

THERMAL REARRANGEMENT OF PYRIDINIUM ANHYDROBASES: MIGRATION OF
 N-SUBSTITUENTS TO METHINE CARBON[†]

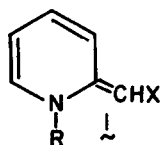
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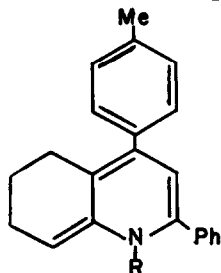
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N-Benzyl and N-methyl groups migrate to the methine carbon atom on thermolysis of pyridinium anhydrobases. Cross-over experiments indicate an intermolecular reaction, probably involving homolysis.

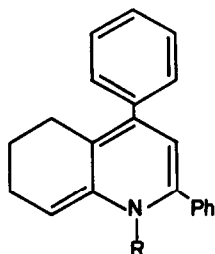
Pyridinium anhydrobases **1** are implicated in many reactions of pyridinium cations.¹ In most cases where X was not an electron-withdrawing group, the free anhydrobase is unstable (for a summary see ref. 2), but we recently found² that the fused alicyclic ring in **2** confers considerable stability.



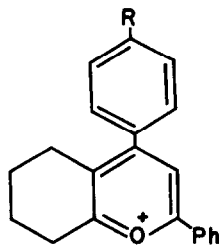
- 2** R = 4-MeC₆H₄
3 R = Me
4 R = PhCH₂



- 7** R = PhCH₂
8 R = 4-MeC₆H₄CH₂

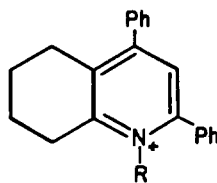


- 5** R = 4-MeC₆H₄CH₂
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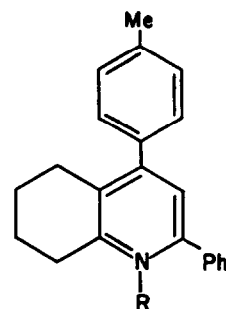


- 9** R = H
10 R = Me

Reported reactions² of pyridinium anhydrobases are all with electrophiles at the exocyclic carbon - emphasizing their enamine character. The recent discovery³ that pyridinium compounds can undergo facile homolytic loss of the N-substituent led to speculation that radical pathways could occur for anhydrobases. The present paper describes a novel thermal rearrangement of N-alkyl group to the α'-position of anhydrobases which we believe involves a radical path.



- 11** R = Me
12 R = Prⁿ
13 R = Buⁿ
14 R = PhCH₂
15 R = 4-MeC₆H₄CH₂
16 R = Ph
17 R = PhCH₂CH₂



- 18** R = PhCH₂
19 R = 4-MeC₆H₄CH₂

[†]Dedicated to the memory of Academician F. Sorm

Preparation of Anhydrobases.- The bicyclic pyrylium 9 was prepared as tetrafluoroborate following Russian work⁴ and as triflate.² The triflate of 10 was prepared analogously. Pyryliums 9 and 10 gave the corresponding pyridiniums 11-17 and 18-19, respectively, with primary amines (Table 1). These pyridiniums on

products were proved to be 20-22, 24, 25 and 29, respectively, by ¹H and ¹³C nmr spectra.

The ¹³C nmr spectra in the aliphatic region (Table 4) revealed the expected triplets for C-5, C-6, C-7 together with a doublet for C-8. The 8 α -CH₂ peak appeared as a triplet together with quartets for the methyl

Table 1. Preparation of 2-phenyl-4-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolinium salts.

