

halogen by hydrogen in the latter case should be attributed to the influence of the triazole ring and not to the *o*-nitro-group since 2-*m*-chlorophenyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid also lost its chlorine atom readily on similar treatment.

Unlike halogenation, which takes place exclusively in the 4-position, nitration occurs in the 3-position of *p*-substituted phenylosotriazoles. Thus, glucose *p*-tolylsotriazole tetra-acetate yielded the 4-methyl-3-nitrophenyl derivative (I; R = Me, R' = NO₂) identical with a specimen obtained from glucose 4-methyl-3-nitrophenylosazone by the action of bromine water; and glucose *p*-chlorophenylosotriazole tetra-acetate gave on nitration and hydrolysis glucose 4-chloro-3-nitrophenylosotriazole (I; R = Cl, R' = NO₂). On the other hand, glucose *p*-bromophenylosotriazole tetra-acetate (II; R = Br, R' = H) lost its bromine atom during nitration and afforded glucose *p*-nitrophenylosotriazole (I; R = NO₂, R' = H).

Oxidation of the sugar residues of glucose nitrophenylosotriazoles (I; R = NO₂, R' = H, Cl, or Me; R = Cl, R' = NO₂) with potassium permanganate led to the corresponding nitrophenyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acids. Here the methyl group, being *ortho* to the nitro-group, resisted oxidation owing to hydrogen bonding similar to that in *o*-nitrotoluene. 2-*p*-Aminophenyl- and 2-(3-methyl-4-aminophenyl)-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid were prepared from the corresponding nitro-acids by reduction. The former acid showed slight bacteriostatic activity against pneumococcus *in vitro*.

Glucose *p*-formylphenylosotriazole (I; R = CHO, R' = H) was readily obtained from glucose *p*-tolylsotriazole tetra-acetate (II; R = Me, R' = H) by oxidation with chromyl chloride, followed by hydrolysis, first, with methanolic ammonia and then with dilute acid. Potassium permanganate oxidised the *p*-tolylsotriazole tetra-acetate to glucose *p*-carboxyphenylosotriazole tetra-acetate (II; R = CO₂H, R' = H) but the yield was somewhat poor.

The ultraviolet absorption spectra of some of the above osotriazoles (I and II) and triazole-4-carboxylic acids were determined. Like the halogeno-derivatives investigated previously, they are characterised by a single peak (except that of glucose 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyloso-triazole which has 3 peaks) and, as expected, their absorption maxima are shifted to a much greater extent.

The dissociation constants of the substituted triazole-4-carboxylic acids show the expected variations and are in agreement with previous values.¹

EXPERIMENTAL

Absorption spectra were determined for ethanolic solutions with a Unicam S.P. 500 spectrophotometer.

Dissociation constants were determined in 4:1 w/w methylcellosolve-water according to a previously described procedure.¹

Osazones were prepared by heating glucose (10 g.) and the calculated amounts of the desired hydrazine hydrochloride and sodium acetate in water (400 ml.) on the water-bath for 2 hr.

Glucose Arylosotriazoles.—(A) *Oxidation with copper sulphate.* A solution of the osazone (5 g.) in hot dioxan (100 ml.) was refluxed with copper sulphate (5 g.) in water (100 ml.) for the period shown and filtered. To remove dioxan, the filtrate was distilled off until 100 ml. were collected and the residue was allowed to cool. The *osotriazole* which separated recrystallised from water-ethanol (see Table 1); it was soluble in ethanol or methanol and insoluble in water.

(B) *Oxidation with bromine.* The osazone (5 g.), suspended in water (250 ml.), was treated in the cold with bromine (8 ml.) and left at room temperature for the period shown with occasional shaking. The *osotriazole* was filtered off, washed, and recrystallised from water-ethanol (see Table 1).

