

Meso-ionic Compounds. Part 12.^{1,2} Synthesis of 1-Alkyl-4-oxopyrimido-[1,2-*a*]-*s*-triaziniumolates and their 4-Thio-derivatives

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Treatment of 2-alkylaminopyrimidines (1) and (2) with ethoxycarbonyl isocyanate gave the acyclic urea derivatives, namely, 3-alkyl-1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-(2-pyrimidyl)ureas (3) and (4), which cyclized to 1-alkyl-4-oxopyrimido-[1,2-*a*]-*s*-triazin-1-ium-2-olates (6) and (7) in refluxing *p*-xylene. Structural proof was obtained through spectral analyses, and an alternate synthesis in which (1) and (2) were reacted with phenoxycarbonyl isocyanate.

Reaction of (1) and (2) with ethoxycarbonyl isothiocyanate gave 2-alkylimino-1(*N*-ethoxycarbonylthiocarbonyl)-1,2-dihydropyrimidines (8) and (9) which on treatment with trifluoroacetic acid cyclized to 1-alkyl-4-thioxopyrimido[1,2-*a*]-*s*-triazin-1-ium-2-olates (10) and (11), respectively. Similar reactions of (1) with phenoxycarbonyl isothiocyanate did not yield either the precursor (8), the carbonyl isothiocyanate (12), or the expected meso-ionic system, 1-methyl-2-thioxopyrimido[1,2-*a*]-*s*-triazin-1-ium-4-olate (13).

The insolubility and instability of (10) and (11) made purification extremely difficult, and consequently structural characterization was based on spectral analyses.

The reaction of ethylamine with (6) and (10) gave products for which the 1-alkyl-6-amino-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-*s*-triazine structures (14) and (16), respectively, were assigned based on mass spectral analyses.

CONSIDERABLE variation of the position and nature of hetero-atoms is possible for five-membered monocyclic meso-ionic compounds of the sydnone type,³ the meso-ionic six-membered triazine⁴ and pyrimidine⁵ types as well as the bicyclic systems.^{6,7} When this research was initiated, little was known concerning bicyclic meso-ionic systems with two fused six-membered rings. We describe here our efforts to prepare examples of the meso-ionic pyrimido[1,2-*a*]-*s*-triazine-2,4-diones (6) and (7) and their mono-thione derivatives (10), (11), and (13).

Among the possible synthetic routes,^{5,8-10} alkoxy-carbonyl isocyanates^{11,12} and isothiocyanates^{11,13} were selected because they are easily prepared, and nucleophilic attack at the isocyanate or isothiocyanate function is enhanced by the strongly electron-attacking alkoxy-carbonyl group.¹⁴

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

2-Alkylaminopyrimidines (1) and (2) reacted with ethoxycarbonyl isocyanate in anhydrous ethyl acetate at room temperature to afford 3-alkyl-1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-(2-pyrimidyl)ureas (3) and (4), respectively. Their i.r. absorptions at 1 685 and 1 775 cm⁻¹ for the two carbonyl groups correlate well with those observed for 1-benzyl-3-ethoxycarbonyl-1-(2-thiazolyl)urea (1 681 and 1 767 cm⁻¹)^{8b} and the 4-aryl-4-(2-pyridyl)allophanate ethyl esters (1 680 and 1 765 cm⁻¹).¹⁵ Also, 2-acetamidopyrimidine¹⁶ exhibits a $\nu(\text{CO})$ at 1 700 cm⁻¹. Further supports for our structural assignment were the u.v. absorptions (H₂O) at λ_{max} 240 (log ϵ 6.46) and 370 nm (5.64), which compare favourably with those of 2-acetamidopyrimidine¹⁷ at 233 (6.33) and 365 nm (5.55). An imino-structure resulting from ring-nitrogen acylation would have produced quite different u.v. absorptions [*cf.* Experimental section, compounds (8) and (9)].

