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β -HETEROSUBSTITUTED α,β -UNSATURATED THIOKETONES. SOME PROBLEMS OF SYNTHESIS AND STRUCTURE

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A review of synthetic routes to aliphatic, alicyclic, and heterocyclic thioketones having an $X-C=C=C-S$ group ($X = NR^1R^2, OR, SH, SR, Cl, CN$) is given. Enamino thioketones have been most thoroughly studied synthetically. The preparation of these compounds involves processes of building up of the thioketone group, on one hand, and insertion of the amino function into sulfur organic compounds, on the other hand. The synthesis of β -alkoxy, β -alkylthio and β -chloro substituted vinylene thioketones is based on sulfhydrolysis of immonium salts of the type $X-C=C-C=N^{\oplus} <$ ($X = OR, SR, Cl$) at the $C=N^{\oplus}$ bond as described in papers from the latest three years. The sulfhydrolysis of β -alkoxy (or alkylthio) vinylene thioketones has provided a convenient synthetic approach to some β -mercaptovinylene thioketones (β -dithiodiketones). The synthesis of the first β -cyanovinylene thioketone stabilized as a trimer is described involving the cyanolysis of β -alkoxy and β -chlorovinylene thioketone. The main synthetic routes to enamino thiocarboxamides, enamino dithiocarboxylic acids and their derivatives are also considered. Tautomerism, cis-trans-isomers and rotamers of enamino thioketones and β -dithiodiketones are discussed in terms of 1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, IR, and UV spectroscopic data and quantum-chemical calculations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The chemistry of thioketones possessing an $X-C=C-C=S$ group ($X = H, RO, R_2N, SH, RS, Hal, CN, NO_2, etc.$) has not been studied much. This is due to difficulties encountered in the preparation and purification of many compounds of this class. During the latest two decades, enolthiones (monothio- β -diketones; $X = HO$) the chemistry of which is considered in several reviews, for example,^{1,2} have been studied in detail.

At the beginning of our investigation^{3,4} some data on the synthesis of enamino thioketones ($X = R_2N$) had been reported from time to time. The monography by Freimanis⁵ contains only 30 references on enamino thioketones and their functional analogs. At present, on the other hand, enaminothionic fragments can be found in aliphatic, alicyclic, and heterocyclic compounds. The synthetic routes to these com-

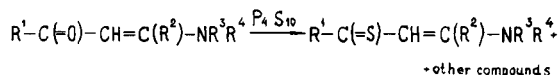
pounds are very numerous since the preparation of each type of enamino thio ketone requires the development of a specific method. Reports of syntheses and properties of other β -hetero substituted α,β -unsaturated thio ketones (X = RO, SH, SR, Cl, CN, etc.) have appeared only recently. The high and multifaceted reactivity of conjugated thio ketones makes these compounds of special interest as far as the problems of synthesis and structure of new types of sulfur organic compounds and the search for their practical application are concerned.

II. SYNTHESIS OF ENAMINO THIOKETONES (VINYLOGOUS THIOCARBOXAMIDES)

II.1. Synthesis by sulfurization reactions (thiolation)

II.1.1. Reaction of enamino ketones with tetraphosphorus decasulfide Tetraphosphorus decasulfide is widely used in the synthesis of thioamides from amides.⁶ One knowledge of the reactions of enamino ketones (vinylogous amides) with P_4S_{10} is rather limited.

The reaction of aliphatic enamino ketones with tetraphosphorus decasulfide depends on the substitution at C^1 and C^3 , and at the N atom. The yield of enamino thio ketones is usually not high since the reaction is accompanied by poorly understood processes and leads to a complex mixture in most cases.⁷⁻¹⁶



Depending on the type of substitution, the enamino thio ketones prepared by the above reaction can reasonably be divided into four groups (Table I). Some features of this reaction should be noted. 2-(2-Thioxopropylidene)-4-methyl-6-aryl-2H-thiopyranes (I), for example, were obtained as by-products under the conditions of the syn-

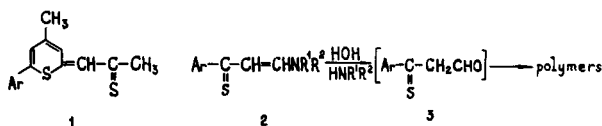
TABLE I

The Main Types of Aliphatic Enamino Thio ketones Prepared by the Reaction of Enamino Ketones with Tetraphosphorus Decasulfide

Group	Compound	Formula	Solvent	Yield, %	References
1	1,3-Dialkyl-3-[alkyl(dialkyl)amino]-2-propene-1-thiones	$\text{AlkC} \begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \text{S} \end{array} \text{CH}=\text{C} \begin{array}{c} \text{Alk} \\ \\ \text{NR}^1\text{R}^2 \end{array}$	benzene	10-23	7
2	1-Aryl-3-(arylamino)-2-butene-1-thiones	$\text{ArC} \begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \text{S} \end{array} \text{CH}=\text{C} \begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{NHAr} \end{array}$	carbon disulfide	20	8, 9
3	1-Aryl-3-[dialkyl(aryl)amino]-2-propene-1-thiones	$\text{ArC} \begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \text{S} \end{array} \text{CH}=\text{CH} \begin{array}{c} \\ \text{NR}^1\text{R}^2 \end{array}$	benzene carbon disulfide	5-18 50	10-14
4	1,3-Diaryl-3-[dialkyl(aryl)amino]-2-propene-1-thiones	$\text{ArC} \begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \text{S} \end{array} \text{CH}=\text{CAr} \begin{array}{c} \\ \text{NR}^1\text{R}^2 \end{array}$	carbon disulfide	30-75	15, 16

thesis of Group 2 enamino thioketones. Consequently, when preparing aliphatic enamino thioketones one should bear in mind the possibility of heterocyclization.

During the synthesis of Group 3 enamino thioketones 2 the reaction mixture is occasionally treated with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. It turned out that Group 3 N,N-dialkyl derivatives ($R^1, R^2 = \text{Alk}$) are prone to hydrolysis to form polymerizable 2-thioxo-2-arylpropanals.

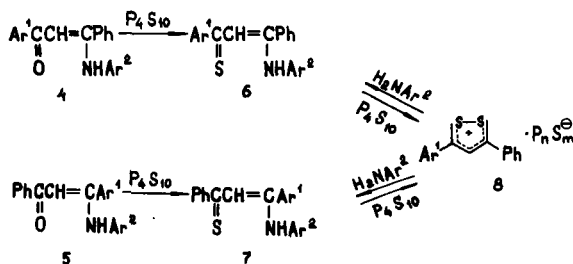


Use of an appropriate dialkylamine (instead of NaHCO_3) increases the yield of the main products to 50 %. However, the authors^{13,14} do not give any explanation for this observation.

A reversible substitution of an amino group by a sulfur nucleophile and the corresponding esters of the type $\text{ArC}(=\text{S})-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{S}-\text{P} <$ can occur under the conditions of the synthesis of Group 3 enamino thioketones 2 where the C^3 atom is sterically less hindered than in Group 1, 2, and 4 compounds (Table I). The reaction of these compounds with the secondary aliphatic amines used in the work-up of the reaction mixture should give, under mild conditions, enamino thioketones 2. When N-aryl substituted analogs of 2 ($R^1 = \text{H}, R^2 = \text{Ar}$) were to be isolated, treatment of the reaction mixture with a corresponding arylamine failed to increase the yield of enamino thioketone.^{13,14} This may be explained by the fact that aminolysis by aromatic amines usually requires more drastic conditions.

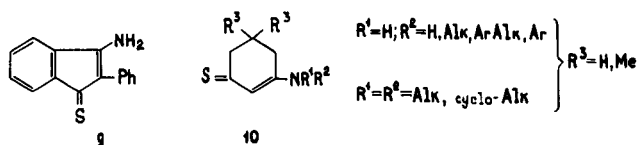
The effect of steric factors on the reaction of enamino ketones with P_4S_{10} has been reported.¹² Enamino thioketones 2 were obtained only from the cis-isomers of the starting ketones, the trans-isomers affording intractable resins.

The yields of 1,3-diaryl substituted enamino thioketones 6 and 7 (Group 4) are comparatively high. If the starting enamino ketones contain different aryl substituents at C^1 and C^3 the reaction with tetraphosphorus decasulfide leads to a mixture of two enamino thioketone isomers. Substituted aminopropenones 4 and 5, for example, give a mixture of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-3-(4-methylphenylamino)-2-propene-1-thione (6) with 1-phenyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methylphenylamino)-2-propene-1-thione (7). No thermal isomerization $6 \rightleftharpoons 7$ occurs. However, the reaction of aliphatic enamino thioketones with tetraphosphorus decasulfide has been shown to yield 3,5-diaryl-1,2-dithiolium salts (8) which are able to react further with amines^{10,12,15} (see Section II.2.4). Therefore, the following scheme:

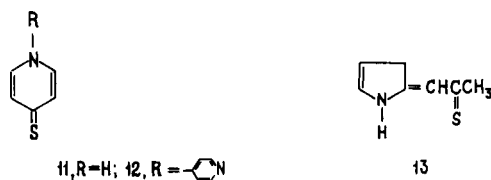




has been proposed for the explanation of the $6 \rightleftharpoons 7$ conversion. The reactions of cyclic enamino ketones with tetraphosphorus decasulfide have been less extensively studied. According to Ref. 17, 3-amino-2-phenyl-1-indenethione (**9**) is formed upon refluxing the initial amino ketone with P_4S_{10} in carbon disulfide, however, no data concerning the yield and purity of the thioketone were reported. Recently a method for the preparation of substituted 3-amino-2-cyclohexene-1-thiones (**10**) by the reaction of the corresponding enamino ketones with P_4S_{10} in hot pyridine or dioxane has been developed.^{18,19} This method makes it possible to obtain compounds **10** with different types of substitution at the nitrogen atom. The yield of thio derivatives amounts to 25–78 %.



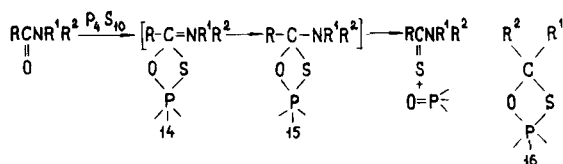
The corresponding ketone, when refluxed with tetraphosphorus decasulfide in the absence of solvent, forms 4-thioxo-1,4-dihydropyridine (**11**) in 86 % yield.²⁰ For the synthesis of 1-(4-pyridyl)-4-thioxo-1,4-dihydropyridine (**12**), the initial ketone was refluxed with P_4S_{10} in toluene and the resultant product of unidentified structure decomposed with ammonium sulfide.²¹ The yield was 50 %. The author assumed the intermediate to be a molecular compound composed of **12** and P_4S_{10} . As it has become known later,²² pyridine readily forms with tetraphosphorus decasulfide a crystalline compound, $\text{P}_4\text{S}_{10} \cdot \text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$ which releases pyridine when treated with bases. A method for the synthesis of 2-(2-thioxopropylidene)-2,3-dihydropyrrole (**13**) is worth of notice.²³ The reaction of the starting ketone with P_4S_{10} in an inert atmosphere was carried out first in refluxing carbon disulfide and then in a 2-methyl-pyridine-xylene mixture (1:20) at 130 °C. The yield of thioketone **13** is 73 %. No explanation is given for this experiment.