Cpd. no.	Substituents 1 4	Anion	Time ^a h	Yield (%)	M.p. (°C)	Crystal form ^b	Found %				Molecular formula	Required %			
							C	H	N	S		C	H	N	S
<u>11</u>	Me Ph	CF ₃ SO ₃	12	88	113-114	Pl	61.8	5.0	3.1	7.2	C ₂₃ H ₂₂ F ₃ NO ₃ S	61.8	4.9	3.1	7.1
<u>12</u>	Pr ⁿ Ph	CF ₃ SO ₃	6	92	97-98	Pl ^c	62.5	5.5	2.7	6.9	C ₂₅ H ₂₆ F ₃ NO ₃ S	62.9	5.5	2.9	6.7
<u>13</u>	Bu ⁿ Ph	CF ₃ SO ₃	12	89	46-48	Pr ^c	63.9	5.7	2.9	6.5	C ₂₆ H ₂₈ F ₃ NO ₃ S	63.5	5.7	2.9	6.5
<u>14</u>	PhCH ₂ Ph	CF ₃ SO ₃	4	97	158-159	N	66.3	4.9	2.7	6.1	C ₂₉ H ₂₆ F ₃ NO ₃ S	66.3	5.0	2.7	6.1
<u>15</u>	4-Me-PhCH ₂ Ph	CF ₃ SO ₃	6	99	156	N	66.6	5.2	2.6	5.8	C ₃₀ H ₂₈ F ₃ NO ₃ S	66.8	5.2	2.6	5.9
<u>15</u>	4-Me-PhCH ₂ Ph	BF ₄	5	97	201-203	Pr	72.8	5.7	3.2	-	C ₂₉ H ₂₈ BF ₄ N	73.0	5.7	3.0	-
<u>16</u>	Ph Ph	CF ₃ SO ₃	12	95	186-188 ^d	N	65.5	4.7	2.7	-	C ₂₈ H ₂₄ F ₃ NO ₃ S	65.5	4.7	2.7	-
<u>17</u>	Ph(CH ₂) ₂ Ph	CF ₃ SO ₃	6	94	134	Pl	66.5	5.2	2.6	6.1	C ₃₀ H ₂₈ F ₃ NO ₃ S	66.8	5.2	2.6	5.9
<u>18</u>	PhCH ₂ p-Tolyl	CF ₃ SO ₃	4	97	162-164	N	66.9	5.2	2.6	6.0	C ₃₀ H ₂₈ F ₃ NO ₃ S	66.8	5.2	2.6	5.9
<u>18</u>	PhCH ₂ p-Tolyl	BF ₄	4	99	229-230	N	72.6	5.9	2.9	-	C ₂₉ H ₂₈ BF ₄ N	73.0	5.9	2.9	-
<u>19</u>	4-Me-PhCH ₂ p-Tolyl	CF ₃ SO ₃	5	96	188-189	N	67.4	5.5	2.5	5.8	C ₃₁ H ₃₀ F ₃ NO ₃ S	67.3	5.4	2.5	5.8
<u>19</u>	4-Me-PhCH ₂ p-Tolyl	BF ₄	12	98	225-227	N	73.1	6.1	2.8	-	C ₃₀ H ₃₀ BF ₄ N	73.1	6.1	2.9	-
<u>27</u>	PhCH ₂ Ph	CF ₃ SO ₃	18	86	157-158	N	66.7	5.3	2.6	5.9	C ₃₀ H ₂₈ F ₃ NO ₃ S	66.8	5.2	2.6	5.9

^aAll reactions were run using CH₂Cl₂ as a solvent at room temperature, unless otherwise indicated. ^bAll compounds were recrystallised from absolute ethanol, unless otherwise indicated. ^cCrystallised from absolute ethanol/ether.

^dAlso forms microcrystals m.p. 203-205 °C, R.T. Langthorne unpublished work.

^eReaction was run in refluxing ethanol.

treatment with NaOEt/EtOH were smoothly converted into the corresponding anhydrobases 4-8 (Table 2). The anhydrobases decompose on attempted crystallisation or on standing and did not give satisfactory analyses: they were characterised by their ¹H nmr spectra.

Thermolysis of Anhydrobases.- On heating under reduced pressure at 200-250 °C, the anhydrobases 3-5, 7, 8 and 28 were all converted into isomeric compounds which sublimed in an analytically pure state (Table 3). The structures of these isomeric

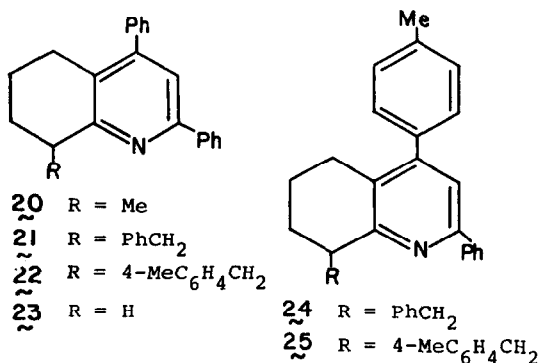


Table 2. Preparation and physical properties of 1-substituted-2-phenyl-4-aryl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydroquinolines.

