (vw-s), 1130—1114 (w-m), 1016—1030 (m-s), 820—770 (m-s) and 730—690 cm.⁻¹ (vs). He also indicated that in general pyridines showed two bands between 1630 and 1560 cm.⁻¹ and that, in those 3-substituted pyridines with electron-donor substituents, the band of lower frequency was the stronger of the pair, but that the reverse was true of 3-pyridines with electron-acceptor substituents.*

In the present work, for reasons already given,⁶ the spectra were all measured for 0.2M-solutions in chloroform in a 0.117 mm. cell, and apparent extinction coefficients recorded in place of "strong," "weak," etc. Eleven bands were found to be characteristic of the nucleus (see Table); they include all those found by the previous workers,^{3, 5} except those obscured by solvent (1240—1200 and below 805 cm.⁻¹), those at 1383—1377 cm.⁻¹ (apparently assigned to methyl absorption) and 1318—1312 cm.⁻¹. With very few exceptions, all other bands with $\epsilon_A \geq 15$ were found to be characteristic of the substituent; they have already been published⁶ for the methyl and the ethyl esters, the aldehyde, and the methyl ketone: in these seven compounds a total of 99 bands and 27 shoulders have been correlated and no band left unaccounted for.

The 3000 cm.⁻¹ Region.—The hydrogen-bonded chloroform CH stretching frequency² occurs (col. 1) at 3000—2940 [2980 \pm 15] \dagger cm.⁻¹; the intensity is (45—80) [(60 \pm 13)] \dagger except in the cyano- and nitro-compounds (probably less hydrogen-bonded because of low basicity) and in the ethyl and higher esters (overlapped by substituent absorption).

The 1650—1550 cm.⁻¹ Region.—Two bands occur. The first (col. 2) has a rather constant position at 1608—1584 [1595 \pm 5] cm.⁻¹, but is of much higher intensity with both strong donor substituents [Nos. 1—7, (60—185)] and strong electron acceptor substituents [Nos. 17—27 (65—200)] than with substituents of a more neutral character [Nos. 8—16 (15—35)]. This intensity variation is similar to that in the corresponding band in 2-⁷ and 4-substituted pyridine 1-oxides,⁸ but different from those in the 2- and 4-pyridines;^{1, 2} this correlates well with the relative ease of electron-donor and -acceptor power of the rings (see discussion in ref. 8).

* In this paper, Shindo also discusses the spectra of twelve 2- and twelve 4-monosubstituted pyridines; as far as they go, his correlations are in good agreement with ours (refs. 1 and 2).

\dagger Arithmetical means and standard deviations are given in square brackets, ϵ_A values in round brackets: see footnote in ref. 2.

¹ Part II, Katritzky and Hands, *J.*, 1958, 2202.

² Katritzky and Gardner, *J.*, 1958, 2198.

³ Cook and Church, *J. Phys. Chem.*, 1957, **61**, 458.

⁴ Long, Murfin, Hales, and Kynaston, *Trans. Faraday Soc.*, 1957, **53**, 1171 and references therein.

⁵ Shindo, *Pharm. Bull. (Japan)*, 1957, **5**, 472.

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⁷ Katritzky and Hands, *J.*, 1958, 2195.

⁸ Katritzky and Gardner, *J.*, 1958, 2192.

No.	Subst.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		νCH_3	$\nu\text{CC, CN}$	νCH_2	$\nu\text{CC, CN}$	$\nu\text{CC, CN}$?	νCH_2	νCH_2	νCH_2	ring	νCH_2
		cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}	cm.^{-1}
1	NHMe	2950	1611	1590	1499	1447	—	1165	1081	1045	995	782
2	NH ₂	2970	1590	1583	1484	1430	—	1123	1100	1030	1008	—
3	OEt	2970	1590	1578	1486	1442	—	1130	1112	1042	1019	—
4	NMe-COMe	2990	1590	1581	1482	1425	—	1130	1100	1042	1013	—
5	NMe-COPh	2960	1590	1580	1488	1423	—	1124	1102	1044	1023	810
6	NH-COMe	2970	1599	1582	1480	1420	(CHCl ₃)	1124	1103	1047	1024	—
7	NH-COPh	2990	1591	1582	1481	1420	—	1126	1098	1042	1024	—
8	Me	2970	1600	1582	1479	1414	—	1124	1102	1040	1029	—
9	CH ₃ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	2970	1600	1582	1479	1426	—	1124	1104	1040	1028	—
10	CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	2970	1598	1580	1479	1426	—	1117	1099	1042	1027	—
11	CH ₂ OH	2940	1596	1580	1478	1424	—	1122	1111	1044	1025	—
12	CH ₂ CH-CO ₂ Et	2970	1592	1575	1477	1418	—	1125	1100	1042	1025	—
13	Ph	2970	1584	1572	1470	1408	—	1128	1109	1023	1006	—
14	C ₆ H ₄ NO ₂ -p	2970	1581	1573	1471	1428	—	1128	1109	1025	1001	—
15	Cl	3000	1581	1573	1472	1419	(CHCl ₃)	1120	1093	1025	1018	—
16	Br	3000	1589	1576	1465	1417	(CHCl ₃)	1117	1096	1025	1009	—
17	CN	3000	1590	1567	1471	1418	—	1122	1086	1025	1025	—
18	CO ₂ Me	2970	1597	1580	1471	1421	—	1122	1086	1036	1025	—
19	CO ₂ Et	3000	1598	1578	1471	1422	—	1122	1086	1036	1025	—
20	CO ₂ Pr ⁿ	2980	1595	1578	1471	1419	—	1122	1086	1037	1024	—
21	CO ₂ Ph ⁿ	3000	1600	1589	1471	1424	—	1122	1086	1037	1027	—
22	CO ₂ Bu ⁿ	2970	1594	1578	1471	1420	—	1122	1086	1035	1025	—
23	CO ₂ Bu ^t	2950	1599	1586	1471	1420	—	1122	1086	1037	1026	—
24	CO ₂ Bu ^s	2980	1597	1580	1471	1420	—	1122	1086	1037	1025	—
25	CHO	2990	1595	1581	1471	1428	—	1120	1109	1035	1025	—
26	COMe	2970	1589	1570	1472	1419	—	1118	1093	1032	1023	—
27	NO ₂	3000	1608	1580	1472	1428	—	1114	1100	1032	1021	—