II.1.2. Some features of the application of tetraphosphorus decasulfide for the sulfurization of the carbonyl group Numerous examples show that a successful synthesis of thiocarbonyl compounds by means of tetraphosphorus decasulfide depends, to a large extent, on the appropriate choice of solvent and reaction temperature, the treatment of the reaction mixture and the stability of the thio compound. P_4S_{10} is hardly soluble in refluxing aromatic hydrocarbons.²⁴ In some cases, however, thermal activation and vigorous stirring of the reaction mixture increases the yield of thiocarboxamides to 80 %.^{25–29} For the nucleophilic activation of P_4S_{10} molecules in the synthesis of aromatic thiocarboxamides Kindler³⁰ used potassium sulfide additives. As it has been found later, this approach is inefficient in those cases where the thiocarboxamide is able to react with alkali metal sulfides.³¹

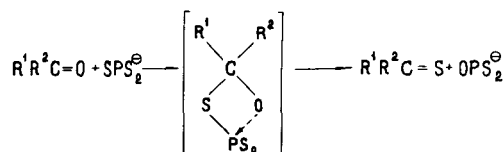
The yield of thioketones and thiocarboxamides frequently reaches 95 % when dry pyridine^{26,32-34} (which dissolves phosphorus decasulfide upon heating²²) or dioxane³⁵ is used. Acetonitrile,³⁶⁻³⁸ diglyme, and diethyl ether³⁶ with an activating sodium bicarbonate additive are also very efficient agents.

Several schemes accounting for sulfurization with tetraphosphorus decasulfide under various conditions have been proposed. It is believed³⁹ that in the case of amides electrophilic attack of a thermally activated P_4S_{10} molecule at the oxygen atom is the first step affording the intermediate zwitterion *14*. The latter undergoes cyclization to a 1,3,2-oxathiaphosphetane derivative *15* which is later cleaved to give the thiocarboxamide according to the scheme:

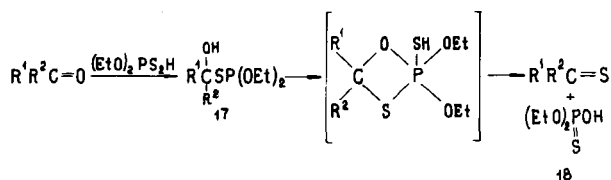


The sulfurization of alicyclic³⁴ and aromatic^{36,40,41} ketones seems to occur in a similar way since an intermediate *16* can be formed in this case.

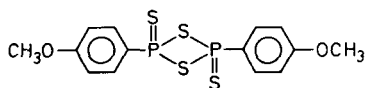
A catalytically initiated reaction, for example that of benzamide with P_4S_{10} in the presence of potassium sulfide in xylene, is thought to involve the formation of the $\text{RC}=\text{O} \dots (\text{S})_2\text{P}-\text{S}-\text{P}(\text{S})_2 \dots \text{O}=\text{CR}$ complex.³⁰ Upon heating the latter is converted to thiobenzamide and, possibly, to P_4O_{10} . It is also assumed³⁶ that tetraphosphorus decasulfide when reacting with sodium bicarbonate or potassium sulfide in acetonitrile first forms salts of the type $\text{SPS}_2^{\ominus} \cdot \text{Na}^{\oplus} (\text{K}^{\oplus})$ or $\text{OPS}_2^{\ominus} \cdot \text{Na}^{\oplus} (\text{K}^{\oplus})$. Then the SPS_2^{\ominus} anion attacks the $\text{C}=\text{O}$ group in a nucleophilic substitution leading to the following thiocarbonyl compound:



It is possible that the reaction of O,O'-diethyl dithiophosphoric acid with ketones and aldehydes could explain some stages of the sulfurization of carbonyl compounds by tetraphosphorus decasulfide.⁴² The intermediate adducts *17* and O,O'-diethyl thio-phosphoric acid (*18*) which could be isolated lead credence to the proposed scheme.

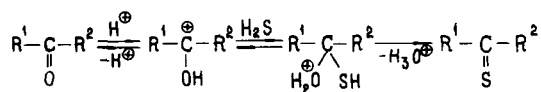


II.1.3. Reaction of enamino ketones with 2,4-bis-[4-methoxyphenyl]-2,4-dithioxo- P^V, P^V -1,3,2,4-dithiadiphosphetane The reaction⁴³ of the appropriate enamino ketones with a dithiophosphetane derivative of the following formula

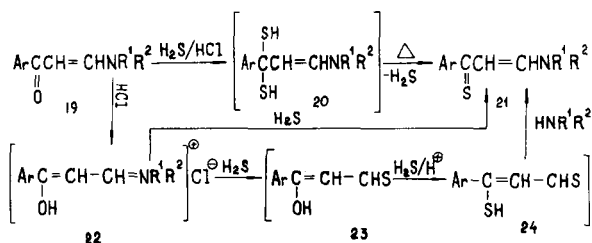


has been suggested for the preparation of aliphatic enamino thioketones of Group 1 (See Table I) and their cyclic analogs of type 10 having an N—H bond. Sulfurization with the above agent at 20 °C in 1,2-dimethoxyethane leads to enamino thioketones in high yield (60–80 %).

II.1.4. Reaction with hydrogen sulfide Many aldehydes and ketones are readily converted to their thio analogs by reaction with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of HCl, HF or H₂SO₄.^{20,44–50} The reaction is usually carried out in alcohols the acidity of the medium being sufficiently high to favor the optimal ratio of protonated carbonyl compound to unprotonated hydrogen sulfide (*cf.* Refs. 51 and 52).

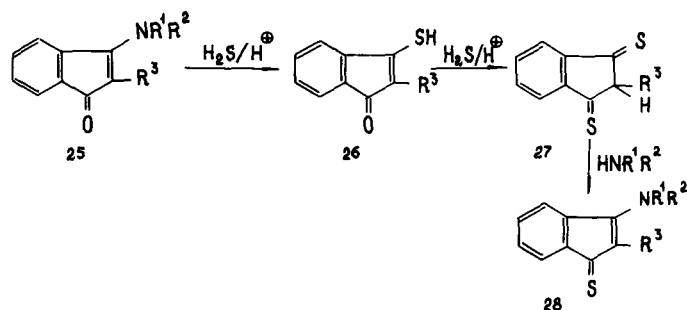


The synthesis of thioamides from amides fails when carried out in this way.⁵³ This is explained by the fact that the protonation of amides gives cations of low electrophilicity: [R¹C(OH)NR²R³]⁺. However some amide vinylogs convert to enamino thioketones even under these conditions. Thus, 1-aryl-3-(N,N-dialkylamino)-1-propenones (19) react with hydrogen sulfide in alcoholic HCl solution to form thio analogs 21 in 3–10 % yield.^{10–13} An intermediate formation of the corresponding gem-dithiols 20 or immonium salts 22⁵⁴ is also assumed.¹³

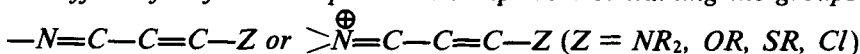


Taking into account that various enamino ketones form immonium salts with Brønsted acids^{55–57} the assumption of intermediate 22 seems more attractive. The direct 22 → 21 conversion is subject to some doubt, however, since 3-(N,N-dialkylamino)-2-aryl-1-indenones (25) when treated with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of alcoholic HCl are readily converted to mercaptoindenones 26 in high yield.⁵⁸ Under the same conditions, compounds 26 form β-dithiodiketones 27⁵⁹ which readily react with highly basic amines to give the enamino thioketones 28.⁶⁰ For this reason, a more complicated 19 → 22 → 23 → 24 → 21 conversion which also accounts for the low yield of enamino thioketones 21, may be assumed (*cf.* Refs. 8, and 61–63). And it becomes clear why N-aryl substituted analogs of compound 19 cannot undergo any conversion of this type.¹³

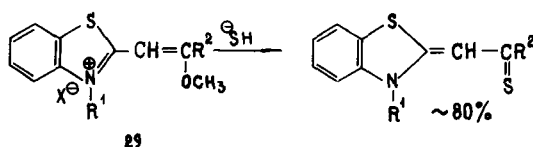
In the presence of bases the carbonyl group in amides and their vinylogs fails to react with hydrogen sulfide



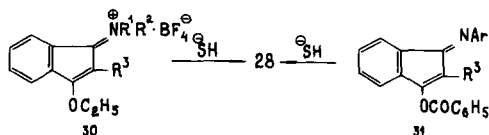
II.1.5. The effect of sulfur nucleophiles on compounds containing the groups



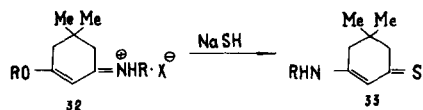
II.1.5.1. Reaction of β -organyloxyvinylene methinimmonium salts with sodium sulfide or sodium hydrosulfide The synthetic value of this route to enamino thioketones was demonstrated for the first time in the case of the sulfurization of 1,3-benzothiazolium salts 29:^{64,65}



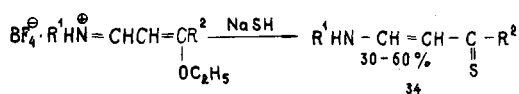
The first two representatives of enamino thioketones of the indene series 28 were prepared by refluxing N-(3-ethoxy-2-phenylindene-1-ylidene)-immonium tetrafluoroborate (30) or its N-phenyl substituted analog with sodium sulfide in methanol.¹⁷ Later it was found that the use of sodium hydrosulfide enables the reaction to be carried out without heating and a large number of enamino thioketones 28 with different substituents at C² and N were obtained in high yields.^{19,66,67} 1-(Arylimino)-2-aryl-3-benzoyloxyindenes (31) are appropriate starting materials for the preparation of N-(monoaryl) substituted analogs of 28.^{66,68}



The reaction of N-monosubstituted N-(3-ethoxy-5,5-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1-ylidene)-immonium salts (32) or the corresponding bases with sodium hydrosulfide in alcohol at 20 °C leads to a complicated mixture of sulfur compounds, the corresponding enamino thioketones 33 being obtained in low yield.^{18,66}

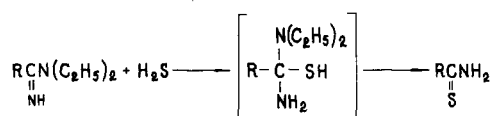


Aliphatic enamino thioketones (34) were prepared in an analogous way:⁶⁹

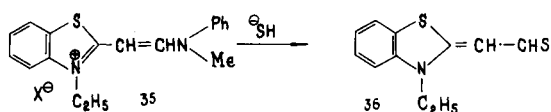


II.1.5.2. Sulphydrolysis and sulfurization of enamino imines Enamines react with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of organic bases^{70,71} or acids^{55,72,73} to form the corresponding thioketones: $\text{RC}=\text{CN} < + \text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{HN} < + \text{RC}=\text{C}-\text{SH} \rightleftharpoons \text{RCHC}=\text{S}$. Im-