Compd. no.	Substituents		Yield %	M.p. °C	Cryst. form ^a	Aromatic multiplet		¹ H NMR Data 100 MHz				Aliphatic region multiplets ^b
	1	4				δ	H	C ₃ (H) δ	C ₈ (H) δ	CH ₂ δ	CH ₃ δ	
4	PhCH ₂	Ph	80	123-125	N	7.23-7.32	15	5.14	4.00	4.44	-	1.20-2.60 (5H)
5	p-MeC ₆ H ₄ CH ₂	Ph	97	86	N	7.15-7.70	14	5.20	4.00	4.42	2.40	1.60 (4H), 2.10 (t*, 2H)
6	Ph	Ph	92	85	N	6.9-7.40	15	5.12	3.74	-	-	1.52 (m, 2H), 2.04 (t*, 2H), 2.40 (t*, 2H).
7	PhCH ₂	p-Tolyl	88	110-112	M	7.00-7.60	14	5.15	4.01	4.43	2.40	1.40-1.6 (2H), 2.13 (t*, 2H), 2.4 (t*, 2H).
8	p-MeC ₆ H ₄ CH ₂	p-Tolyl	86	85-86	M	7.10-7.30	13	5.13	(d)	4.07	2.33	1.10-1.30 (2H), 2.05 (t*, 2H), 2.4 (t*, 2H).
28	PhCH ₂	Ph	90	102-103	N ^c	6.70-7.80	15	5.80	-	4.2	2.0	1.54 (2H), 2.23 (4H).

^a Crystallised from CH₂Cl₂/isopropanol at room temperature, thermally too unstable to give satisfactory analysis; N = needles, M = microcrystals.

^b t* = distorted triplet; d = signals are hidden within the aliphatic region.

^c Analysis; Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₇N: C, 89.5; H, 6.90; N, 3.6. Found: C, 89.2; H, 7.4; N, 3.6%.

Table 3. 8-Substituted-2-phenyl-4-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolines, Products of thermolysis of anhydrobases.

Cpd. no.	Substituents		Reaction Conditions			Yield ^a (%)	M.p. (°C)	Found, %			Analysis Molecular Formula	Required, %		
	4	8	Temp. °C	Pressure mmHg	Time			C	H	N		C	H	N
20	Ph	Me	200	25	5	70	^b	88.0	6.6	4.7	C ₂₂ H ₂₁ N	88.3	7.0	4.7
21	Ph	PhCH ₂	260	25	6	90	45-47	89.4	6.7	3.7	C ₂₈ H ₂₅ N	89.6	6.7	3.7
22	Ph	4-Me-PhCH ₂	250	25	4	87	52-53	89.5	7.0	3.7	C ₂₉ H ₂₇ N	89.5	7.0	3.7
23	Ph	H	260	25	3	89	102-104 ^c	88.5	6.8	4.6	C ₂₁ H ₁₉ N	88.4	6.7	4.9
24	4-Me-Ph	PhCH ₂	220	0.3	4	85	64-66	89.3	7.0	3.6	C ₂₉ H ₂₇ N	89.5	6.9	3.6
25	4-Me-Ph	4-Me-PhCH ₂	220	0.3	3	85	55-56	89.2	7.3	3.5	C ₃₀ H ₂₉ N	89.3	7.2	3.5
29	Ph	CH ₃ , PhCH ₂	220	0.3	4	83	62-64	89.3	7.0	3.6	C ₂₉ H ₂₇ N	89.5	6.9	3.6

^a All compounds were obtained as microcrystals, unless otherwise indicated.

^b Thick oil. ^c Lit. m.p. 103-104 °C, A.M. El-Mowafy, Ph.D. Thesis, University of East Anglia, 1980.