Treatment of (3) or (4) with anhydrous trifluoroacetic

acid at room temperature or reflux did not result in cyclization to the respective 1-alkyl-4-oxopyrimido-[1,2-*a*]-*s*-triazin-1-ium-4-olates (6) or (7). Apparently, the nucleophilicity of the pyrimidine-ring nitrogen was impaired under these reaction conditions. As previously stated, the strongly electron-attracting alkoxy-carbonyl group enhances nucleophilic attack at the adjacent isocyanate function in alkoxy-carbonyl isocyanates. This fact, coupled with the reported¹⁸ conversion of ethyl β -phenylcarbamylcrotonate to ethyl β -isocyanatocrotonate,[†] led us to attempt the formation of the carbonyl isocyanate (5) by removal of ethanol, by refluxing (3) or (4) at high temperatures in an inert solvent. Instead, compound (3) after 0.5 h reflux in anhydrous *p*-xylene gave the meso-ionic bicyclic compound (6), possibly by the pathway we originally planned. While our work was in progress, Kappe and Stadlbauer¹⁵ also described this cyclization technique for the preparation of meso-ionic pyrido[1,2-*a*]-*s*-triazine-2,4-diones. Their compounds exhibited pseudocarbonyl absorptions at 1 670 and 1 725 cm⁻¹, as did our compounds (6) and (7) (1 680 and 1 750 cm⁻¹), the 4-oxo-1,6,8-trimethylpyrimido[1,2-*a*]pyrimidinium-2-olate (1 670 and 1 740 cm⁻¹),¹⁹ and the 8-substituted-7-oxothiazolo[3,2-*a*]-*s*-triazinium-5-olates (1 669 and 1 720 cm⁻¹).^{8a} The latter compounds reportedly showed a substantial downfield shift of both the thiazole ring-proton signals and the alkyl group methylene proton signals. Similar shifts were observed with the pyrimidine ring protons and the methylene protons of the 1-alkyl substituents in our compounds (6) and (7).

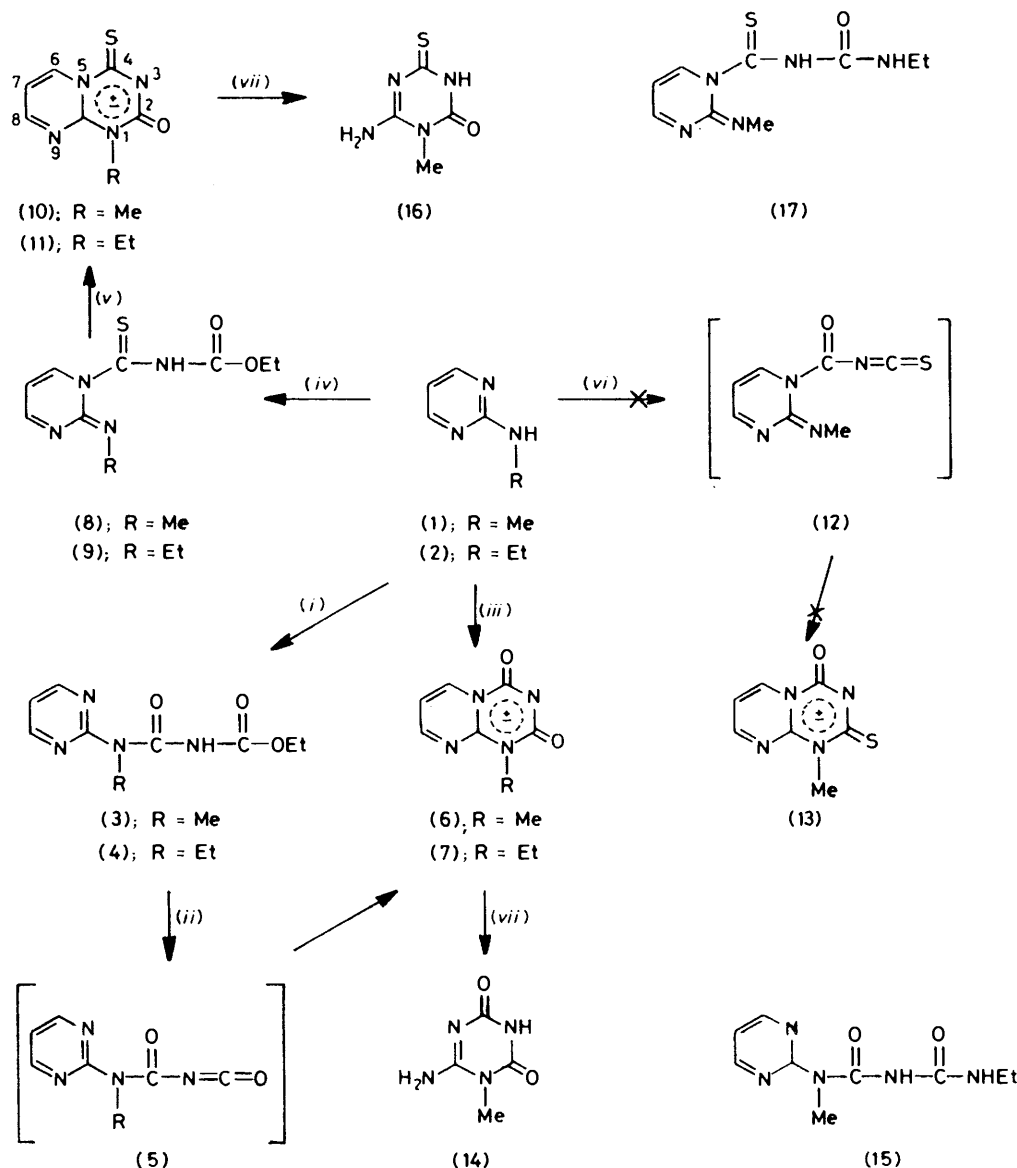
Phenoxycarbonyl isocyanate was employed in the synthesis of meso-ionic thiazolo- and 1,3,4-thiadiazolo-*s*-triazine-5,7-diones.⁸ Application of this reagent to (1)