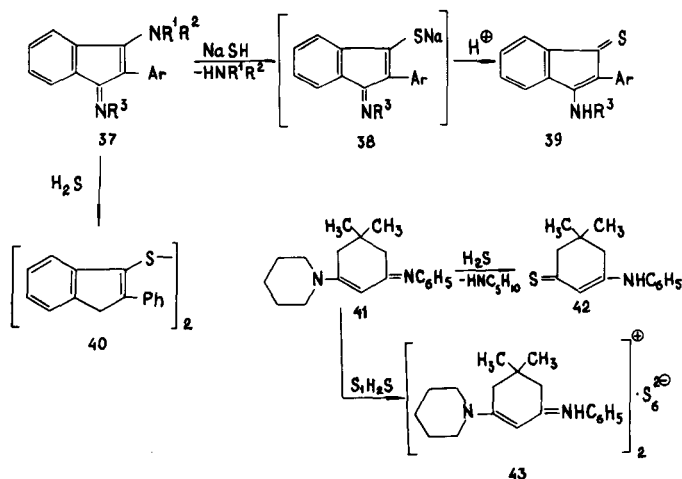
ines and anils⁷⁴⁻⁷⁶ when treated with hydrogen sulfide in alcohol are readily converted to thioketones according to the scheme: $\text{R}^1\text{C}=\text{NR}^2 + \text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{R}^1\text{C}=\text{S} + \text{H}_2\text{NR}^2$. The sulphydrolysis of amidines with hydrogen sulfide in pyridine affords thiocarboxamides.^{77,78}



The sulphydrolysis of enamino imines (amidine vinylogs) was first encountered in the reaction of the 3-ethyl-2-(2-N-methyl-N-phenylaminoethyl)-1,3-benzothiazolium salt (35) with sodium hydrosulfide in methanol which leads to the enamino thioaldehyde 36 in good yield:⁶⁵



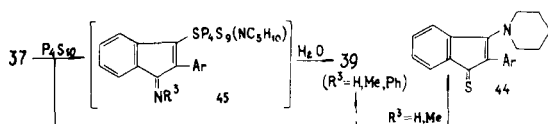
N-Unsubstituted 1-imino-2-aryl-3-aminoindenes (37) react with sodium hydrosulfide in refluxing dry alcohol to form solutions of the sodium salts of the corresponding 1-imino-2-aryl-3-indenethiols (38) which upon neutralization give 3-amino-2-aryl-1-indenethiones (39).^{79,80} When the above reaction is carried out in 96 % alcohol, the yield of these compounds decreases due to their ready hydrolysis in aqueous-alcoholic base.⁵⁹



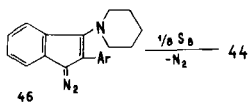
Compounds with both a non-tautomerizable enamine group and imine groups with different N-substituents ($R^1, R^2 = (CH_2)_5$; $R^3 = H, Me, Ph$) have been used for the determination of the reaction center (C^1 or C^3) of the indene enamines **37** during sulfurization with sodium hydrosulfide. The thiolation of the enamino group is observed in all cases, the end products being N-unsubstituted, N-methyl and N-phenyl substituted enamino thioketones **39**, respectively. No thiolation of enamino imines **37** with sodium sulfide occurs under these conditions. When treated with hydrogen sulfide in alcohol, enamino imines **37** eliminate the corresponding amines to form a mixture of sulfur-containing compounds from which the bisindenyldisulfide **40** has been isolated.

Unlike the indene enamino imines, 1-piperidino-3-(phenylimino)-5,5-dimethyl-1-cyclohexene (**41**) with hydrogen sulfide readily affords the anilino substituted thioketone **42**. The joint effect of sulfur and hydrogen sulfide on compound **41** leads to the enamino thioketone **42** and the hexasulfide of the starting base **43**.^{18,81} The reactions of ketimines and enamines with tetraphosphorus decasulfide are little known. The ketimino group may be assumed to undergo sulfurization similarly to the carbonyl group (see II.1.2.). Besides, thiolysis of the amino group has been observed upon the action of P_4S_{10} on some amides.⁸² Indene enamino imines react with P_4S_{10} ,⁷⁹ the reaction course being dependent on the type of substitution at the nitrogen atom. Upon heating of N-unsubstituted ($R^1 = R^2 = R^3 = H$) or N,N'-diphenyl substituted ($R^1 = H$; $R^2 = R^3 = Ph$) compounds **37** in pyridine or dioxane, the corresponding enamino thioketones **39** were obtained in approximately 50 % yield. The orientation of the reaction (C^1 or C^3) has been determined using enamino imines **37** with a tertiary amino group ($R^1, R^2 = (CH_2)_5$; $R^3 = Me$ or Ph). The reaction of the compound containing a phenylimino group ($R^3 = Ph$) with P_4S_{10} does not involve the sterically inaccessible C^1 -phenylimino carbon atom and, consequently, no 3-piperidino-2-phenyl-1-indenethione (**44**) is formed. Only after treatment of the reaction mixture with water 3-phenylamino-2-phenyl-1-indenethione (**39**, $Ar = R^3 = Ph$) was isolated as the sole product.

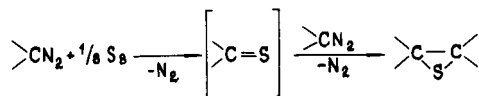
In this case, P_4S_{10} is assumed to attack C^3 of the enamine to form thiolates **45** which can be decomposed by water to form the enamino thioketone **39** and the compound $HOP_4S_9 \cdot (NC_5H_{10})$. In the case of enaminoimines **37** with $R^3 = H$ or Me the thiolysis proceeds in both the C^1 and C^3 direction and the treatment of the reaction mixture with water leads to N-unsubstituted (**39**, $R^3 = H$) or N-methyl substituted (**39**, $R^3 = Me$) enamino thioketones, respectively, along with the piperidino analog **44**.



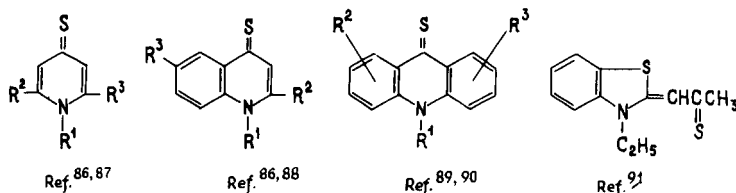
II.1.5.3. Sulfurization of diazo compounds The reaction of the enamino diazoidenes **46** with elemental sulfur⁸³ or the hexasulfides **43**⁸¹ gives the corresponding enamino thioketones **44** in low yield which, probably due to a significant influence of steric factors on the thiocarbonyl group, fail to react further with the diazo compounds **46**.



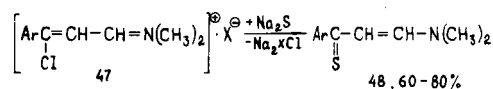
This reaction is the first to support the reaction scheme of the conversion of diazo compounds to thiiranes through thioketones, previously suggested by several authors.⁸⁴



II.1.5.4. Reaction of β -chlorovinylene methanimmonium salts with sulfur nucleophiles The salts of nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds containing a $\text{Cl-C=C-C=N}^{\oplus} \cdot \text{X}^{\ominus}$ group have been long known and are comparatively readily available. The reaction of these salts with sodium sulfide or hydrosulfide proceeds at the C-Cl bond leading to the corresponding enamino thioketones. For the thiolysis of salts of the above type one can use thiosulfate or sodium N,N-dimethyldithiocarbamate⁸⁵ as well as thiourea.⁸⁶ In this way the following heterocyclic enamino thioketones have been prepared.

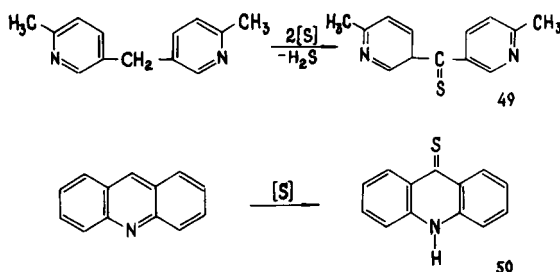


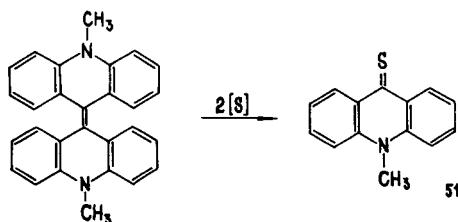
Recently a synthetic route to aliphatic enamino thioketones 48, based on the reaction of β -chlorovinylene methanimmonium salts 47 with sodium sulfide in a dimethylformamide-ethylene glycol medium has been proposed:^{92,93}



The reaction of analogous salts derived from cyclohexene has been shown¹⁸ to proceed through the C=N^{\oplus} bond involving both elimination of amine and retention of the C-Cl bond (see Section VI).

II.1.5.5. Reaction of nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds with elemental sulfur Thermally activated elemental sulfur is able to dehydrogenate organic molecules with liberation of hydrogen sulfide, to attack C-H and C=C bonds which ultimately leads to thioketones.⁹⁴ On fusion of bis-(6-methyl-3-pyridyl)-methane,⁹⁵ acridine, or its derivatives,⁹⁶⁻⁹⁸ for example, with sulfur at 190-200 °C the thermally stable heterocyclic enamino thioketones 49, 50 and 51 respectively are formed.

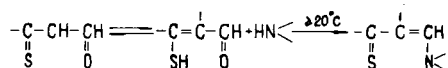




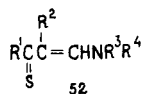
II.2. Synthesis of enamino thioketones by aminolysis of organosulfur compounds

II.2.1. Aminolysis of monothio- β -dicarbonyl compounds (vinylogous thiocarboxylic acids)

Compounds containing a β -mercaptovinylene aldehyde group readily react with various amines through the aldehyde group to form enamino thioketones according to the following scheme:





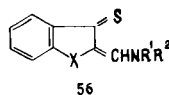
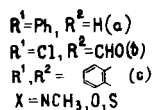
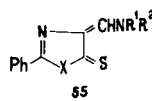
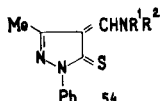
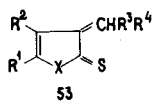
In this way, aliphatic 52a-c,⁹⁹⁻¹⁰² carbocyclic 52c-j^{101,103,104} and heterocyclic 53, 54, 55, 56¹⁰⁵⁻¹¹¹ enaminothioketones have been prepared using ammonia, primary and secondary aliphatic amines, and aniline and its derivatives.