Table 4. ^{13}C Chemical shifts of the aliphatic region of 8-substituted-2,4-diaryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline ^a

Compd.	Aliphatic Ring Carbons ^b				CH ₂ (t)	8-Me (q)	4-Me (q)
	C ₅ (t)	C ₆ (t)	C ₇ (t)	C ₈ (d)			
<u>21</u>	41.6	27.1	27.8	43.3	20.4	-	-
<u>22</u>	41.2	27.0	27.7	43.3	20.3	21.0	-
<u>24</u>	41.6	27.1	27.8	43.3	20.4	-	21.2
<u>25</u>	41.2	27.0	27.8	43.3	20.4	21.0	21.2
<u>29</u>	48.0	29.4	34.0	41.7 ^e	19.0	8-CH ₃	29.4
<u>23</u> ^c	31.4	27.5	27.5	36.7	-	-	-
<u>20</u> ^d	31.3	20.6	27.8	36.3	-	-	-

^a Spectra were run at room temperature on a JEOL FX-100 at 25.0 MHz using CDCl₃ as internal reference. Typical conditions were: 5KHz width; 8 K data; pulse width 9 μsec with a repetition time of 1 sec. ^b in ppm; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet. ^c Spectrum was recorded in dms_o-d₆. ^d CH₃ = 21.9 ppm. ^e singlet

groups. The ^1H nmr spectra (Table 5) showed the expected signals: the benzylic protons were non equivalent and appeared as the AB peaks of ABX

multiplets: in 29 the benzylic protons form a simple AB quartet with a typical J_{gem} value.

This rearrangement does not occur

Table 5. ^1H NMR spectral data of 2-phenyl-4-aryl-8-substituted-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline

Cpd. no.	Substituents		Aliphatic mult.		CH ₃ 8-CH ₃ δ	Benzylic ^c protons		H ₈	Aromatic mult.		H
	C ₄	C ₈	δ	H		H _A	H _X		δ		
<u>20</u>	Ph	CH ₃	2.60-2.20	4	1.52 ^a	-	-	3.10	7.0	-7.60	9
			2.6	3	2.34 ^e	-	-		7.98-8.07	2	
<u>21</u> ^b	Ph	PhCH ₂	1.60-1.75	2	-	-	-	3.40	7.24	-7.55	14
			1.80-2.85	2	-	2.88	3.91		8.13-8.17	2	
			2.70	2	-	-	-		-	-	
<u>22</u>	Ph	p-xylyl	1.40-2.05	4	2.34 ^e	2.84	3.84	3.35	7.10	-7.70	13
			2.48-2.8	2	-	-	-		8.0	-8.20	2
<u>24</u>	p-tolyl	PhCH ₂	1.40-2.00	2	2.42 ^f	2.84	3.80	3.32	7.20	-7.60	13
			2.60-2.78	2	-	-	-		8.00	-8.18	2
<u>25</u>	p-tolyl	p-xylyl	1.40-2.0	4	3.36 ^f	2.80	3.80	3.30	7.00	-7.60	11
			2.48-2.68	2	2.28 ^e	-	-		7.94	-8.10	2
<u>29</u>	Ph	Me, PhCH ₂	1.62-2.57	6	1.49 ^g	3.22 ^d	3.42 ^d	-	7.10	-7.60	14
			-	-	-	-	-		8.00	-8.20	2

^a 8-Me, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz. ^b Spectrum was recorded on 300 MHz NIC spectrometer. ^c $J_{\text{AX}} = 13.5$ Hz, $J_{\text{MX}} = 4.0$ Hz and $J_{\text{AM}} = 10.6$ Hz. ^d AB quartet, $J_{\text{AB}} = 13$ Hz. ^e 8'-Me. ^f 4'-Me. ^g 8-Me.

for N-aryl compounds: anhydrobase 6 on pyrolysis under the same conditions lost completely the N-phenyl group and formed the known tetrahydroquinoline 23.

Mechanism of the Rearrangement.- To ascertain the intra- or intermolecularity of this rearrangement we pyrolysed a mixture of the two anhydrobases 4 and 8. For an intramolecular reaction, we expect only two products 21 and 25. However, if the reaction is intermolecular we expect, in addition, the formation of 22 and 24.