(C) *Nitration of arylosotriazole tetra-acetates.* To a well-stirred cooled solution of the osotriazole tetra-acetate (20 g.), in glacial acetic acid (40 ml.), sulphuric acid (*d* 1.84) (40 ml.)

was added. Nitric acid (*d* 1.52) (8 ml.) was then added dropwise to the mixture during 1 hr., the temperature being kept below 20°. After a further hour's stirring, the mixture was poured on ice and extracted with chloroform. The chloroform layer was washed, dried, and distilled. The residue was hydrolysed by boiling 10% alcoholic sodium hydroxide (100 ml.) for 20 min.

TABLE 1.

Formation of glucose osotriazoles by copper sulphate or bromine.

Aryl in osotriazole	Time (hr.)	Yield (%)	M. p.	Found (%)			Formula	Required (%)			Procedure
				C	H	N		C	H	N	
1-C ₁₀ H ₇	2	33.3	155—157°	60.8	5.4	13.5	C ₁₆ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₄	61.0	5.4	13.3	A
<i>m</i> -HO ₂ C·CH:CH·C ₆ H ₄	2	30.3	206	53.5	5.1	12.1	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₆	53.7	5.1	12.5	A
<i>p</i> -NHAc·C ₆ H ₄ *	¼	37.0	224—225	49.6	5.9	16.4	C ₁₄ H ₁₈ N ₃ O ₅ ·H ₂ O	49.4	5.9	16.5	A
3,4-CH ₂ O ₂ ·C ₆ H ₃ *	¼	29.5	212—213	51.0	5.0	13.5	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ N ₃ O ₆	50.5	4.9	13.6	A
<i>p</i> -NC·C ₆ H ₄	10	24.0	211—212	54.0	4.9	19.1	C ₁₃ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄	53.8	4.8	19.3	A
<i>p</i> -NO ₂ ·C ₆ H ₄	24	8.0	250—253	46.7	4.5	17.9	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₆	46.5	4.5	18.1	B
3,4-NO ₂ ·C ₆ H ₃ Me	24	60.0	204—206	—	—	17.7	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₆	—	—	17.3	B

* Reaction was carried out without dioxan.

TABLE 2.

Formation of osotriazoles by nitration.

Aryl *	Subst. of aryl in product	Yield (%)	M. p.	Found (%)			Formula	Required (%)		
				C	H	N		C	H	N
Ph ⁵	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	82	250—253°	46.6	4.4	18.0	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₆	46.5	4.5	18.1
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Br ⁶ ...	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	66	250—253	46.9	4.6	17.9	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₆	46.5	4.5	18.1
<i>m</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Me [†] ...	3-Me-4-NO ₂	47	228	48.2	5.2	17.6	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₆	48.1	4.9	17.3
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Me ⁷ ...	4-Me-3-NO ₂	40	204—206	48.3	5.0	17.4	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₆	48.1	4.9	17.3
<i>m</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl [†] ...	3-Cl-4-NO ₂	59	210—212	41.5	3.9	15.9	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ ClN ₄ O ₆ ‡	41.8	3.8	16.3
<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Cl ²	4-Cl-3-NO ₂	43	150—152	42.3	4.0	—	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ ClN ₄ O ₆	41.8	3.8	—

* In glucose arylosotriazole tetra-acetate was used as starting material. † See Table 3. ‡ Found: Cl, 10.3. Req'd.: Cl, 10.3%.

or by saturated methanolic ammonia (100 ml.) at room temperature for 24 hr. The osotriazole which separated recrystallised from ethanol (see Table 2).

Glucose p-Formylphenylosotriazole.—Glucose *p*-tolyylosotriazole tetra-acetate⁷ (5 g.) in carbon tetrachloride (120 ml.) was treated with chromyl chloride (5 ml.) in portions and the mixture left for 3 hr. with occasional shaking. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with carbon tetrachloride, decomposed with sulphurous acid, and extracted with ether. The ethereal layer was separated, washed, and dried. *Glucose p-formylphenylosotriazole tetra-acetate* (4 g.), left after evaporation of ether, crystallised from methanol and had m. p. 90° (Found: C, 54.5; H, 5.3; N, 8.6. C₂₁H₂₃N₃O₉ requires C, 54.7; H, 5.0; N, 9.1%).