$\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{Me}$ (a); $\text{R}^1 = \text{Ph}$, $\text{R}^2 = \text{Me}$ (b); $\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{Ph}$ (c);

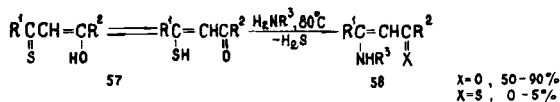
$\text{R}^1 = 4\text{-IC}_6\text{H}_4$, $\text{R}^2 = \text{Ph}$ (d); $\text{R}^1, \text{R}^2 = (\text{CH}_2)_3$ (e); $(\text{CH}_2)_4$ (f);

$(\text{CH}=\text{CH})_2$ (g); $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{NO}_2)-\text{CH}=\text{CH}$ (h);  (i);  (j)

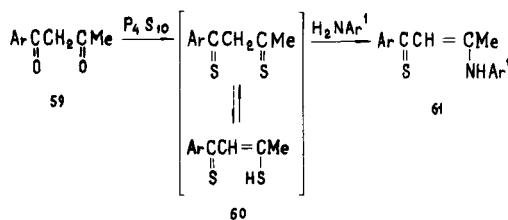


$\text{X} = \text{O}, \text{NPh}$

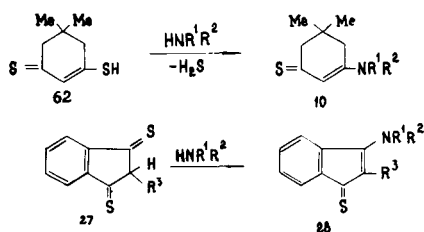
Unlike β -mercapto aldehydes, monothio- β -diketones 57 react with amines upon heating to liberate hydrogen sulfide thus yielding mainly enamino ketones 58.^{112,113}



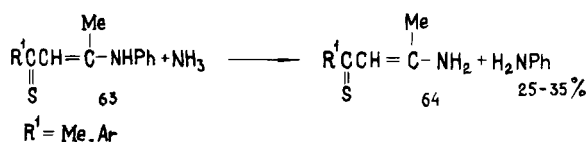
II.2.2 Aminolysis of β -dithiodiketones (vinylogous dithiocarboxylic acids) Until 1975, only one case of aminolysis of β -dithiodiketones had been reported.⁸ The reaction of the aliphatic β -diketones 59 with tetraphosphorus decasulfide was believed to give the unstable β -dithiodiketones 60. Treatment of the reaction mixture with aromatic amines readily led, in that particular case, to the enamino thioketones 61 with an aryl substituent attached to the thiocarbonyl group.



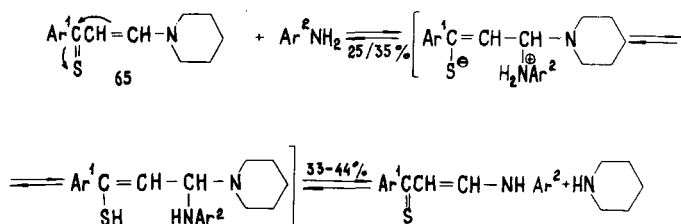
It has been found later that the readily available compounds 62^{114} as well as the 2-aryl-1,3-indanedithiones 27^{60} with secondary amines give the corresponding enamino thioketones 10 and 28 .



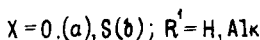
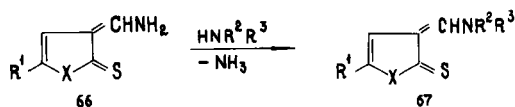
II.2.3. Transamination of enamino thioketones Amine exchange can sometimes constitute a simple preparative procedure for the synthesis of enamino thioketones with an appropriate amino group. The reaction is usually carried out in alcohol with heating or in benzene at 20°C with excess amine. This treatment causes, to some extent, concomitant aminolysis of the thiocarbonyl group. For aliphatic enamino thioketones one may expect the heterocyclization reaction to take place as well. It should be noted that a series of N-unsubstituted aliphatic amino thioketones 64 can efficiently be prepared by ammonolysis of their N-phenyl substituted analogs 63 .^{115,116}



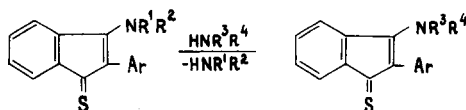
The reaction of piperidino thioketones 65 with aromatic amines is a reversible one and may be interpreted as a 1,4-addition-elimination.^{12,13}



2-Thioxo-2,3-dihydrofuran ($67a$) and its thiophene analog ($67b$) 3-aminomethylenic derivatives were prepared by the reaction of their N-unsubstituted analogs $66a, b$ with aliphatic,^{117,118} alicyclic,¹¹⁸ araliphatic,^{117,119} aromatic,^{117,119} and heterocyclic¹²⁰ amines:

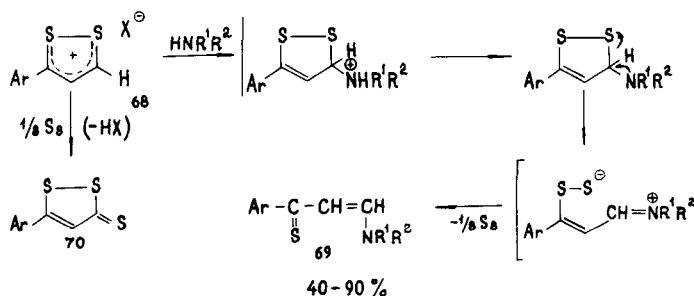


Some cases of successful transamination of indene enamino thioketones are known.^{3,17}

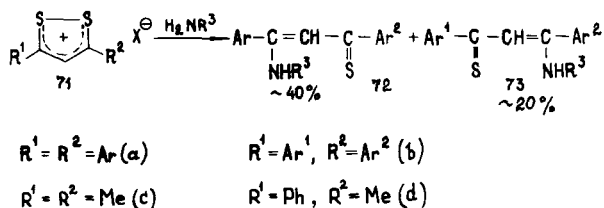


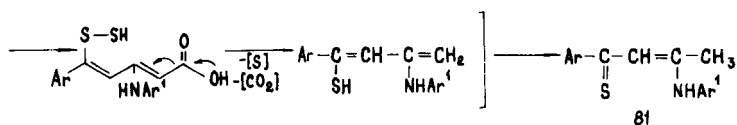
II.2.4. Aminolysis of 1,2-dithiolium salts The possibilities of the synthesis of aliphatic enamino thioketones by reaction of 1,2-dithiolium salts with primary and secondary amines are well recognized and widely used. Since the result of this reaction depends on the substituents in positions 3 and 5 of the heterocycle, the literature data are most conveniently considered in the following order.

II.2.4.1. 3-aryl-1,2-dithiolium salts 3-Aryl-1,2-dithiolium salts readily react with primary aliphatic⁶⁹ and aromatic amines,^{11,15,121,122} dialkylamines,^{10,12,123} and N-methylaniline.^{12,15} In all cases the nucleophilic attack is believed to take place at the sterically accessible C⁵ atom of the heterocycle 68. The sulfur eliminated at the stage of formation of the enamino thioketones 69 is able to react with the starting dithiolium salts which gives rise to concomitant formation of 5-aryl-1,2-dithiole-3-thiones 70.¹⁰ With excess dimethylamine aminolysis of the compounds 69 the thiocarbonyl group is also observed.¹⁰

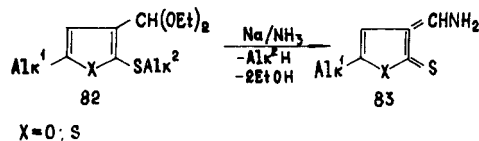


II.2.4.2. 3,5-diaryl-1,2-dithiolium salts In the case of the salts 71a the reaction is performed as described in Section II.2.4.1. leading to 1,3-diaryl substituted enaminothioketones of type 72 in 40-70 % yield.^{15,16,124-126} The aminolysis of the salts 71b involves the C³ and C⁵ atoms resulting in a mixture of the isomers 72 and 73 (cf. II.1.1.).



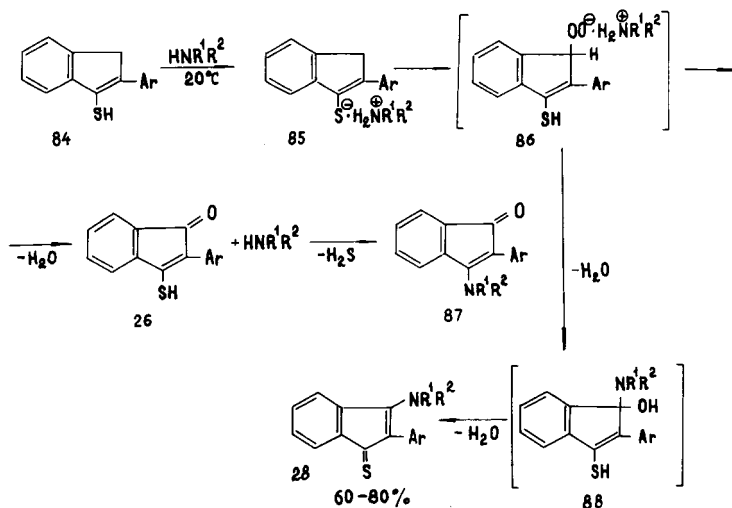


II.2.7. Aminolysis of some heterocyclic aldehyde acetals When treated with a mixture of sodium and liquid ammonia 2-alkylthio-5-alkyl-3-thiophene (or furan)aldehyde acetals and some of their analogs are converted to the enamino thioketones 83 in high yield:¹⁰⁵



II.2.8. Synthesis of 3-amino-2-aryl-1-indenethiones by concomitant action of amines and air oxygen or amines and sulfur on 2-aryl-3-indenethiols The ability of 2-aryl-3-indenethiols (84) to form 3-amino-2-aryl-1-indenethiones (28) by reaction with amines in the presence of air oxygen¹³⁰ or sulfur⁶⁰ seems unexpected at first sight.

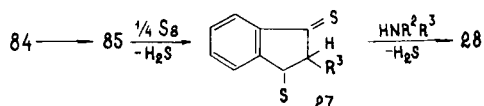
The indenethiols 84 readily react with secondary aliphatic and heterocyclic amines (dialkylamines, piperidine, morpholine) and somewhat less readily with ammonia and alkylamines. The reaction proceeds at approximately the same rate in methanol, acetone, N,N-dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, dioxane, and tetrahydrofuran at 20 °C. The yield of enamino thioketones 28 ranges from 75 to 85 %. The optimal 84: HNR¹R² ratio is 1:1.4, the reaction time being 6–10 hours. Less basic aromatic amines (aniline and its derivatives) react with indenethiols in the above media only slowly. The reaction can be accelerated with triethylamine as a catalyst. The first stage of the process in question rapidly leads to the corresponding ammonium thiolates 85. In some cases the salts 85 were isolated and characterized as crystalline solids.¹³¹ Further conversion of 85 depends on autoxidation in the presence of bases by an ionic mecha-



nism (*cf.* Ref. 132). Cleavage of the hydroperoxide salts **86** affords the corresponding oxothiols **26** in insignificant yields (5–10 %). In a special test it has been shown that the compounds **26** in the presence of the amine involved eliminate slowly hydrogen sulfide to form exclusively the enamino thioketones **87**.

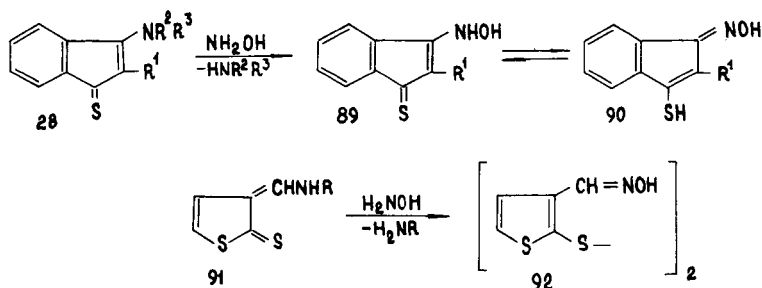
The formation of the (indene) $C^1-NR^1R^2$ bond by cleavage of the hydroperoxide salts **86** and the subsequent conversion to enamino thioketones **28** may be interpreted as a concerted process of oxidation of the amine with hydroperoxide (loss of $HONR^1R^2$) and direct amination at the C^1-H bond by the $HONR^1R^2$ molecule involving H_2O elimination. The resultant geminal amino alcohols **88** can be readily dehydrated which leads, in the present case, to the amino thioketones **28**.