The sublimate for pyrolysis of

4 + 8 was examined by GC-MS. For standardization, the MS of the four possible products 21, 22, 24, 25 were first elucidated on the pure compounds: these products gave similar degradation patterns as shown in Scheme I and Table 6. In each case the molecular ion lost the 8-benzyl substituent to give 30 or 31 as the base peak; further loss of phenyl now afforded 32 or 33. The other main fragmentation involves loss of H to 34-37 which then lost ethylene to 38-41.

Scheme I

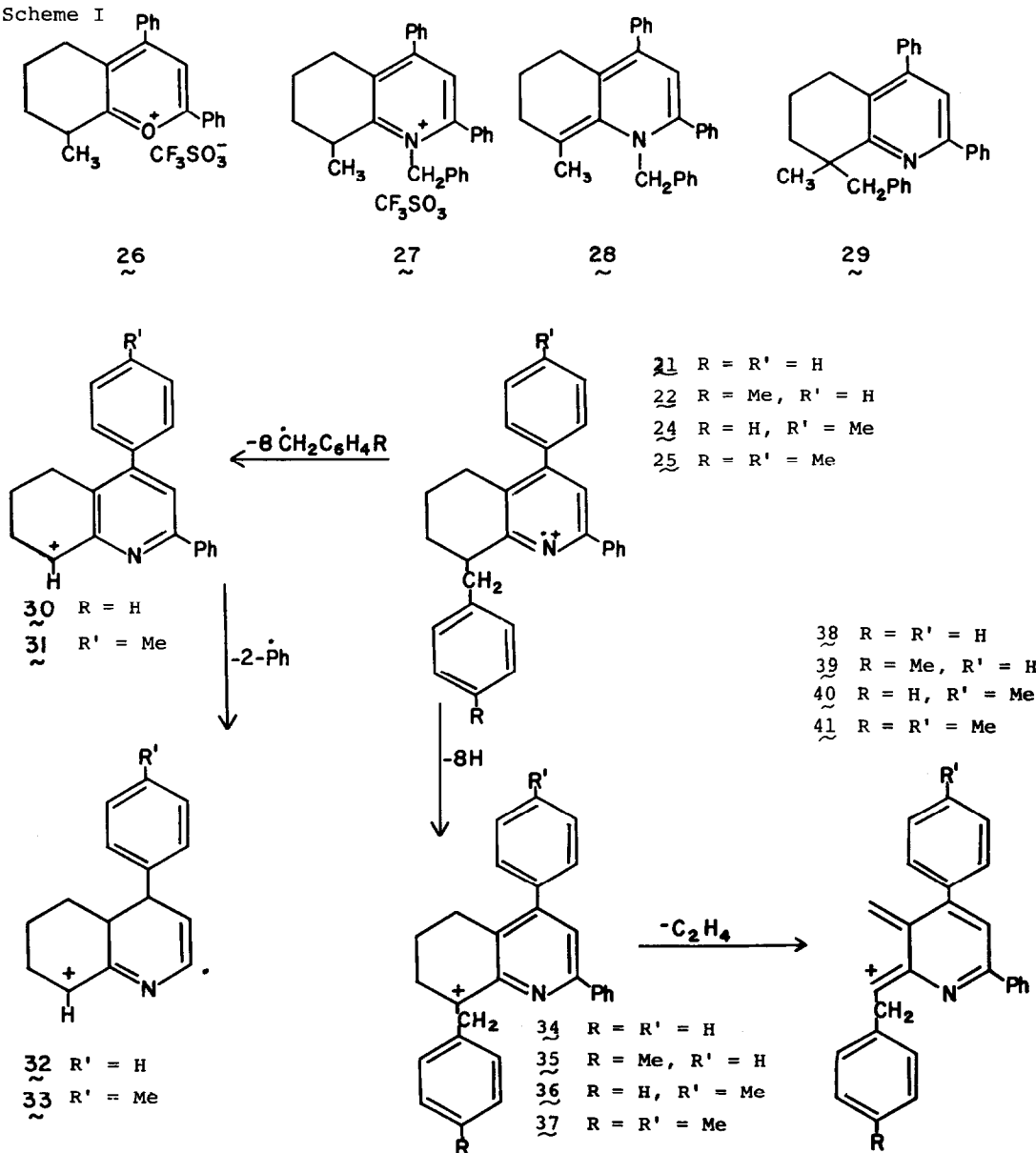


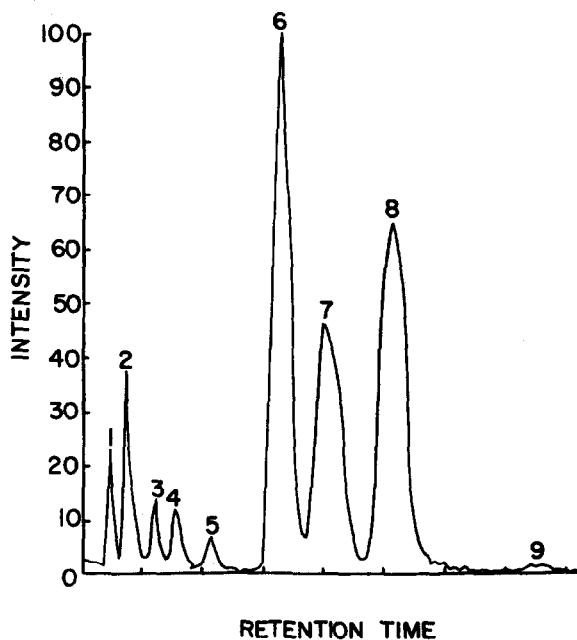
Table 6. Mass spectral fragmentation pattern of individual compounds.

Ion	Position ^a	<u>21</u>			<u>22</u>			<u>24</u>			<u>25</u>		
		Str.	<u>b</u> m/e	I ^b (%)	Str.	<u>b</u> m/e	I ^b (%)	Str.	<u>b</u> m/e	I ^b (%)	Str.	<u>b</u> m/e	I ^b (%)
M	-	<u>21</u>	375	82.7	<u>22</u>	389	61.0	<u>24</u>	389	90.8	<u>25</u>	403	85.6
M-H	8	<u>34</u>	374	38.4	<u>35</u>	388	24.1	<u>36</u>	388	42.2	<u>37</u>	462	41.6
M-C ₂ H ₅	6,7,8	<u>38</u>	347	16.0	<u>39</u>	361	21.2	<u>40</u>	361	14.6	<u>41</u>	375	16.6
M-Ph	2	-	298	11.6	-	312	1.5	-	312	8.1	-	312	9.6
M-CH ₂ Ph-R	8	<u>30</u>	284	100.0	<u>30</u>	284	100.0	<u>31</u>	298	100.0	<u>31</u>	298	100.0
M-CH ₂ PhR-PhR	8,2	<u>32</u>	207	12.1	<u>32</u>	207	2.4	<u>33</u>	207	16.2	<u>33</u>	207	8.0
R-PhCH ₂	8		91	28.5	-	105	36.1	-	91	22.3	-	105	22.4

^a Position indicates from where the fragment has been lost. ^b Str. = Structure, I = Intensity.

The GC spectrum (see Fig. 1 and Table 7) gave five major peaks (minor peaks nos. 3,4,5 and 9 are trace contaminants). Peaks 6 and 8 are for the expected products 21 and 25 respectively, which result from the separate pyrolysis of compounds 4 and 8. Products 21 and 25

Figure 1



are formed in nearly equal amounts. The "cross over" products 22 and 24 possess nearly equal retention times and together compose peak 7. The MS from peak 7 was found to be identical with a superposition of the MS from compounds 22 and 24. The formation of substantial amounts of 22 and 24 clearly indicates an intermolecular pathway. The ratio of the "cross over" products (22 + 24) to those which would be obtained through an intramolecular pathway (21 + 25) is ca. 1:3 (cf. Table 7). If the reaction had been completely random, a 1:1 ratio would be expected. Hence these results suggest that although the benzyl N-bond breaks (cf. 42) to give a radical pair (43), the benzyl radicals tend to be trapped more rapidly by the β -carbon of the same molecule to give 44. This explains the distribution ratios of the products in Table 7. Peaks 1 and 2 are probably due to traces of quinolines 23 and 45 respectively, the corresponding MS data are presented in Table 8.

