FORMATION OF NOVEL 1,5-DIAMINO-1H-[1,2,4]TRIAZOLO[1,5-c] QUINAZOLINIUM BROMIDES

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4-Chloroquinazolines re-arrange with hydrazine hydrate to yield 4-amino-4H-1,2,4-triazoles (la-k). Cyanogen bromide reacts with ortho-phenylene diamine to give 2-aminobenzimidazoles and its reaction with the triazoles (la-k) in ethanol at 70 - 80°C. gave in goodyield (60 - 90%) products which, by analogy to the condensation of the triazoles with trialkylorthoesters, would be expected to have been the 6-amino-5H-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-d][1,3,4]benztriazepines hydrobromides (3a-k). However, we provide evidence that the products are the isomeric 1,5-diamino-1H-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-c] quinazolinium bromides (2a-k).

Support for structures (2a-k) came when compound (2a) m.p. 227°C., was found to have a high basic strength (pKa>11) in agreement with the proposed quaternary structure whilst 5H-1,2, 4-triazolo[4,3-d][1,3,4] benzotriazepine (4) had only a pKa of 1.7. Even with an amino group in position 6 (3a), the increase in basicity would only be in the region of 2 - 4 units³. Also, compound (2a) deaminated in nitrous acid to yield 5-amino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-c] quinazoline (5) and not (6) in agreement with the deamination of quaternary 4-amino-1,2,4-triazole salts to 1,2,4-triazoles under nitrous acid conditions⁴. The mass spectrum of (2a), apart from its mass ion at 281, was identical to that of (5). Compound (5) was synthesised from (7) and cyanogen bromide; NMR data differentiated between (5) and the isomeric (6).

The precise molecular configuration of (2a) was finally established using X-ray crystallographic techniques which proved conclusively that compound (2a) has the structure shown and not (3a).

Satisfactory analyses and spectral data were obtained for all new compounds.

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