The combined effect of sulfur and highly basic amines on the indenethiols **84** may be explained in an analogous way.⁶⁰ However, 2-aryl-1,3-indenedithiones (**27**) may be intermediates in this reaction since the aminolysis of authentic **27** samples proceeds just as rapidly⁶⁰ as the **84** \rightarrow **28** conversion.



III. SYNTHESIS OF N-HYDROXYENAMINO THIOKETONES (VINYLOGOUS N-HYDROXY THIOCARBOXAMIDES) AND N-AMINOENAMINO THIOKETONES (VINYLOGOUS THIOHYDRAZIDES)

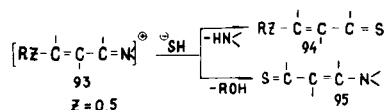
The hydroxyaminolysis and hydrazinolysis of enamino thioketones are considered to be the most convenient synthetic routes to compounds with a $Z-C=C-C=S$ group ($Z = NHOH, NHNH_2$). It was possible, however, to choose the conditions for the substitution of the enamine group by a hydroxyamino group without affecting the thioketone only in the case of the indene (**28**)¹³³ and the dihydrothiophene (**91**)¹¹⁷ enamino thioketones. In the first case, a mixture of thione-thiol tautomers **89** and **90** with predominance of the latter was obtained.



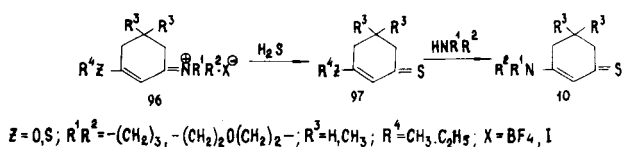
In the second case only the disulfide **92** was isolated. A majority of the reactions of aliphatic¹⁰⁻¹² and cyclic⁸³ enamino thioketones with hydroxylamines and hydrazines occur at the thiocarbonyl group with elimination of hydrogen sulfide.

IV. β -ALKOXYVINYLENE THIOKETONES (VINYLOGOUS O-ALKYL THIOCARBOXYLATES) AND β -ALKYLTHIOVINYLENE THIOKETONES (VINYLOGOUS ALKYL DITHIOCARBOXYLATES)

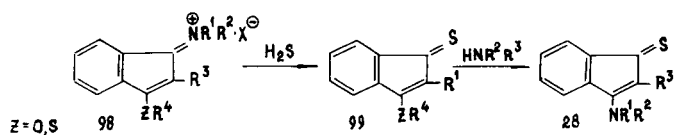
A general consideration of the synthetic routes to thioketones allows to draw the conclusion that the β -alkoxy(alkylthio)vinylene methinimmonium salts **93** are the most suitable starting materials for the preparation of compounds containing a β -alkoxy(alkylthio)vinylene thioketonic group, *i.e.*, **94**. As shown in Section II.1.4.1., however, the oxygen analogs of such salts react with sulfur nucleophiles at the RO—C group to form the enamino thioketones **95**.



It has been found^{18,134,135} that the N,N-disubstituted N-[3-alkoxy(alkylthio)-2-cyclohexene-1-ylidene] immonium salts (**96**) react with hydrogen sulfide or sodium hydro-sulfide in DMF at -60 to -40 °C to form the corresponding 3-alkoxy(alkylthio)-2-cyclohexene-1-thiones (**97**) containing the rare RZ—C=C—C=S (Z = O or S) group. The conditions of the thiolation of the salts **96** seem to shift the electrophilic center to the C¹ atom. The presence of triethylamine, piperidine, or morpholine accelerates the **96** → **97** conversion, thus increasing the yields of the thioketones **97**. Other solvents such as HMPTA, DMSO, and pyridine, which can enhance the nucleophilicity of the HS[⊖] anion may well be used in the above reaction.

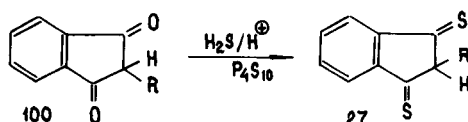


The compounds **97** readily react with ammonia and primary and secondary amines at 20 °C in alcohol. The aminolysis proceeds, in this case, at the C³ atom of an enol ester group, leading to the corresponding enamino thioketones **10** in good yield. The **97** → **10** conversion rate increases with increasing nucleophilicity of the amine. This is also true of the N,N-disubstituted and N-substituted 3-alkoxy(alkylthio)-2-arylidene-1-ylideneimmonium salts (**98**). It is more difficult, however, to prepare the corresponding 3-alkoxy(alkylthio)-2-aryl-1-indenethiones (**99**) analytically pure, but this does not impede their use in the synthesis of enamino thioketones of the indene series **28**.^{136,137}

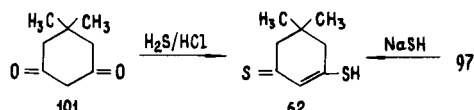


V. β -DITHIODIKETONES (VINYLOGOUS DITHIOCARBOXYLIC ACIDS)

The chemistry of β -dithiodiketones has not been studied much since attempts to synthesize these compounds from β -diketones mainly lead to the monothio analogs. The reaction of some aliphatic β -diketones with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of HCl allows unstable β -dithiodiketones to be prepared in the form of enethiolo thioketones identified only as metal complexes.^{61,62,138} Treatment of the 2-substituted 1,3-indanediones (*100*) in a similar manner or with tetraphosphorus decasulfide has led, for the first time, to the relatively stable β -dithiodiketones *27* in good yield.⁵⁹ Also the sulfhydrylolytic of the compounds *99* gives the dithiodiketones *27*.^{136,137}

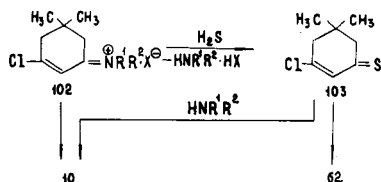


Dimedone (*101*) reacts with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of HCl at $-50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to form its dithio analog in 35 % yield, predominantly as its enethiolo thioketone, 3-mercapto-5,5-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1-thione (*62*).^{114,139} The reaction of the 3-alkoxy (alkylthio)-5,5-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1-thiones (*97*) with sodium hydrosulfide in an inert atmosphere at $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ gives the enethiolothione *62* in quantitative yield.¹³⁹



VI. β -HALOVINYLENE THIOKETONES (VINYLOGOUS THIOCARBOXYL HALIDES)

It should be noted that substitution of the chlorine atom is considered a usual course of the reaction of β -chlorovinylene methanimmonium salts with different nucleophiles which results in the corresponding β -aminovinylene thioketones (see Section II.1.4.4.). However, *N,N*-disubstituted *N*-(3-chloro-5,5-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1-ylidene)-immonium perchlorates (*102*) react with hydrogen sulfide in polar aprotic solvents at $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in the presence of triethylamine to form compound *103* containing the unusual $\text{Cl}-\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{S}$ group.¹⁴⁰ The β -chlorovinylene thioketone *103* may be considered as a stable intermediate of the thiolation of the salts *102* since it reacts immediately at $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ with amines or sodium hydrosulfide to form the previously described enamino thioketones *10* and the enethiolothione *62*, respectively. It is not possible to prepare the

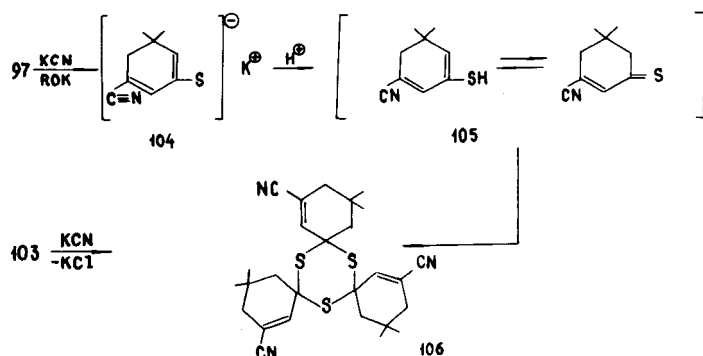


chlorovinylene thioketone *103* in the usual manner, *i.e.*, by reaction of its oxygen analog with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of HCl.¹⁴⁰

VII. β -CYANOVINYLENE THIOKETONES (VINYLOGOUS THIOCARBOXYL CYANIDES) AND THEIR ANALOGS CONTAINING A π -ELECTRON-WITHDRAWING β -SUBSTITUENT

β -Heterosubstituents in the α,β -unsaturated thioketones described in Sections II–VI exhibit +M and +E effects. Mesomeric stabilization of the type $X-C=C-C=S \leftrightarrow \overset{\oplus}{X}=C-C=C-S^{\ominus}$ is likely to favor the stability of the thioketone form. In what way do the properties of both the thiocarbonyl group and the molecule as a whole change if the β -substituent X of these conjugated systems displays $-M$ and $-E$ effects? Two ways seem possible. First, the electron density distribution in a β -cyanovinylene thioketone moiety could be affected by the two competing electron-withdrawing $C\equiv N$ and $C=S$ groups, *i.e.*, $N^{\ominus}\equiv C-C=C^{\oplus 2}-C-S^{\ominus}$. Second, the bipolar $N^{\ominus}=C=C-C=C-S^{\oplus}$ form could contribute to the electronic structure of β -cyanovinylene thioketones due to the repolarizability of the thiocarbonyl group under the effect of stronger electron-withdrawing substituents.¹⁴¹

It is evident that the synthesis of thioketones with a $X-C=C-C=S$ group where $X = C\equiv N, NO_2, SO_2R$, etc., from their oxo analogs or by other conventional methods is not possible, and hence no compounds of this type are available up to now. The β -alkoxyvinylethiones of the cyclohexene series *97* readily react with potassium cyanide in methanol at 20 °C to form a solution of potassium 3-cyano-5,5-dimethyl-2,4-cyclohexadiene-1-thiolate (*104*).¹⁴² After treatment of this solution with carbon dioxide instead of the expected 3-cyano-5,5-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1-thione (*105*) its trimer *106* is formed in high yield. The latter is formed directly from the β -chlorovinylethione *103* and potassium cyanide.¹⁴²



The $C\equiv N$ group in the cyanothione *105* destabilizes the thiocarbonyl group thus facilitating enethiolization under basic and trimerization under neutral conditions.

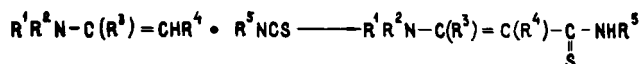
The use of synthons such as *97* and *103* is likely to permit other α,β -unsaturated thioketones having π -withdrawing substituents in the β -position to be synthesized in the future.

VIII. SYNTHESIS OF SOME FUNCTIONAL ANALOGS OF ENAMINO THIOKETONES

The most abundant functional analogs of enamino thioketones are enamino thiocarboxamides ($\text{>N}-\overset{\text{I}}{\underset{\text{I}}{\text{C}}}=\overset{\text{I}}{\text{C}}-\text{C}(=\text{S})-\text{N}<$), enamino derivatives of thio- and dithiocarboxylic acids, their salts and esters. The synthetic routes to these compounds have some special features as compared with the methods for the synthesis of enamino thioketones and it is necessary, therefore, to consider some general examples.