[†] By refluxing with trimethylchlorosilane and trimethylamine in toluene.

and (2) in anhydrous ethyl acetate at room temperature gave (6) and (7), as evidenced by the superimposition of their i.r. and ^1H n.m.r. spectra with products obtained by cyclization of ureas (3) and (4).

While acetic acid was found⁸ to be a useful recrystal-

to obtain correct elemental analyses on compounds (6) and (7). However, the alternate syntheses described, *i.e.* directly with phoxycarbonyl isocyanate and indirectly from the urea intermediates, coupled with the correlation of the i.r. pseudocarbonyl absorptions with



SCHEME 1 (i) EtO_2CNCO in anhydrous EtOAc ; (ii) reflux in *p*-xylene; (iii) PhO_2CNCO at room temperature; (iv) EtO_2CNCS , reflux in anhydrous EtOAc ; (v) $\text{TFA-Et}_2\text{O}$; (vi) PhO_2CNCS ; (vii) EtNH_2

lization solvent for some meso-ionic compounds prepared with phoxycarbonyl isocyanate, any attempts to purify (6) or (7) with this solvent, anhydrous ethanol, or THF generally yielded material different from (6) or (7). Other bicyclic triazinediones⁸ were reported to decompose rapidly in hot aqueous or alcoholic solutions. We achieved some purification by washing the solids with anhydrous ethyl acetate or *p*-xylene at room temperature. Hot solvent washings only resulted in further contamination. Consequently, we were unable

those of known bicyclic meso-ionic *s*-triazinediones and the substantial downfield shift of methylene hydrogens of substituents at the 1-position, is ample evidence that our structural assignments for (6) and (7) are correct.

A refluxing solution of ethoxycarbonyl isothiocyanate and 2-methylaminopyrimidine (1) in anhydrous ethyl acetate afforded 1-(*N*-ethoxycarbonylthiocarbamoyl)-2-methylimino-1,2-dihydropyrimidine (8) (Scheme 1). This structural assignment was supported by: (i) the presence of a coupled triplet (δ 1.40, J 2 Hz) and quartet

be an identical ^1H n.m.r. spectrum plus a new *N*-methyl absorption at δ 2.50. A similar *N*-methyl absorption was present in the ^1H n.m.r. spectra of (10) after washing with hot ethyl acetate, or prolonged reaction in TFA-ethyl acetate solutions.