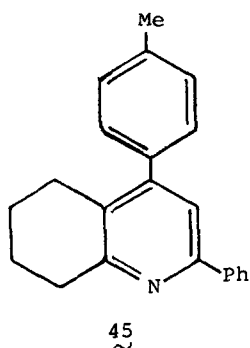
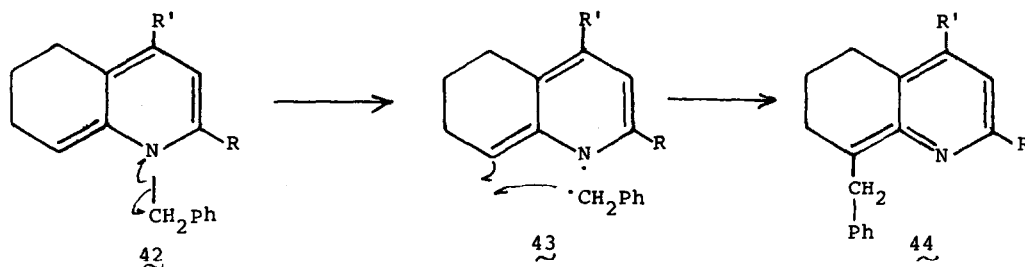


Table 7. GC Data for pyrolysis of mixture of 4 and 8 (cf. Fig. 1).

PK. No.	Compound No.	R.T. (sec)	Area
1	<u>23</u>	190	2.96
2	<u>42</u>	224	7.13
3	*	293	2.77
4	*	334	3.06
5	*	416	2.16
6	<u>21</u>	574	40.82
7	<u>22</u> + <u>24</u>	670	27.50
8	<u>25</u>	827	38.96
9	*	1136	1.31

* Unknown background

Table 8. Major mass spectral fragmentation pattern of quinolines 23 and 42.

Ion	Position from which fragment is lost	Cpd. <u>23</u>		Cpd. <u>42</u>	
		m/e	Intensity	m/e	Intensity
M	-	285	77.5	299	83.0
M-H	8	284	100.0	298	100.0
M-15	4	-	-	284	16.1
M-29	6,7,8	256	9.9	270	7.3
M-207	2 or 4	77	8.6	222	7.8

EXPERIMENTAL

The ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian HA-100 and a Jeol FX-100 spectrometers at 100 MHz, ^{13}C nmr spectra were recorded on a Jeol FX-100

spectrometer at 25.0 MHz using tetramethylsilane as internal standard for ^1H nmr or CDCl_3 for ^{13}C spectra. Ir spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer

297 and 283B spectrophotometers, in CHBr_3 solutions. GC/MS spectra were obtained on an AEI MS 30 instrument equipped with a DS-55 data system. M.p.'s were recorded on a Reichert hot stage microscope and are uncorrected.

The following compounds were prepared according to the literature procedures quoted: 1,3-diphenyl-1-(oxocyclohexyl)-propan-3-one, m.p. 147-149 °C (lit.⁵ m.p. 148-149 °C); 2,4-diphenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrochromylium both as triflate m.p. 183-184 °C (lit.² m.p. 182-183 °C), and as tetrafluoroborate, m.p. 213-214 °C (lit.⁴ m.p. 212-214 °C).

1-Phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-3-(oxocyclohexyl)-propan-3-one was prepared following the procedure reported⁵ for the preparation of 1,3-diphenyl-1-(oxocyclohexyl)-propan-3-one (80%), m.p. 140-141 °C; ν (cm⁻¹) 1690 m, 1440 s; δ (CDCl₃) 1.0-2.0 (m, 4 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H), 2.32-3.72 (m, 4 H), 7.0-8.0 (m, 9 H). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₄O₂: C, 82.5; H, 7.5. Found: C, 82.5; H, 7.4%.