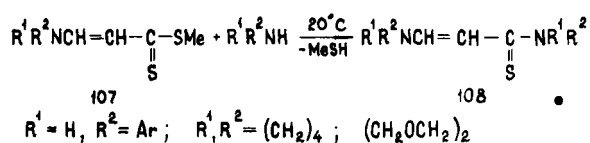
VIII.1. Synthesis of enamino thiocarboxamides (thiourea vinylogs)

The preparation of enamino thiocarboxamides is carried out first of all, using the reaction of enamines and their derivatives with alkyl or aryl isothiocyanates¹⁴³⁻¹⁵⁶ according to the following general scheme:

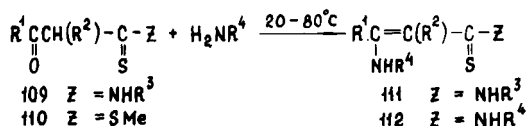


Aliphatic,¹⁴³⁻¹⁴⁵ alicyclic,¹⁴⁵⁻¹⁵⁰ and heterocyclic¹⁵¹ enamines; aliphatic¹⁵²⁻¹⁵⁴ and cyclic¹⁴⁵ enamino ketones; alkyl aryl ketone anils,¹⁵⁵ and β-aminocrotonic acid esters and their derivatives^{152,153,156} readily lend themselves as starting materials. Each of these reactions requires special conditions.

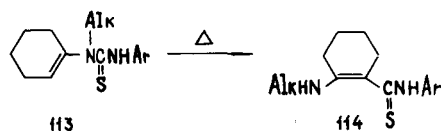
The second route to enamino thiocarboxamides is based on the aminolysis of functionally substituted organosulfur compounds. In this way, methyl esters of N-substituted 3-amino-2-propene-dithiocarboxylic acid react with amines under mild conditions to form the thiourea vinylogs 108.¹²²



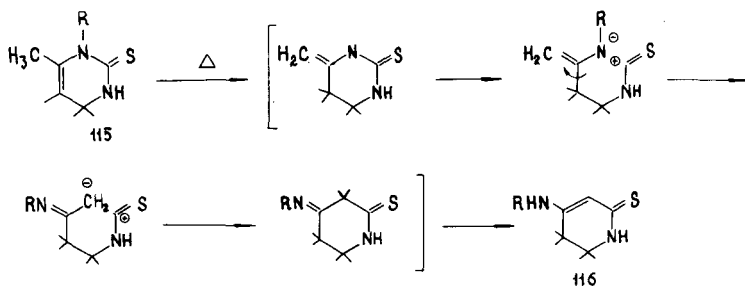
The acyl substituted thiocarboxamides 109 and the dithiocarboxylates 110 react with primary amines in an analogous way. The aminolysis of the C=O and SMe groups leads to the enamino derivatives 111 and 112, respectively, in 25-50 % yield.^{150,157}



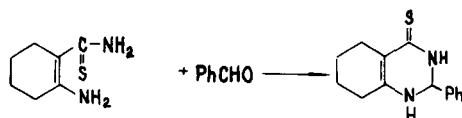
The alicyclic enamino thiocarboxamides 114 can be prepared by thermal rearrangement of the corresponding thiourea derivatives 113.¹⁵⁸



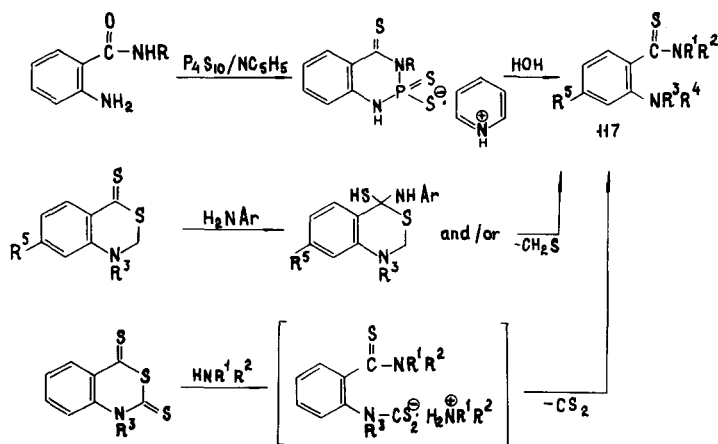
Thermolysis of the 2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine derivatives *115* in an inert solvent leads to the 4-alkyl(aryl)amino-5,6-dihydro-2(1H)-pyridinethiones *116* formed according to the following scheme:¹⁵⁹



Heterocyclic enamino thiocarboxamide analogs are also formed by condensation of aldehydes with N-unsubstituted enamino thiocarboxamides,^{149,158,160-163} for example:



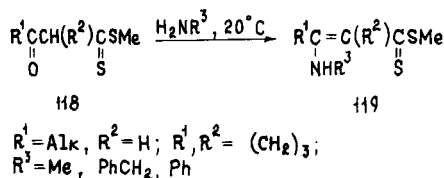
The following three processes can be used for the preparation of "aromatic" enamino thiocarboxamides, *i.e.*, 2-aminothiobenzamides and their substituted derivatives *117*:^{160,164-167}



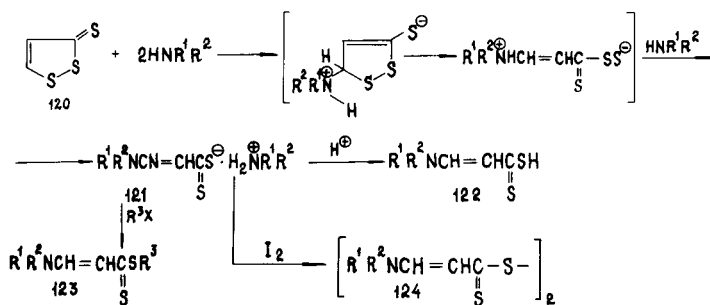
VIII.2. Synthesis of enamino dithiocarboxylic acids and their derivatives

VIII.2.1. Aminolysis of functionally substituted organosulfur compounds The aminolysis of the acyl substituted dithiocarboxylates *118* at 20 °C occurs, in general, only at the carbonyl group leading to the corresponding enamino derivatives *119*.^{157,168,169} This

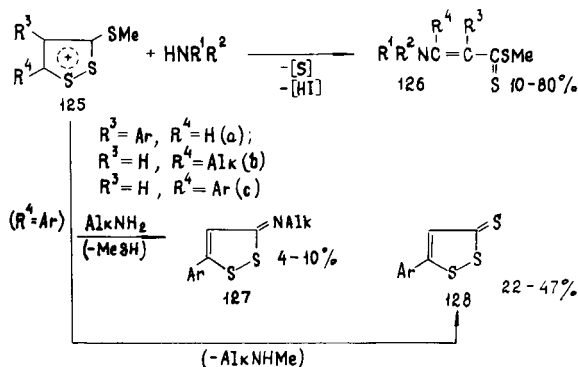
reaction course is sterically hindered at the carbonyl carbon atom and this facilitates the aminolysis of the methylthio group.¹⁵⁷



The reaction of 1,2-dithiol-3-thione *120* with amines readily affords the ammonium salts *121* which can be converted to 2-aminodithioacrylic acids *122*, their S-alkyl derivatives *123* or the disulfides *124*.¹²²

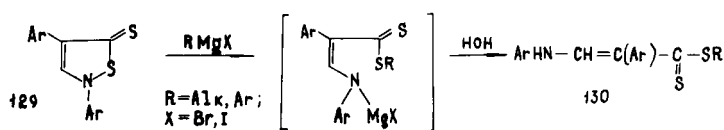


The 4-aryl and 5-alkyl substituted 3-methylthio-1,2-dithiolium salts *125a,b* react with primary and secondary amines in a similar manner to form the enamino dithiocarboxylates *126*.^{122,157,169,170,171} The 5-aryl-3-methylthio-1,2-dithiolium salts *125c*, however, react with alkylamines in three directions: through the C⁵ atom to give the enamino thioketone analogs *126* (i), by aminolysis at the C³ atom to form the 1,2-dithiolium-3-imines *127* (ii), and by reaction at the methyl group to give the 5-aryl-1,2-dithiol-3-thiones *128* (iii).¹⁷¹⁻¹⁷⁴ The salts *125c* react with aromatic amines unequivocally with elimination of the methylthio groups to form the corresponding 1,2-dithiol-3-imines *127* in high yield.^{169,173}

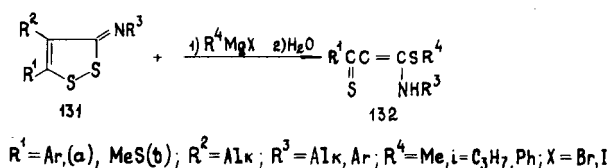


VIII.2.2. Reactions of sulfur-containing heterocyclic compounds with Grignard reagents
 Enamino dithiocarboxylates can be prepared by cleavage of appropriate heterocyclic compounds with a Grignard reagent. 1,4-Diaryl-5-thioxo-2,5-dihydro-1,2-thiazoles

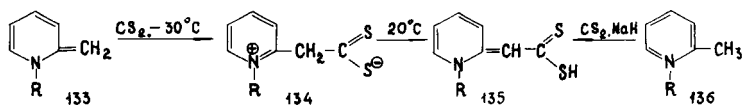
(129), for example, containing all necessary fragments of the $\text{>N}-\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ar})-\text{C}(=\text{S})-\text{S}-$ group react with alkyl- and arylmagnesium halides through the S—N bond to form the 3-arylthio-2-aryl-1-alkylthio(arylthio)-1-propenethiones (130).¹⁷⁰



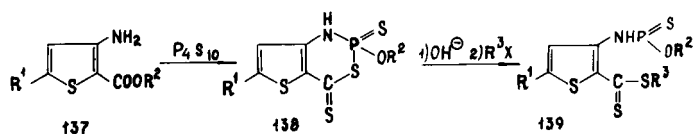
The cleavage of the S—S bond in the 5-alkylthio-1,2-dithiol-3-imines (131) proceeds analogously. The yield of alkylthio and arylthio substituted enamino thioketones 132 ranges from 60–90 %.^{173,174}



VIII.2.3. Some reactions with carbon disulfide and tetraphosphorus decasulfide Carbon disulfide is a fairly convenient reagent for the insertion of a $-\text{C}(=\text{S})-\text{S}-$ unit into molecules.¹⁷⁵ Carbon disulfide reacts readily with N-substituted 2-methylene-1,2-dihydropyridines (133) to form the corresponding dithioacetic acid betaines 134 which undergo rearrangement to the enamino thioketone analog 135 at 20 °C. The reaction of N-substituted 2-methylpyridinium salts (136) with carbon disulfide in the presence of sodium hydride affords the compounds 135.¹⁷⁶ This approach to enamino dithiocarboxylic acids is also valid for other heterocyclic analogs of the compounds 133 and 136.^{175,176}

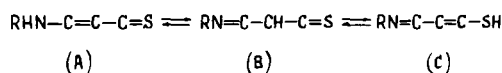


Of interest is the preparation of complex enamino dithiocarboxylate analogs, the 2-alkoxy-1,2-dihydrothieno [2,3-e]-3,1,2P-thiazophosphorine-2,4-dithiones (138) by action of tetraphosphorus decasulfide in xylene upon the 3-amino-5-alkyl-2-thiophene-carboxylates (137). Compounds 138, with alkali and an alkyl halide or dimethyl sulfate, give the N-substituted enamino dithiocarboxylates 139.¹⁶²

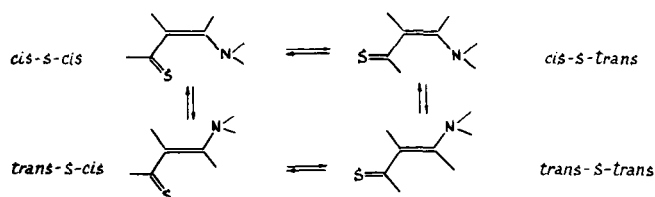


IX. SOME PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE STRUCTURES OF ENAMINO THIOKETONES AND THEIR FUNCTIONAL ANALOGS

The first attempt to summarize the scarce data concerning the structures of enamino thioketones was made by Freimanis⁵ in 1974. The framework of the $\text{RHN}-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{C}=\text{S}$ group suggested the possibility of three tautomers: enamino thioketone (A) \rightleftharpoons imino thioketone (B) \rightleftharpoons imino enethiol (C).