Unlike the reaction of ethylamine with other meso-ionic *s*-triazinediones, which led to open-chain biurets [*e.g.* (28)] by nucleophilic attack at the pseudocarbonyl group, compound (6) reacted with ethylamine by cleaving the pyrimidine ring. Pyrimidine ring-proton signals were absent as well as ethyl group absorptions [*i.e.* compound (15) absent] and only one signal appeared at δ 3.25, which we assigned to the methyl group of compound (14). Mass spectral analysis showed a molecular weight of 142 and a fragmentation pattern (see Experimental section) which supported assignment of the 6-amino-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-*s*-triazine-2,4-dione structure (14).²³ With meso-ionic compounds (21) and (22), ethylamine readily cleaved the meso-ionic ring to afford (18) or (19), respectively. With compound (10) the expected compound (17) was not formed. Like compound (6), the pyrimidine ring cleaved to yield (16), as evidenced by the absence of pyrimidine ring-proton signals or ethyl group absorptions, and only the presence of an *N*-methyl signal at δ 3.65. The fragmentation pattern and molecular weight of 158 supports our assignment of structure (16) to this product.

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points were determined on a Mel-Temp apparatus. Spectral characterizations were performed with the following instruments: *i.r.*, Perkin-Elmer Infracord 137 (KBr pellets); *u.v.*, Carey model 14 spectrophotometer; ^1H n.m.r., Varian T60 or A60A (SiMe₄ internal standard), all chemical shifts expressed in p.p.m. (δ). Mass spectra (70 eV) were obtained by Morgan-Schaeffer, Canada, on a Hitachi-Perkin-Elmer model RMV-6D. Combustion analyses were performed by Childers Laboratories, Milford, N.J., or Schwarzkopf Microanalytical Laboratories, Woodside, N.Y.

Reagents.—Ethyl acetate, ether, chloroform, light petroleum, and dichloroethane were dried by reported procedures.²⁰ 2-Aminopyrimidine, phenyl chloroformate, trifluoroacetic acid (Eastman); and oxalyl chloride, ethyl chloroformate, ethyl carbamate, and phenyl carbamate (Aldrich Chemical Co.) were used without further purification.

Ethoxycarbonyl isocyanate was prepared essentially according to Lamon's procedure.¹¹ Phenoxycarbonyl isocyanate was prepared as previously described.¹² Ethoxycarbonyl isothiocyanate was prepared from ethyl chloroformate and potassium thiocyanate.¹¹ We applied this procedure to the preparation of phenoxycarbonyl isothiocyanate¹³ as described below.

The required 2-alkylaminopyrimidines (1)^{24,25} and (2)²⁶ were prepared by rearrangement of the respective 1,2-dihydro-1-alkyl-2-iminopyrimidine hydroiodides in the presence of hot 1*N* sodium hydroxide, the latter formed^{25,26} by the reaction of the appropriate alkyl iodide with 2-aminopyrimidine.

Phenoxycarbonyl Isothiocyanate.—Finely ground potassium isothiocyanate (10 g, 0.01 mol) suspended in anhydrous

ethyl acetate (250 ml) was treated dropwise with phenyl chloroformate (15.6 g, 0.01 mol) for 0.5 h and then stirred for an additional 8 h at room temperature. Filtration of the reaction mixture and concentration of the filtrate *in vacuo* gave a residual colourless liquid (12.1 g, 68.0%), b.p. 80–85 °C at 0.1 mmHg (lit.,¹³ b.p. 65–68 °C at 0.07 mmHg); ν_{max} (neat) 2 300 (N=C=S) and 1 700 cm^{-1} (C=O). For ten preparations the yields ranged from 60 to 68%.

