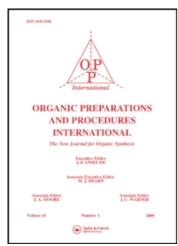
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During the study of the stereochemistry of the hydride uptake of substituted 2,4-dimethyl-3-carbamoylpyridinium cations we observed both 1,6 and 1,4 reductions. To exclude the former we focussed our attention on the corresponding quinolinium compounds, which have been introduced and recently applied as NAD model systems. The present procedure for the title compound is an improvement of the well documented Friedländer synthesis. The use of acidified isopropanol as a reaction medium in the Kempter modification effects a rapid conversion and a simple isolation of the product, directly in the form of its salt.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

3-Carbethoxy-2,4-dimethylquinoline Hydrochloride. Finely powdered $\frac{0}{0}$ aminoacetophenone hydrochloride (0.5 g, 2.9 mmoles) was suspended in a solution of i-PrOH (5 ml), i-PrOH/HCl 6 (0.5 ml) and ethyl acetoacetate (0.76 g, 5.8 mmoles). The mixture was rapidly heated to its boiling point, which resulted in a clear solution. After maintaining this temper-

ature for a few minutes a precipitate separated. Cooling, addition of dry ether (20 ml), filtration and washing with dry ether yielded 0.76 g (98%, mp. 190-192°) of 3-carbethoxy-2,4-dimethylquinoline hydrochloride.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.47 (t,3H,J = 6Hz,CH₂CH₃), 2.88(s,3H,4-CH₃), 3.12(s,3H,2-CH₃), 4.52(q,2H,J = 6Hz,CH₂CH₃), 7.73-9.03(m,4H,Ar-<u>H</u>)

An analytical sample was obtained from MeOH acidified with i-PrOH/HC1/ $$_{\rm ether.\,^6}$$

Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅NO₂HCl: C, 63.27; H, 6.07; N, 5.27

Found: C, 63.30; H, 6.16; N, 5.27

Basification of an aqueous solution of this hydrochloride followed by extraction with $\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}$, drying and evaporation yielded 3-carbethoxy-2,4-dimethylquinoline as an oil. $^1\mathrm{H}\text{-NMR}$ data were identical to those described in the literature. 3

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