Besides, in aliphatic enamino thioketones or their cyclic analogs with an exocyclic $\text{R}_2\text{N}-\text{C}=\text{C}$ group geometric isomerism may be caused by *cis*- and *trans*-orientation of the $\text{R}_2\text{N}-$ and $\text{C}=\text{S}$ fragments relative to the $\text{C}^2=\text{C}^3$ bond. Aliphatic enamino thioketones also occur as *S-cis* and *S-trans* rotamers due to hindered rotation around the C^1-C^2 bond:



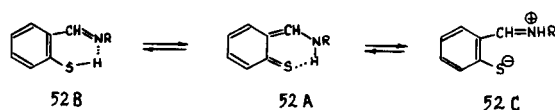
Most enamino thioketones possess an exocyclic amino group and this allows the hindered rotation around the $\text{C}-\text{N}$ bond to be recorded on a certain time scale. Investigation of this dynamic process provides valuable information on electronic and steric interactions in enamino thioketones.

IX.1. Tautomerism of enamino thioketones

Attempts have been made to demonstrate tautomerism of the type (A) \rightleftharpoons (B) \rightleftharpoons (C) in various enamino thioketones by physico-chemical methods.^{5,10,12,13,92,93,100-102,104-106,108-110, 115,116,120,177-192} This postulated equilibrium was studied within a wide temperature range and in a number of organic solvents. As a result, the rather general conclusion may be drawn that most enamino thioketones either neat or in solution state in fact do not contain the iminothionic (B) nor the iminoenethiolic (C) form. This conclusion is confirmed by NMR, IR and UV data and should be considered as highly reliable since the corresponding model enamino thioketones with $\text{N}-\text{D}$ and $^{15}\text{N}-\text{H}$ labels as well as the N,N -disubstituted $\text{R}_2\text{N}-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{C}=\text{S}$ compounds where no prototropy is possible, and the *S*-alkyl substituted iminoenethiols $\text{RN}=\text{C}-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{SR}$ ^{5,10,100,105} were included in the spectral studies. This allowed one of us to rule out, already by examination of the IR and UV spectra, the presence of tautomers (B) and (C) in the enamino thioketones examined. The presence of δNH , μNH , and $\mu\text{C}=\text{C}$ vibration bands and the absence of μSH absorption, for example, permit a reliable IR identification of the form (A). It was not possible, however, to determine clearly the position of the $\mu\text{C}=\text{S}$

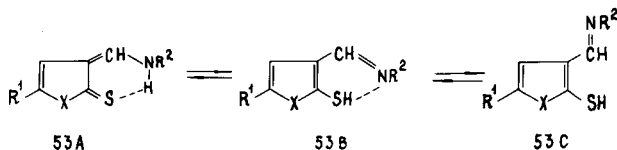
bands. Quantum-chemical calculation using a Hückel approximation MO method for hypothetical moieties of the type (A), (B) and (C)⁵ and a Pariser-Parr-Pople method for 1-arylamino-3-propenethiones $\text{ArNHCH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^1)-\text{C}(\text{R}^2)=\text{S}^{100}$ and their cyclic analogs^{110,192} confirmed the energetic advantage of the enamino thioketonic form (A).

The iminoenethiol form (C) is observed on comparatively rare occasions. Thus, the tautomer conversions of N-substituted 1-aminomethylene-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydrobenzenes **52**¹⁰⁴ have been studied by comparison of their UV spectra in solvents of low polarity with those of the sodium salts of the corresponding enethiols **52B** and their S—Me derivatives. The IR spectra of **52** in dichloroethane display the $\mu\text{C}=\text{N}$ (1625 cm^{-1}) and $\mu\text{SH} \dots \text{N}$ (2400 cm^{-1}) bands. A close agreement of the calculated and measured values of the electron transfer energies in the excited state has been established for **52B**. All this indicates that the above compounds in solvents of low polarity exist mainly in the enethiol benzenoid form **52B** stabilized by the intramolecular hydrogen bond.

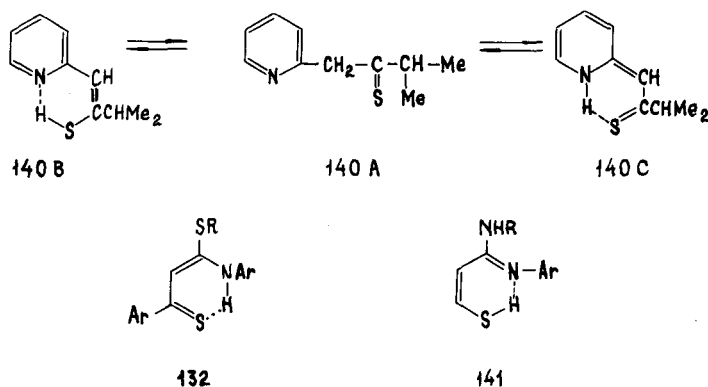


The IR spectra of **52** in the aggregate ground state exhibit no absorption in the μSH and μNH regions, the $\mu\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{N}$ band being observed at $1644-1656\text{ cm}^{-1}$. The calculated electron spectra of **52A** are in good agreement with the experimental ones in DMSO, the electron transfer energies for the long-wave band being indicative of a certain contribution from the bipolar structure **52C**. It is, therefore, believed that it is the enamino thioketonic quinonoid form **52A** with an intramolecular hydrogen bond that predominates in the aggregate ground state and in polar solvents. The iminoenethiol form **52B** is stabilized by electron-withdrawing C- or N-substituents and destabilized by electron-donating ones which increase the basicity of the amino group. Similar results have been obtained with naphthalene analogs of **52**.¹⁰³

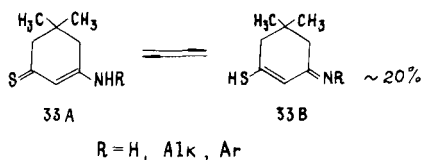
Interesting results have been obtained with enamino thioketones containing five-membered heteroaromatic rings, such as thiophene,^{105,117} pyrrole,¹⁰⁶ furan,¹⁷⁸ etc.^{110,177} As judged by their IR spectra ($\mu\text{C}=\text{N}$ $1637-1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$), the thiophene derivatives **53** ($\text{X} = \text{S}$) were originally thought to exist in the form **53B**.¹¹⁷ Further examination¹⁰⁵ of the ¹H NMR spectra of different S-substituted compounds and their ¹⁵N-analogs ($\text{X} = \text{O}, \text{S}, \text{NR}^3$) led to the conclusion that the species present in the crystalline state and in solution were the cis-enamino thioketones **53A**. [¹H NMR spectra: $\text{NH} = 12-15\text{ ppm}$, $^2\text{J}^{15\text{N},\text{H}} = 85-87\text{ Hz}$, $^3\text{J}^{\text{NH},\text{CH}} = 13-15\text{ Hz}$; IR spectra: 1570 cm^{-1} (δNH), 1645 cm^{-1} ($\mu\text{C}=\text{C}$), $2600-3200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($\mu\text{NH}_{\text{aaa}}$)]. In DMSO as well as in going from thiophene to furan derivatives of **53**, some weakening of the intramolecular hydrogen bond takes place. In melts or upon heating in solvents, some N-substituted enamino thioketones **53A** are partially converted to the iminoenethiols **53B** and **53C**.^{105,120,178,179,191}



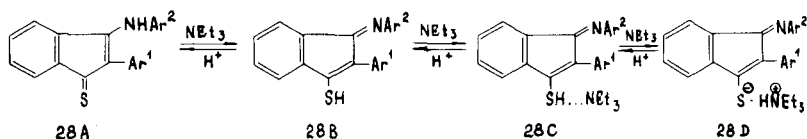
According to their ^1H NMR and UV spectra, 2-(2-methyl-3-thioxobutyl)pyridine (140A) in solution is in equilibrium with its enethiol tautomer 140B which dominates in the aggregate ground state.^{193,194} However, a very high value of the proton chemical shift in the chelate-bound SH group (δ 18.60 ppm) has been reported for 140B.¹⁹³ A comparison of the chemical shifts of the labile proton in six-membered chelates with $\text{NH}\dots\text{S}=\text{}$,^{105,173,195} $\text{OH}\dots\text{S}=\text{}$,¹⁹³ and $\text{SH}\dots\text{N}=\text{}$ ¹⁷³ suggests that the thioketone 140A in solution converts to the chelated enamino thioketone form 140C rather than to the enethiol form 140B. The spectrum of a model enamino thioketone 132, for example, displays a signal at 16.10 ppm (NH) whereas in the enethiol 141 a signal is observed at 6.28 ppm (SH).¹⁷³ Similar conclusions could be drawn by examination of structural analogs of the thioketones 140A.¹⁹⁴



The ^1H NMR data show that 3-amino-5,5-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1-thiones (33A) containing a N—H bond are able to convert in chloroform to the corresponding tautomers, 1-imino-5,5-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene-3-thiols (33B).¹⁹⁶ In bipolar aprotic solvents, this tautomeric equilibrium is completely shifted toward the enamino thioketone form 33A.



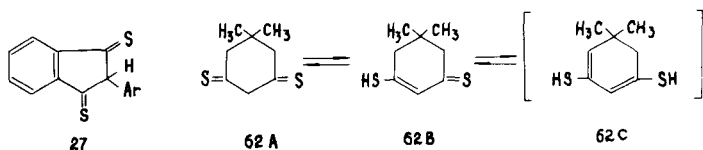
3-Amino-2-alkyl(aryl)-1-indenethiones and their N-substituted derivatives 28A, both in the crystalline state and in solution, exist exclusively in the enamino thioketone form.^{17,66,67} 3-Arylamino-2-aryl-1-indenethiones (28A), however, with $\text{pK}_a \leq 19.94$ (in acetonitrile), readily react with triethylamine in acetonitrile or dichloroethane. This is accompanied by the formation of an equilibrium mixture of the corresponding 1-aryl-amino-2-aryl-3-indenethiols (28B) with their H-complexes 28C and their salts 28D with triethylamine.⁶⁷ The S—H, S—H \dots NEt₃ and $-\text{S}^{\ominus}\text{HNEt}_3^{\oplus}$ bonds were in this case detected by IR spectroscopy.