Tentative assignments of symmetry and type of vibration, and the arithmetical mean and standard deviation for the corresponding band in *meta*-disubstituted benzenes (from Ref. 9), are given immediately below the column number.

* Shoulder. † Absorption considered to be the superimposition of two bands, — absence of absorption, (—) band masked by stronger absorption, (CHCl₃) band masked by solvent.

The second band (col. 3) occurs at 1582—1567 [1577 ± 5] cm^{-1} with intensity (25—75) [(45 \pm 15)] (except in No. 5 where it is overlapped). This band often occurs only as a shoulder on the previous band, and sometimes instead of the two bands only one is observed, usually that at higher frequencies.

The 1500—1400 cm^{-1} Region.—Usually two bands are found. One (col. 4) occurs at 1486—1480 cm^{-1} with electron donor substituents (Nos. 1—7), at 1479—1477 cm^{-1} with electronically neutral substituents (Nos. 8—12), but is lowered to 1472—1465 cm^{-1} by aryl, halogen, and electron attracting-substituents. The intensity is very high for the amides (145—290) and moderate with other electron-donor and neutral substituents (Nos. 1—3, 8—16) (30—95) [(65 \pm 20)]; the band is weak or absent in compounds with electron-attracting substituents (Nos. 17—27).

Another band (col. 5) is at 1428—1414 cm^{-1} [1421 ± 4], except for the amino-compounds at 1442 cm^{-1} . The intensity is (35—140) [(80 \pm 25)].

The 1200—990 cm^{-1} Region.—Five bands are found. The first (col. 6) occurs at the edge of the portion of the spectrum obscured by solvent (*i.e.*, 1240—1200 cm^{-1}) and usually is seen only as a shoulder.

Another band (col. 7) occurs at 1130—1114 cm^{-1} (10—35) [1124 ± 5 cm^{-1} (20 \pm 10)]; it is often hidden by, or seen as a shoulder on, substituent absorption.

The third band (col. 8) is absent for No. 17, otherwise it is at 1112—1096 cm^{-1} [1103 ± 5]. The intensity is (10—25) [(20 \pm 5)], except for the halogeno-compounds (Nos. 15 and 16) which cause abnormally strong absorption in this region in other series.^{1,2,7,8}

A weak band (col. 9) (absent in Nos. 15, 17, and 27) is found at 1047—1040 cm^{-1} with electron-donor and most neutral substituents (Nos. 1—12), at 1039—1035 cm^{-1} with electron-acceptor substituents (Nos. 18—26), but the frequency is lowered to *ca.* 1025 cm^{-1} with halogeno- and aryl substituents. The intensity is (5—25) [(20 \pm 5)] except for Nos. 12 and 19 where the band is strongly overlapped by substituent absorption.

The final band in this region (col. 10) occurs at 1029—1021 cm^{-1} [1025 ± 2] except in the amino-, aryl- and halogeno-substituted compounds which all absorb at lower frequencies. The intensity is (15—140) [(65 \pm 35)].

The 900—800 cm^{-1} Region.—For a few compounds a band (col. 11) occurs on the edge of the region hidden by solvent absorption below 805 cm^{-1} .

Assignments.—Comparison with Randle and Whiffen's data⁹ for *meta*-substituted benzenes suggests the assignments indicated at the head of the Table; the agreement is, however, not as good as for 2- and 4-substituted pyridines;^{1,2} the bands at [964 ± 10 (w), 904 ± 13 (var) and 876 ± 10 cm^{-1} (vs)] appear to have no analogues in the 3-pyridines, and the assignment of the 3-pyridine band at *ca.* 1190 cm^{-1} is uncertain.

Experimental.—See ref. 2 for sources of specimens, and conditions for measurement of the spectra.

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⁹ Randle and Whiffen, Report on Conference on Molecular Spectroscopy, 1954, Inst. Petroleum, Paper No. 12, p. 111.