1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-methyl-3-(2-pyrimidyl)urea (3).—An anhydrous ethyl acetate (40 ml) solution of 2-methylaminopyrimidine (1) (2.18 g, 0.02 mol) was added dropwise to an anhydrous ethyl acetate (40 ml) solution of ethoxycarbonyl isocyanate (2.54 g, 0.022 mol). The clear solution, obtained after 6 h of stirring, was evaporated to afford 0.92 g (20.0%) of white crystals, m.p. 137–138 °C [from ethyl acetate-pentane (2:1 v/v)] (Found: C, 48.55; H, 5.4; N, 23.9. C₉H₁₂N₄O₃ requires C, 48.21; H, 5.39; N, 24.99%); ν_{max} 1 700 (C=O) and 1 800 cm^{-1} (C=O); λ_{max} (H₂O) (log ϵ) 240 (6.46) and 370 nm (5.64); δ (CDCl₃) 1.40 (t, 3 H, Me), 3.80 (s, 3 H, NMe) 4.60 (q, 2 H, OCH₂), 7.60 (t, 1 H, H-5), 9.60 (d, 2 H, H-4 and H-6), and 13.92 (s, 1 H, NH).

1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-ethyl-3-(2-pyrimidyl)urea (4).—A similar procedure to that described above for (3) was employed; amine (2) (3.69 g, 0.03 mol) and ethoxycarbonyl isocyanate (3.81 g, 0.033 mol) afforded 1.8 g (25.1%) of the title product, m.p. 96–98 °C [from ethyl acetate-pentane (1:1 v/v)] (Found: C, 50.3; H, 5.9; N, 23.0. C₁₀H₁₄N₄O₃ requires C, 50.41; H, 5.91; N, 23.52%); ν_{max} 1 800 (C=O) and 1 700 cm^{-1} (C=O); λ_{max} (H₂O) (log ϵ) 240 (6.50) and 370 nm (5.67); δ (CDCl₃) 1.30 (m, 6 H, OMe and NMe), 4.30 (q, 4 H, OCH₂, NCH₂), 7.10 (t, 1 H, H-5), 8.33 (d, 2 H, H-4, H-6), and 12.80 (s, 1 H, NH).

1-Methyl-4-oxopyrimido[1,2-a]-*s*-triazin-1-ium-2-olate (6).—(a) *From methylpyrimidine.* An anhydrous ethyl acetate (75 ml) solution of (1) (3.27 g, 0.03 mol) was added dropwise to an anhydrous ethyl acetate (90 ml) solution of phenoxycarbonyl isocyanate (5.13 g, 0.033 mol). After stirring for 6 h in a nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature, the white powder (4.67 g, 87.5%) was collected and washed (2 × 25 ml) with anhydrous ethyl acetate, m.p. 220–240 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 45.95; H, 3.55; N, 30.9. C₇H₆N₄O₂ requires C, 47.19; H, 3.37; N, 31.46%); ν_{max} 3 100 (CH), 1 750 (C=O), and 1 680 cm^{-1} (C=O); λ_{max} (H₂O) (log ϵ) 285 (6.50) and 340 nm (3.45); δ (CF₃CO₂H) 4.00 (s, 3 H, NMe), 8.00 (q, 1 H, H-7), and 9.40 (m, 2 H, H-6, H-8).

(b) *From the pyrimidylurea (3).* An anhydrous *p*-xylene solution (15 ml) of the methylpyrimidylurea (3) (0.35 g, 0.0016 mol) was refluxed for 40 min; the precipitate was filtered from the cooled solution and washed (2 × 10 ml) with *p*-xylene to give 0.10 g (35.0%) of (6), m.p. 239–241 °C; λ_{max} (CH₃OH) 270 nm (log ϵ 5.85) (Found: C, 47.8; H, 3.35; N, 28.3%).