All this shows the necessity of a more thorough and detailed investigation of the tautomerism of various enamino thioketones involving kinetic and thermodynamic parameters to be undertaken in the future.

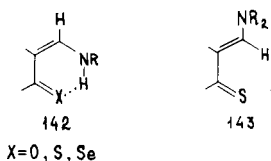
IX.2. Tautomerism of β -dithiodiketones

The synthesis of β -dithiodiketones able to undergo prototropic conversions has been successful only in a few cases.^{59,114} No enethiol form of 2-aryl-1,3-indanedithiones (27) has been found in either the crystalline state or in solution.⁵⁹ The dimedone dithio analog 62A, however, exists as 3-mercapto-5,5-dimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1-thione (62B).^{114,139} The ¹H NMR spectrum of the latter at -70°C displays two signals due to the 4-CH₂ and 6-CH₂ groups (δ 2.27 and 2.66 ppm, respectively) and a signal due to the SH-group (δ 3.97 ppm). An increase in the solvent temperature shifts the S—H signal upfield (to δ 3.32 ppm at 20°C) and causes coalescence of the 4- and 6-CH₂ signals ($T_c = -14^\circ\text{C}$) and narrowing of the averaged signal (2.49 ppm at 20°C). The above spectral changes are most likely due to an intramolecular proton exchange of the type $-\text{C}=\text{S} + \text{HS}-\text{C} \rightleftharpoons =\text{C}-\text{SH} + \text{S}=\text{C}-$ the rate of which depends on the solvent and the temperature. The activation enthalpy $\Delta G_{T_c}^\ddagger$ of this process found using spectral parameters is significantly higher than that of the proton exchange in dimedone (13.1 and < 8 kcal/mole, respectively).¹⁹⁷ The action of triethylamine on enethiolthione 62B is assumed to involve enethiolization of the thioketonic group to form the dithiol 62C which upon oxidation affords linear and macrocyclic oligodisulfides.¹⁹⁸

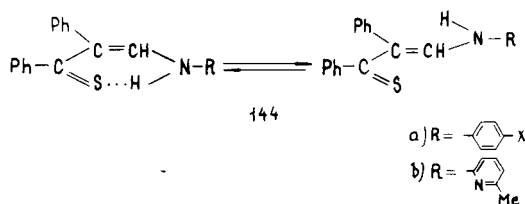


IX.3. Cis-trans-isomers and rotamers of enamino thioketones and their functional analogs

Enamino thioketones and their functional analogs with no ring $\text{C}^2=\text{C}^3$ bond can exist as both cis- and trans-isomers. Most aliphatic,^{7,8,10,69,100,180,199} carbocyclic^{100,103,104,} and heterocyclic^{105,108-110,177,183-189,200,201} enamino thioketones with an N—H group display cis-orientation (142) of the RHN— and C=S groups, as well as a strong intramolecular N—H...S=C hydrogen bond. NMR, IR, and UV spectral data confirm that both the hydrogen bond strength and the C—N bond multiplicity in heteroatomic analogs of 142 increase in the order $\text{X} = \text{O} < \text{X} = \text{S} < \text{X} = \text{Se}$. N,N-Disubstituted enamino thioketones unable to form an intramolecular hydrogen bond assume the trans-configuration 143.^{7,10,14,108,118,185,190,199}



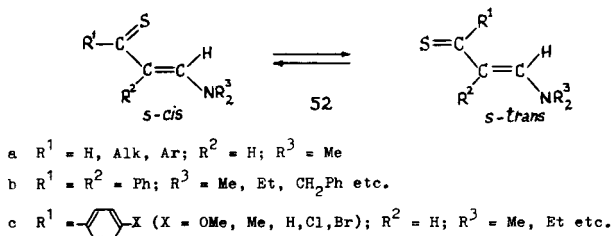
The ^1H NMR spectra of the N-phenylsubstituted enamino thioketones *144a* suggest¹⁹⁹ that these compounds in chloroform display both *cis*- and *trans*-configuration (appr. 10 %). For the N-picolyl substituted analogs *144b* comparable concentrations of the two analogs are observed. The barrier to rotation around the $\text{C}^2\text{—C}^3$ bond in this compound (at 145 °C) is about 23 Kcal/mole.¹⁹⁹



A general and important feature of enamino thioketones is hindered rotation around the $\text{C}^3\text{—N}$ and $\text{C}^1\text{—C}^2$ bonds (for aliphatic analogs) due to a certain contribution of resonance structure (B) to the ground state of the molecules (A). These dynamic processes are revealed by NMR spectroscopy.^{14,56,80,108,118,185,199,202-208} They mainly depend on steric and electronic effects of the C- and N-substituents affecting the degree of p,π -conjugation.



The equilibrium concentration of rotamer *52a*, for example, is dependent, to a large extent, on the effective bulk of R^1 . An increase in the latter disfavors the *s*-*trans*-form.^{202,204,205} In the case of the 1,2-diphenyl-substituted enamino thioketones *52b*, on the contrary, the steric hindrance in both rotamers is approximately equal and their equilibrium concentrations are comparable.^{203,204} In the enamino thioketones *52* the barrier of the hindered rotation around the $\text{C}^1\text{—C}^2$ bond is lower than that around the C—N bond and increases with the amino group basicity^{203,205} (Table II).



The barrier to rotation around the C—N bond is higher in enamino thioketones than in the corresponding ketones^{14,56,80,108,118,185,204} (Table III). A similar conclusion has been drawn in a comparison of thiocarboxamides and amides.^{212,213}

TABLE II

Barriers to Rotation Around the C³-N and C¹-C²
Bonds in Enamino Thioketones PhC(=S)-C(Ph)=CH-R²⁰³

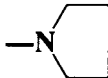
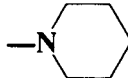
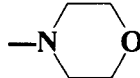
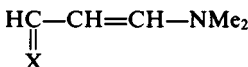
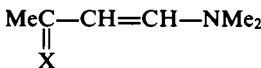
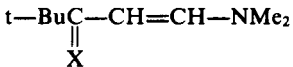
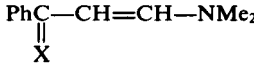
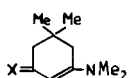
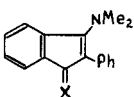
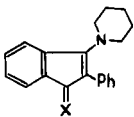
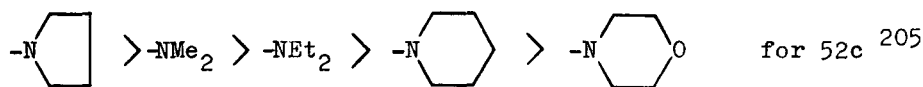
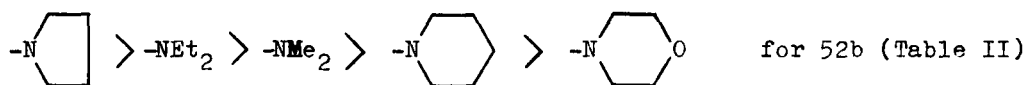
ΔG_{Te} Kcal/mole	R		-NEt ₂	-NMe ₂	-N(CH ₂ Ph) ₂		
C ³ -N		14.7	14.1	13.7	13.4	13.4	11.7
C ¹ -C ²		13.0	13.3	12.8	11.5	12.8	10

TABLE III

Barriers to Rotation Around the C-N Bond in Some
Enamino Thioketones and Their Oxygen Analogs

No.	Compound	X	ΔG_{Te}^{\ddagger} Kcal/mole	Solvent	Reference
1		S	17.1	CDCl ₃	202
		O	14.6	CH ₂ CCl ₂	209
2		S	16.4	CDCl ₃	202
		O	13.4	CH ₂ CCl ₂	209
3		S	15.8	CDCl ₃	202
		O	13.1	CH ₂ CCl ₂	209
4		S	16.5	CH ₂ Br ₂	14
			16.7	CDCl ₃	203, 204
		O	14.4	CH ₂ Br ₂	14
			15.1	CDCl ₃	210
5		S	14.5	CD ₃ COCD ₃	56
		O	12.3	CD ₃ COCD ₃	211
6		S	11.6	CH ₂ Cl ₂	80
		O	9.5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	80
7		S	11.0	CH ₂ Cl ₂	80
		O	9.3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	80

In the isostructural N,N-disubstituted compounds 52 the rotation barrier around the C—N bond decreases with decreasing C—N bond order in the following order:



The regularity found is due to several factors.²⁰⁵ These are the extent of delocalization of the lone electron pair at the nitrogen atom, the basicity of the amine moiety, and variations of the Pitzer strain. Besides, the value of the rotation barrier around the C—N bond in enamino thioketones 52 is also affected by steric interaction of the substituents at the N and C² atoms which disturbs the p, π -conjugation. This leads to lower ΔG_{Tc}^\ddagger values than in the corresponding C²-unsubstituted analogs.²⁰³ For the isostructural series of compounds 52c a linear correlation between the Hammett con-

stants, σ_p and σ_p^\oplus of the substituents X and the ΔG_{Tc}^\ddagger values has been found. The rotation barrier is the higher the stronger the electron-withdrawing properties of the substituent X.²⁰⁴ The ΔG_{Tc}^\ddagger value with respect to the C—N bond rotation in 3-(N,N-dimethylamino)-1-phenyl-2-propene-1-thione (52a) ($R^1 = \text{Ph}$) depends on the polarity of the solvent²⁰⁴ (Table IV). Upon increase of the polarity, the ground state of the enamino thioketone seems to be characterized by a greater contribution from the bi-

polar structure $^\ominus\text{S—C(Ph)=CH—CH=}\overset{\oplus}{\text{NMe}}$ ²⁰⁴ (cf. Ref. 108). Numerous linear correlations between ΔG_{Tc}^\ddagger with respect to the C—N bond rotation and parameters of the corresponding molecular diagrams as well as ¹³C NMR spectra have been found for a number of enamino thioketones 52c during the latest time.¹⁹⁹ This is also true of the structures of the functional analogs of enamino thioketones with the same carbon skeleton, the enamino thiocarboxamides 145a^{122,152,153,160,214} and the enamino dithiocarboxylates 145b.^{122,162,170,171,173,174,195,215-219} The conjugation in the R¹R²N—C=C—C=S moiety is weakened due to a competing Z-thiocarbonyl group conjugation in 145. The ¹H NMR spectra of these compounds display, therefore, the proton signals of the vinylene and amino groups, shifted upfield compared to the corresponding enamino thioketones. In the IR spectra, the $\mu\text{C=C}$ bands and $\mu\text{NH}_{\text{ass}}$ are observed at a higher frequency.

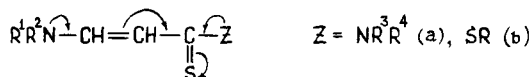


TABLE IV
 The Solvent Effect on the Barrier to Rotation Around the
 $C-N$ Bond in $Ph-C(=S)-CH=NMe_2$

Solvent	CD ₃ OD	DMSO-d ₆	DMF-d ₇	Acetone-d ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	Nitrobenzene	Pyridine-d ₅	CDCl ₃	CS ₂
E _T , Kcal/mole	55.5	46.0	43.8	42.9	42.2	42.0	40.2	39.1	32.5
ΔG [‡] _{Tc} , Kcal/mole	16.9	18.0	17.5	16.9	16.8	17.1	17.0	16.7	15.55

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