N-Methyl-(6-dimethylamino-3-acetoxy-1,3,5-hexatrienyl)-formimine Methiodide.—Furylacrolein (1.0 g., 0.0082 mole) (Eastman Kodak Co., once recrystallized from ligroin), dissolved in 10 cc. of commercial isopropyl alcohol, was cooled to approximately −25°. A solution containing 1.4 g. (0.0079 mole) dimethylammonium iodide, 1.0 g. (0.0075 mole) of a 33% methanol solution of dimethylamine, and 5 cc. of isopropyl alcohol at room temperature was added to the furylacrolein suspension immediately upon its removal from the cooling bath. The addition, with shaking, required thirty seconds. The mixture was cooled immediately to −25° and kept at this temperature except for brief removal periods for stirring (at five-minute intervals). After thirty minutes the reaction mixture was removed from the cooling bath, 10 cc. of dry ether at 0° added, the solution stirred and filtered. The reaction flask and residue were washed with another cold 10-cc. ether portion. The residue was dried three minutes at the pump, and then transferred to a solution containing nitrobenzene (commercial) 100 cc., dry pyridine 10 cc., and acetic anhydride 10 cc. The solution was swirled until all of the crude material dissolved. The reaction required an hour at room temperature. The product was then thrown out with ether to give 1.2 g. (44%) of crude dye. Several recrystallizations from n-butyl alcohol gave an analytical sample with m. p. 191° (dec.). The crystals are a deep purple and possess a metallic luster.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{13}H_{21}N_2O_2I$: C, 42.86; H, 5.81. Found: C, 42.89; H, 5.79.

of halogen compound and benzenesulfonhydrazide in the presence of one mole of hydrogen chloride (added as concentrated hydrochloric acid) increased the yields to 80–90%; the rate of condensation was also appreciably increased by this modification. The hydrochlorides were purified by crystallization from dilute or glacial acetic acid; excepting the pyrimidine derivative, the products were almost insoluble in water or dilute acids. Dilute bases produced the expected decomposition.[2]

1-Benzenesulfonyl-2-(7-chloroquinolyl-4)-hydrazine hydrochloride was also prepared, in 35% yield, by the action of benzenesulfonyl chloride on 7-chloro-4-hydrazinoquinoline in dry pyridine in the usual manner, followed by treatment of the product with dry hydrogen chloride in alcohol. The latter compound was prepared in 88.6% yield from 4,7-dichloroquinoline essentially by the general procedure of Koenigs and Loesch.[3] The compound formed white needles from alcohol, m. p. 231–232° (cor.) (dec.).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_9H_8ClN_3$: N, 21.70. Found: N, 21.68.

Surrey and Cutler[4] reported m. p. 220–221°.

1-Benzenesulfonyl-2-(5-nitropyridyl-2)-hydrazine was prepared from 2-hydrazino-5-nitropyridine[5] and benzenesulfonyl chloride in dry pyridine. This compound could not be prepared by the direct condensation of 2-chloro-5-nitropyridine with benzenesulfonhydrazide in either the presence or absence of hydrochloric acid.

The substituted hydrazines are listed in the accompanying table.

TABLE I

N^1-BENZENESULFONYL-N^2-SUBSTITUTED HYDRAZINE HYDROCHLORIDES

N^2-Substituent	M. p., °C.	Formula	Analyses, % Sulfur Calcd.	Sulfur Found	Chlorine Calcd.	Chlorine Found
Quinolyl-2-	207–209[a]	$C_{15}H_{14}ClN_3O_2S$	9.55	9.60	10.56	10.58
4-Methylquinolyl-2-[b]	171–172	$C_{16}H_{16}ClN_3O_3S$	8.72	8.69	9.64	9.65
5-Chloroquinolyl-4-	219.5–220.0[a]	$C_{15}H_{13}Cl_2N_3O_2S$	8.66	8.35	9.58[e]	9.56
7-Chloroquinolyl-4-	203–204[a]	$C_{15}H_{13}Cl_2N_3O_2S$	8.66	8.36	9.58[e]	9.66
7-Chloro-3-methylquinolyl-4-[c]	196–197[a]	$C_{16}H_{15}Cl_2N_3O_4S$	7.22	7.27	15.96	15.98
7-Phenoxyquinolyl-4-	209–210[a]	$C_{21}H_{18}ClN_3O_3S$	7.49	7.51	8.29	8.20
2-Aminopyrimidyl-4-	237–239[a]	$C_{10}H_{12}ClN_5O_2S$	10.63	10.52	11.75	11.61
5-Nitropyridyl-2-[d]	196–197[a]	$C_{11}H_{10}N_4O_4S$	10.89	11.00	...	...