1-Ethyl-4-oxopyrimido[1,2-a]-*s*-triazin-1-ium-2-olate (7).—(a) *From ethylpyrimidine.* The procedure (a), identical to that described for (6) but using the amine (2), gave 3.45 g (59.8%) of compound (7), m.p. 200–205 °C (decomp.); ν_{max} 3 100 (CH), 3 000 (CH), 1 750 (C=O), and 1 680 cm^{-1} (C=O); λ_{max} (CH₃OH) (log ϵ) 270 nm (5.89); δ (CF₃COOH) 1.50 (t, 3 H, CMe), 4.65 (q, 2 H, NCH₂C), 7.92 (q, 1 H, H-7), and 9.55 (m, 2 H, H-6, H-8) (Found: C, 48.85; H, 4.15; N, 25.95. C₈H₈N₄O₂ requires C, 50.00; H, 4.19; N, 29.15%).

(b) *From the pyrimidylurea (4).* The procedure (b) described for (6), but using the ethylpyrimidylurea (4) (0.50 g, 0.002 mol), after 20 min reflux gave white crystals (0.10 g,

26.8%), m.p. 210—214 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 49.95; H, 4.2; N, 27.65%).

1-(*N*-Ethoxycarbonylthiocarbamoyl)-2-methylimino-1,2-dihydropyrimidine (8).—To an anhydrous ethyl acetate solution (25 ml) of (1) (1.83 g, 0.017 mol) was added neat ethoxycarbonyl isothiocyanate (2.44 g, 0.018 mol) over a 10-min period under a nitrogen atmosphere. After 4 h reflux the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered. Evaporation of the filtrate gave an orange oil which when treated with absolute ethanol (5 ml) gave yellow crystals (0.88 g). An additional 0.61 g was collected upon evaporation of the alcohol filtrate (total yield 1.48 g, 36.2%), m.p. 108—110 °C [from ethyl acetate-pentane (1 : 1 v/v)] (Found: C, 45.15; H, 5.15; N, 23.05; S, 13.25; O, 13.4. $C_9H_{12}N_4O_2S$ requires C, 44.99; H, 5.03; N, 23.32; S, 13.34; O, 13.32%); ν_{\max} . 3 200 (NH), 3 000 (CH), 1 730 cm^{-1} (C=O); λ_{\max} . (H_2O) (log ϵ) 240 nm (4.92); δ ($CDCl_3$) 1.40 (t, 3 H, OMe), 4.40 (s, 3 H, NMe), 4.60 (q, 2 H, OCH_2C), 7.80 (t, 1 H, H-5), 9.60 (d, 2 H, H-4, H-6), and 14.90 (s, 1 H, NH).

1-(*N*-Ethoxycarbonylthiocarbamoyl)-2-ethylimino-1,2-dihydropyrimidine (9).—A similar procedure to that described for (8), using amine (2) (1.02 g, 0.01 mol), gave the title compound (9) (0.60 g, 23.5%), m.p. 136—138 °C [from ethyl acetate-pentane (1 : 1 v/v)] (Found: C, 47.3; H, 5.4; N, 21.5; O, 12.85; S, 12.95. $C_{10}H_{14}N_4O_2S$ requires C, 46.86; H, 5.51; N, 21.85; O, 12.58; S, 12.60%); ν_{\max} . 3 200 (NH), 3 000 (CH), and 1 745 cm^{-1} (C=O); λ_{\max} . (CH_3OH) (log ϵ) 252 (5.68) and 300 nm (6.05); δ ($CDCl_3$) 2.80 (m, 6 H, NMe and OMe) 4.60 (q, 2 H, NCH_2), 5.40 (q, 2 H, OCH_2C), 7.80 (t, 1 H, H-5), 9.60 (d, 2 H, H-4, H-6), and 14.80 (s, 1 H, NH).