Hydrolysis. The acetate (2 g.) was suspended in methanolic ammonia and left overnight at room temperature. The product was then boiled with dilute hydrochloric acid for 15 min. and allowed to cool. *Glucose p-formylphenylosotriazole*, crystallised from water-ethanol, had m. p. 217°, soluble in ethanol and methanol and insoluble in water (Found: C, 53.5; H, 5.3; N, 14.2. C₁₃H₁₅N₃O₅ requires C, 53.2; H, 5.1; N, 14.3%).

Glucose Arylosotriazole Tetra-acetates.—A solution of the osotriazole (2 g.) in dry pyridine (30 ml.) was treated with acetic anhydride (30 ml.) and left for 24 hr., then poured on ice and extracted with ether. The ether layer was washed, dried, and evaporated. Unless otherwise stated, the *products* (Table 3) crystallised from methanol and were soluble in boiling ethanol, methanol, and ether and insoluble in water.

Glucose p-Aminophenylosotriazole Tetra-acetate.—(a) Glucose *p*-nitrophenylosotriazole tetra-acetate (5 g.) in ethanol (100 ml.) was hydrogenated at ordinary pressure⁸ over palladium-barium sulphate⁹ (2 g.) within 4 hr.; 600 ml. of hydrogen were absorbed. The mixture was

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TABLE 3.
 Substituted glucose phenylosotriazole tetra-acetates.

Subst. in aryl	M. p.	Yield (%)	Found (%)			Formula	Required (%)		
			C	H	N		C	H	N
<i>p</i> -NO ₂	114°	80	50.0	4.7	11.9	C ₂₀ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₁₀	50.2	4.6	11.7
3-Me-4-NO ₂	107—108	57	51.7	5.0	11.4	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₁₀	51.2	4.9	11.4
4-Me-3-NO ₂	114	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>m</i> -Me	93	80	56.6	5.7	9.5	C ₂₁ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₈	56.4	5.6	9.4
<i>m</i> -CO ₂ H	175	81	53.0	5.0	8.9	C ₂₁ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₁₀	52.8	4.8	8.8
<i>m</i> -Cl	91	79	52.0	4.9	9.1	C ₂₀ H ₂₂ ClN ₃ O ₈	51.4	4.7	9.0
3-Cl-4-NO ₂	114	65	47.3	4.3	10.8	C ₂₀ H ₂₁ ClN ₄ O ₁₀	46.8	4.1	10.9
4-Cl-3-NO ₂	126	66	—	—	10.9	C ₂₀ H ₂₁ ClN ₄ O ₁₀	—	—	10.9
4-Br-3-Me	114—115	51	—	—	7.7	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ BrN ₃ O ₈ †	—	—	8.0
<i>p</i> -NHAc *	105	66	53.6	5.3	11.4	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ N ₄ O ₉	53.8	5.3	11.4

* Crystallised from ether-light petroleum. † Found: Br, 14.8. Reqd.: Br, 15.2%.

 TABLE 4.
 Aryl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acids.

Subst. in Ph	M. p.	Yield (%)	Found (%)			Formula	Required (%)		
			C	H	N		C	H	N
<i>p</i> -NO ₂	237°	76	46.3	2.5	23.6	C ₉ H ₆ N ₄ O ₄	46.1	2.6	23.9
3-Me-4-NO ₂	250	40	48.3	3.4	22.4	C ₁₀ H ₈ N ₄ O ₄	48.4	3.2	22.6
3-Cl-4-NO ₂	228—230	50	40.6	2.3	20.4	C ₉ H ₅ ClN ₄ O ₄ *	40.2	1.9	20.9
4-Cl-3-NO ₂	220—222	30	40.6	1.9	20.6	C ₉ H ₅ ClN ₄ O ₄	40.2	1.9	20.9
<i>p</i> -NHAc	328 (decomp.)	66	53.6	4.2	22.8	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₃	53.6	4.1	22.8

* Found: Cl, 13.5. Reqd.: Cl, 13.2%.

 TABLE 5.
 Ultraviolet spectra and dissociation constants.