[a] With decomposition. [b] As the monohydrate. [c] With one mole of acetic acid of crystallization. [d] Free base. [e] Ionic halogen only.

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NEW COMPOUNDS

Some Heterocyclic-Substituted Hydrazines

The condensation of a 2- or 4-chloroquinoline or of 2-amino-4-chloropyrimidine with benzenesulfonhydrazide was carried out in two ways. Refluxing a mixture of one mole of the halogen compound and two moles of benzenesulfonhydrazide in alcohol for two to six hours gave 40–50% yields of condensation product as the hydrochloride. In confirmation of the observations of Banks[1] it was found that the condensation of molal proportions

(1) Banks, THIS JOURNAL, **66**, 1127 (1944).

(2) 1-Benzenesulfonyl-2-(7-chloroquinolyl-4)-hydrazine hydrochloride gave a 43.2% yield of 7-chloroquinoline, m. p. 31–32°, when steam distilled from excess sodium carbonate solution. 1-Benzenesulfonyl-2-(5-nitropyridyl-2)-hydrazine similarly gave a 32% yield of 3-nitropyridine, m. p. 39.5–40.5°. *Cf.* McFadyen and Stevens, *J. Chem. Soc.*, 584 (1936).

(3) Koenigs and Loesch, *J. prakt. Chem.*, **143**, 59 (1935); *cf.* Perkin and Robinson, *J. Chem. Soc.*, **103**, 1978 (1913).

(4) Surrey and Cutler, THIS JOURNAL, **68**, 2570 (1946).

(5) Rath, U. S. Patent 1,733,695.

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Preparation of Organic Silicon Chlorides[1]

The general method of synthesis was to add the appropriate Grignard reagent dropwise into an excess of silicon

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tetrachloride essentially as has recently been described by Whitmore.[2] In many runs we found it practical to dissolve the silicon tetrachloride in either pure benzene or a mixture of dry ether and benzene (recovered from previous runs) rather than in pure ether. Yields were ordinarily 20–45%. Isopropylmagnesium bromide, however, gave 5–6% yield of the trichloride,[3] together with an equal weight of the dichloride (11% yield, based on the Grignard reagent).

For the preparation of diisobutylsilicon dichloride equimolar quantities of the Grignard reagent and isobutylsilicon trichloride (in benzene) were placed in reaction. The yield was about 20%.

(2) Whitmore, *et al.*, THIS JOURNAL, **68**, 475 (1946).

(3) Booth and Spessard, *ibid.*, **68**, 2660 (1946).

Silicon tetrachloride was inert toward ethynylsodium, HC≡CNa, or ethynebis-(magnesium chloride), ClMgC≡CMgCl.

NEW COMPOUNDS, $RSiCl_3$ AND R_2SiCl_2

Substance	B. p. °C.	B. p. Mm.	d^{20}_4	Anal., Cl Calcd.	Anal., Cl Found	
p-$CH_3OC_6H_4SiCl_3$	128–130	13	1.46	44.04	43.62	44.32
p-$C_2H_5OC_6H_4SiCl_3$	137–138	13	1.36	41.62	41.42	41.18
(i-C_4H_7)$_2SiCl_2$	67–69	11	1.06	38.31	39.20	38.90
(i-C_4H_9)$_2SiCl_2$	93	16	1.00	33.26	33.26	33.17

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COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

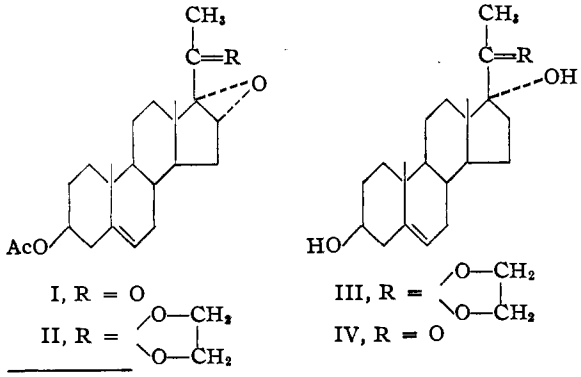
17α-HYDROXYSTEROIDS

Sir:

The recent communication by Plattner, Heusser and Feurer[1] impels us to record certain work on the reduction of steroid oxides which has been under way in these Laboratories for some time.