2-Phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrochromenylium triflate **10** was prepared according to literature procedure.² To a mixture of 4-methylbenzoalacetophenone (30.0 g, 13.5 mmol) and cyclohexanone (6.6 g, 6.8 mmol) in 150 ml of absolute ether was added trifluoromethanesulphonic acid dropwise (6 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h to give a solid material which was filtered off, washed with ether and recrystallised from ethanol to give pyrylium **10** (10.7 g, 35%) as prisms, m.p. 185-187 °C; ν 1620 s, 1600 s, 1500 s, 1475 s, 1270 b, 1030 s cm⁻¹. δ (CDCl₃/TFA) 1.67-2.33 (m, 4 H), 2.50 (s, 3 H), 2.90 (t*, 2 H), 3.30 (t*, 2 H), 7.30-7.80 (m, 7 H), 8.00-8.23 (m, 3 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₈F₃O₄S: C, 61.3; H, 4.7; S, 7.2. Found: C, 61.2; H, 4.7; S, 7.1%.

The corresponding BF₄ salt was prepared following the Russian procedure⁴ with modification where Ac₂O was used as a hydride abstractor instead of the chalcone. A mixture of 3-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)-1-(oxocyclohexyl)-propan-3-one (10 g, 31.3 mmol) and Ac₂O (3.2 g, 31.3 mmol) was stirred at 100 °C for 5 min. Borontrifluoride etherate (10.0 g, 45%) was added dropwise and the mixture was refluxed at 20 °C for 15 min. After cooling 20 ml of ethanol were added followed by 400 ml of ether to afford the pyrylium salt **10**, recrystallised from acetonitrile-ether (7.9 g, 65%), m.p. 198-201 °C; ν 1620 s, 1050 b; δ 1.70 (m, 2 H), 2.22 (s, 3 H), 2.70 (t*, 2 H), 3.10 (t*, 2 H), 7.10-7.50 (m, 8 H), 7.80-7.90 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₁BF₄O: C, 68.0; H, 5.4. Found: C, 67.9; H, 5.4%.

General Procedure for the preparation of 1-Substituted-2,4-diaryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolinium BF₄ and CF₃SO₃ (11-19 and 21).- To a suspension of the chromenylium salt (5 mmol) in

CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml) at 25 °C was added the amine (5.2 mmol). The red solution was stirred for appropriate time (Table 1). After concentration of the orange solution in vacuo (25 mmHg), the residue was triturated with ether (500 ml) to give after filtration the quinolinium salt, recrystallised from absolute EtOH. See Table 1 for physical data.

General Method for the Reaction of 2,4-Diaryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolinium salts with sodium ethoxide.- To a solution of the quinolinium salt (2 mmol) in absolute EtOH (15 ml), NaH (2.2 mmol) was added carefully at room temperature. After 5-15 min the anhydrobases **2-8** and **29** were precipitated as orange and yellow solids respectively. They were filtered off and washed with 95% cold EtOH (5 ml) (80-90%). Attempted recrystallisation of these anhydrobases resulted in decomposition. See Table 2 for ¹H nmr data.

Thermolysis of Anhydrobases.- 400 mg of a well dried anhydrobase were heated to 180 °C in a cold finger tube for 5 min after which vacuum was applied and temperature raised. The sublimate was collected on a cold finger. See Table 3 for reaction conditions and analyses; Tables 4 and 5 for ¹³C and ¹H nmr chemical shifts respectively.

2,4-Diphenyl-8-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrochromenylium triflate **26**.- A mixture of benzalacetophenone (5 g, 2.4 mmol), 2-methylcyclohexane (1.80 g, 1.6 mmol) and trifluoromethanesulphonic acid (4.6 g, 2.4 mmol) was heated on a steam bath for 2 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, triturated with ether (200 ml) and stirred vigorously for 8 h to give a yellow solid which was filtered off and recrystallised from absolute ethanol as microcrystals (1.5 g, 21%); m.p. 130-133 °C; ν 1615 s, 1270 b, 1030 s cm⁻¹; δ (CDCl₃) 1.61 (d, 3 H, J = 7 Hz), 1.82 (m, 3 H), 2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.88 (m, 2 H), 3.5 (m, 1 H), 7.4-8.4 (m, 11 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₈F₃SO₄: C, 61.3; H, 4.7; S, 7.2. Found C, 61.4; H, 4.8; S, 7.2%.

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