R	R'	<i>o</i> -Subst.	λ_{\max} .	log ϵ	λ_{\min} .	log ϵ	pK_a
<i>Osotriazole</i> (I)							
NO ₂	H	H	310	3.49	270	3.14	—
Me	NO ₂	H	270	4.26	—	—	—
Cl	NO ₂	H	245	3.87	—	—	—
NHAc	H	H	286—288	4.38	240—244	3.72	—
CN	H	H	286	4.78	235—236	3.63	—
O-CH ₂ -O		H	230	3.64	246	2.34	—
			285—286	3.76	290	3.72	—
			300—310	3.80	—	—	—
<i>Osotriazole tetra-acetate</i>							
NH ₂	H	H	300	4.27	240	2.63	—
<i>2-Aryl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acids</i>							
NO ₂	H	H	310	4.27	256	2.82	4.54
NO ₂	Cl	H	286	4.23	250	3.84	4.44
NO ₂	Me	H	—	—	—	—	4.57
Cl	NO ₂	H	242	4.27	—	—	—
NH ₂	H	H	—	—	—	—	5.28
NH ₂	Me	H	—	—	—	—	5.37
NHAc	H	H	282	4.85	245	4.27	—
H	H	Me	—	—	—	—	5.10
Cl	Cl	H	276—278	4.46	234—238	3.58	4.68
Br	Cl	H	276	4.57	238	3.27	4.63
Br	H	Me	258	4.06	—	—	4.95
Br	Br	H	280	4.49	240	3.42	4.67
Br	CO ₂ H	H	260—264	4.39	226—228	3.92	5.04

filtered and concentrated; *glucose p-aminophenylosotriazole tetra-acetate* separated. Crystallised from methanol, it had m. p. 120°, the solubility being as for the other acetates (Found: C, 53.3; H, 5.4; N, 12.6. C₂₀H₂₄N₄O₈ requires C, 53.6; H, 5.4; N, 12.5%).

(b) *Glucose 3-chloro-4-nitrophenylosotriazole tetra-acetate* (2 g.) was catalytically hydrogenated as above, yielding the preceding acetate, m. p. and mixed m. p. 120°.

2-Phenyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic Acid.—A solution of 2-*m*-chlorophenyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid (0.3 g.) in ethanol was catalytically hydrogenated as above and yielded 2-phenyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid (0.2 g.), m. p. and mixed m. p. 191°¹⁰ (Found: C, 57.1; H, 3.6; N, 22.2; Cl, 0.0. Calc. for C₉H₇N₃O₂: C, 57.1; H, 3.7; N, 22.2%).

Various 2-Aryl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic Acids.—A boiling suspension of the osotriazole (1—2 g.), in water (100—200 ml.), was treated with potassium permanganate (3—6 g.) until a pink colour persisted. The hot mixture was filtered, treated with sodium hydrogen sulphite, and acidified. The acid which separated recrystallised from water-ethanol; it was soluble in ethanol or methanol and insoluble in water (see Table 4).

2-p-Aminophenyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic Acid.—2-*p*-Nitrophenyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid (1 g.) in methanol (50 ml.) was heated with 1.5% aqueous sodium dithionite (200 ml.) for 1 hr. The solution was poured in water (100 ml.) containing a little ammonia, concentrated, and extracted with ether. The ether layer was washed, dried, and concentrated, whereby 2-*p*-aminophenyl-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid separated (0.3 g.). Crystallised from water-ethanol, it had m. p. 265° (decomp.) and was soluble in ethanol, methanol, and ether and insoluble in water (preliminary experiments showed that it possessed bacteriostatic activity against pneumococcus *in vitro*) (Found: C, 53.1; H, 4.0; N, 27.4. C₉H₈N₄O₂ requires C, 52.9; H, 3.9; N, 27.4%).

2-(4-Amino-3-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic Acid.—2-(3-Methyl-4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid (0.6 g.), when catalytically hydrogenated, yielded 2-(4-amino-3-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid (0.3 g.), m. p. 215—217°, solubility as for the other acids (Found: N, 25.6. C₁₀H₁₀N₄O₂ requires N, 25.7%).

Spectra and Dissociation Constants.—These are recorded in Table 5.

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