We have likewise prepared Reichstein's substances J and O by the reduction of 16,17-oxido-allopregnane-3β-ol-20-one acetate with lithium aluminum hydride. Furthermore, we have investigated the lithium aluminum hydride reduction of 16,17-oxido-5-pregnene-3β-ol-20-one acetate. The nature of the resulting 3,17,20-triol mixture was confirmed by oxidation with periodic acid to dehydroisoandrosterone (m. p. 148–149°; acetate, m. p. 166–168°).

We wish, particularly at this time, to report a novel procedure for the preparation of 17α-hydroxy steroids bearing a ketone group at position 20. The focal point in the facile preparation of these derivatives has been the protection of the 20-keto group through the formation of cyclic ketals. The 16,17-oxido-20-ketals undergo smooth reduction with lithium aluminum hydride and the resulting products are readily cleaved to the desired 17α-ol-20-ones.



(1) Plattner, Heusser and Feurer, *Helv. Chim. Acta*, **31**, 2210 (1948).

16,17-Oxido-5-pregnene-3β-ol-20-one Acetate (I).—Plates from methanol, m. p. 154–155°; $[\alpha]^{26}D$ −9.0° (chloroform). *Anal.* Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{32}O_4$: C, 74.16; H, 8.66. Found: C, 74.43; H, 8.72. It was prepared by the action of perbenzoic acid on derivatives of 5,16-pregnadiene-3β-ol-20-one.

Ketal of 16,17-Oxido-5-pregnene-3β-ol-20-one Acetate (II).—From the oxido-pregnene (I) and ethylene glycol by refluxing a benzene solution with p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate as catalyst as thick, needle-like prisms from benzene-methanol, m. p. 195–197°; $[\alpha]^{27}D$ −37.8° (chloroform). *Anal.* Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{36}O_5$: C, 72.07; H, 8.71. Found: C, 71.92; H, 8.67.

Ketal of 17α-Hydroxypregnenolone (III).—From the reduction of the ketal (II) with lithium aluminum hydride in benzene–ether solution as plate-like prisms from acetone, m. p. 185–187°; $[\alpha]^{26}D$ −44.8° (chloroform). *Anal.* Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{36}O_4$: C, 73.36; H, 9.64. Found: C, 73.63; H, 9.70.

17α-Hydroxypregnenolone (**5-Pregnene-3β,17α-diol-20-one**) (IV).—From the ketal (III) by cleavage with sulfuric acid in aqueous methanol as fine prisms from methanol, m. p. 265°[2]; $[\alpha]^{28}D$ −34.4° (2 parts ethanol–1 part dioxane). *Anal.* Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{32}O_2$: C, 75.86; H, 9.70. Found: C, 75.42; H, 9.84. Acetylation of the 17α-hydroxypregnenolone with acetic anhydride-pyridine gave the acetate, needles from benzene–petroleum ether (b. p. 35–60°), m. p. 232–234°.[2]

By the Oppenauer oxidation of 16,17-oxidopregnenolone (16,17-oxido-5-prenene-3β-ol-20-one) we have incidentally prepared 16,17-oxidoprogesterone (16,17-oxido-4-pregnene-3,20-dione) as fine prisms from aqueous methanol, m. p. 205–207°; $[\alpha]^{27}D$ +160.8° (chloroform). *Anal.* Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{28}O_3$: C, 76.79; H, 8.59. Found: C, 76.50; H, 8.68.

The investigations are being continued.

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(2) *Cf.* Fuchs and Reichstein, *Helv. Chim. Acta*, **24**, 804 (1941) Hegner and Reichstein, *ibid.*, **24**, 828 (1941).