1-Methyl-4-thioxopyrimido[1,2-*a*]-s-triazin-1-ium-2-olate (10).—Anhydrous trifluoroacetic acid (4 ml) was added to a solution of (8) (2.61 g, 0.011 mol) in anhydrous ethyl acetate (90 ml) at 5 °C. After stirring for 0.5 h at 5 °C (ice-bath), the solvent was evaporated and the residual oil treated with anhydrous ethyl ether (80 ml). The resulting precipitate (1.02 g, 47.7%) was collected, washed with ethyl acetate, and air-dried to give a yellow powder, m.p. 219—222 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 44.25; H, 3.35; N, 26.45; S, 15.75. $C_7H_6N_4OS$ requires C, 43.29; H, 3.11; N, 28.84; S, 16.51%); ν_{\max} . 3 100 (CH) and 1 735 cm^{-1} (C=O); λ_{\max} . (H_2O) (log ϵ) 240 (5.97) and 283 nm (6.37); δ (CF_3CO_2H) 4.6 (s, 3 H, NMe), 8.50 (q, 1 H, H-7), and 10.40 (m, 2 H, H-6, H-8).

1-Ethyl-1-thioxopyrimido[1,2-*a*]-s-triazin-1-ium-2-olate (11).—In a similar manner to (10), compound (9) (1.00 g, 0.004 mol) in ethyl acetate (75 ml) was treated with trifluoroacetic acid (1 ml) to give 0.16 g (20.1%) of title product, m.p. 170—175 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 46.5; H, 4.1; N, 24.15; S, 15.65. $C_8H_8N_4O_6$ requires C, 44.04; H, 3.67; N, 25.69; S, 14.68%); ν_{\max} . 3 110 (CH), 3 100 (CH), and 1 735 cm^{-1} (C=O); λ_{\max} . (H_2O) (log ϵ) 290 (6.40) and 357 nm (6.01); δ (CF_3CO_2H) 1.50 (t, 3 H, CMe), 5.00 (q, 2 H, NCH_2C), 7.90 (q, 1 H, H-7), and 9.50 (t, 2 H, H-6, H-8).

Reaction of Pyrimido[1,2-*a*]-s-triaziniumolates with Ethylamine.—(a) Compound (6). An absolute ethanol solution (10 ml) of compound (3) (0.5 g, 0.003 mol) was treated with ethylamine (1 ml, 70% aqueous solution) and stirred for 15 min to afford 0.31 g of white crystals, m.p. 350 °C (from

water) [lit.,²² m.p. 310—320 °C sinters, 330 °C partial sublimation (from ethanol)] (Found: C, 34.6; H, 4.5; N, 34.95. Calc. for: $C_4H_8N_4O_2$: C, 33.80; H, 4.25; N, 39.42%); ν_{\max} . 3 400 (NH), 3 100, 2 950 (CH), 1 735 (C=O), and 1 650 cm^{-1} (C=O); δ (Polysol) 3.25 (s, 3 H, NMe); m/e 142 (M^+), 141 ($M^+ - H$), 114 ($M^+ - CO$), 113 ($M^+ - CO - H$), 99 ($M^+ - HNCO$), 98 ($M^+ - HNCO - H$), 87 ($M^+ - CO - HCN$), 86 ($M^+ - 2CO$), and 85 ($M^+ - CO - H - CO$).

(b) Compound (10). A suspension of (10) (0.19 g, 0.001 mol) in anhydrous chloroform (10 ml) was treated with ethylamine (0.7 ml of a 70% aqueous solution) and after stirring for 15 min the precipitate (0.07 g) was collected, m.p. 280—281 °C (from water) (Found: C, 27.9; H, 4.5; N, 31.95; S, 18.1. $C_4H_8N_4O_2S$ requires C, 27.27; H, 4.54; N, 31.81; S, 18.18%); ν_{\max} . 3 650 (OH or NH), 3 400 (NH), and 1 725 cm^{-1} (C=O); δ ($[^2H_6]DMSO$) 3.31 (s, 2 H, H_2O), 3.65 (s, 3 H, NMe), and 7.9 (m, 3 H, NH_2 , NH); m/e 158 (M^+), 143 ($M^+ - Me$), 141 ($M^+ - OH$), 130 ($M^+ - CO$), 125 ($M^+ - SH$), 99 ($M^+ - HNCS$), and 98 ($M^+ - HNCS - H$).

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