

lize, it was purified by distillation in vacuum. In this manner the phenylurethans in Table I were obtained.

TABLE I

Phenylurethan of	M. p., °C. (uncor.)	Formula	Analyses, %			
			Calcd.		Found	
			C	H	C	H
Dimethylbutylcarbinol	62-63	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	71.5	8.9	71.8	8.9
Diphenylmethylcarbinol	124-125	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>19</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	79.5	6.0	79.7	5.7
Triethylcarbinol	61-61.5	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	71.5	8.9	70.9	8.8
Methylethylbenzylcarbinol	83.5-84	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	76.3	7.5	75.9	7.3
Diethylbenzylcarbinol	96-96.5	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	76.7	7.8	76.7	7.4

<sup>a</sup> Analyses by R. W. King.

Discussion of the mechanism of the catalysis will be deferred, but it seems to be a case of general acid-base catalysis. The tests for determining general acid-base catalysis which are employed in aqueous systems cannot be used readily here, since the isocyanates must be kept in inert solvents.

It is hoped to study this catalysis effect in greater detail and to include the reactions of alcohols and isocyanates.

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### Optical Properties of 2-Sulfanilamidopyrimidine (Sulfadiazine)

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Thanks to the courtesy of Mr. Leonard Dhein of the American Cyanamid Company, Bound Brook, New Jersey, we have been able to determine the optical and related properties of a sample of sulfadiazine (m. p. 254°)<sup>1</sup> with the following results: monoclinic, colorless, transparent to translucent; luster vitreous. Cleavage pinacoidal at right angles, perfect.  $H = 1-2$ . Solubility 0.0123 g./100 cc.,<sup>1</sup> H<sub>2</sub>O at 37°. Optically biaxial positive;  $\alpha = 1.680$ ,  $\beta = 1.695$ ,  $\gamma = 1.788$ ; all  $\pm 0.002$ ,  $2V = 45-46^\circ$ ,  $Y//b$ ,  $Z \wedge c = 20^\circ(?)$ , elongation// $b$ .

(1) R. O. Roblin, *et al.*, THIS JOURNAL, **62**, 2002 (1940), found 255-256° with decomposition; they found the solubility to be 0.0123 g./100 cc.

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## NEW COMPOUNDS

### Certain Naphthylidene Sulfanilamide Derivatives

The procedures employed for the preparation of the following compounds were modifications of methods used in

the preparation of the aniline derivatives of the sulfonated  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -naphthoquinones.<sup>1,2</sup> To conform with *Chemical Abstracts* the nomenclature of these compounds was suggested by Dr. Austin M. Patterson.

**N<sup>4</sup>-(3-Hydroxy-4-oxo-1(4)-naphthylidene)-sulfanilamide.**—A solution of 8.6 g. of sulfanilamide (Eastman Kodak Co.) in 200 cc. of water at 60-65° was added with stirring to a solution of 13.0 g. of 1,2-naphthoquinone-4-sodium sulfonate (Eastman purified by the method of Folin<sup>3</sup>) in 300 cc. of water at 45-50°. The reaction mixture after standing for fifteen minutes at room temperature was kept in the ice box overnight. The reddish orange precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried in a vacuum desiccator over sulfuric acid; yield, 9.9 g. (60%). The compound melted at 271-273° (uncor.). It is insoluble in cold water, very difficultly soluble in hot water, very soluble in alkali, formic acid, slightly soluble in hydrochloric acid, alcohol, dioxane and acetone.

*Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SN<sub>2</sub>: N, 8.53. Found: N, 8.41.

**N<sup>4</sup>-(3-Hydroxy-4-oxo-7-sulfo-1(4)-naphthylidene)-sulfanilamide, Sodium Salt.**—To a solution containing 2.7 g. of 1,2-naphthoquinone-4,6-sodium disulfonate<sup>1</sup> in 75 cc. of water, 1.7 g. of sulfanilamide was added. The mixture was stirred mechanically until all the solid went into solution. This required fifteen minutes. Then 1.5 cc. of superoxol was added and stirring continued for an additional ten minutes. The deep red-brown solution was clarified with a small amount of Merck activated charcoal to remove the brown impurity. Upon addition of 10 g. of powdered sodium chloride the solution became a thick paste in a few minutes. After cooling in the ice box for two hours, the dark red needles were filtered off and dried in a vacuum desiccator over sulfuric acid. The weight of the crude material (contaminated with sodium chloride) was 4.6 g. It was recrystallized by solution in 50 cc. of water at 60° and subsequent chilling. The crystalline compound was filtered off, washed with ice-cold water, ice-cold 95% alcohol, ether and dried in a vacuum desiccator over sulfuric acid; yield, 2.2 g. (41%).

*Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na: N, 6.50. Found: N, 6.51.

**N<sup>4</sup>-[4-Oxo-3-(*p*-sulfamylanilino)-2-sulfo-1(4)-naphthylidene]-sulfanilamide.**—A solution of 1.7 g. of sulfanilamide in 100 cc. of water at 80° was added with stirring to a solution of 1.6 g. of 1,4-naphthoquinone-2-potassium sulfonate<sup>4</sup> in 50 cc. of water at 55°. As soon as the temperature of the mixture reached 50°, a small amount of yellow orange crystals (not identified) separated. These were filtered off by suction and discarded. To the filtrate at 30° was added 1 cc. of concentrated hydrochloric acid and the reaction mixture cooled in the ice box for three hours. The bright red needles that separated were filtered off, washed with cold water and dried in a vacuum desiccator over sulfuric acid; yield, 1.4 g. (50%). The material was recrystallized from 40 cc. of boiling water. It is fairly soluble in hot water. Dried in a vacuum desic-

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