NEW SYNTHESIS OF PYRIMIDO[5,4-e]-as-TRIAZINES BY THE REACTION OF 6-HYDRAZINO-1,3-DIMETHYL-5-NITROSOURACIL WITH BENZYLIDENETRIPHENYLPHOSPHORANES

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Treatment of 6-hydrazino-1,3-dimethyl-5-nitrosouracil with benzylidenetriphenylphosphoranes gave the corresponding 3-arylfervenulins (3-aryl-6,8-dimethylpyrimido[5,4-e]-as-triazine-5,7(6H,8H)-diones).

Recent papers1 from our laboratory described that the reaction of 6-amino-1,3-dimethyl-5-nitrosouracil with benzylidenetriphenylphosphoranes or phenacylidenedetriphenylphosphoranes gives purines and pteridines, respectively. In conjunction with these findings and our interest in pyrimido[5,4-e]-as-triazines,2 we wish to report the reaction of 6-hydrazino-1,3-dimethyl-5-nitrosouracil (I)3 with benzylidenetriphenylphosphoranes leading to 3-arylfervenulins (3-aryl-6,8-dimethylpyrimido[5,4-e]-as-triazine-5,7(6H,8H)-diones; IVa-e).

Heating of a mixture of I (0.199g, 0.001 mol), sodium methoxide
(0.162g, 0.003 mol), and benzylidenetriphenylphosphonium bromide (prepared by treatment of benzyl bromide (0.256g, 0.0015 mol) and triphenylphosphine (0.393g, 0.0015 mol) in dry dimethylformamide (5 ml) at 90°C for 30 min) at 90°C for 3 hr, followed by evaporation in vacuo to dryness, and subsequent dilution with ethanol caused the separation of 3-phenylfervenulin (IVa). Likewise, the reaction of I with other benzylidenetriphenylphosphonium halides afforded the corresponding 3-arylfervenulins (IVb-e)(Table). 4

Scheme

As depicted in the Scheme, this new pyrimido[5,4-e]-as-triazine synthesis presumably involves the initial formation of the pyrimidine anil (II) 5 by a type of Wittig reaction between the nitroso group of I and benzylidenetriphenylphosphoranes, followed by intramolecular cyclization to (III), and subsequent aromatization. The formation of benzylidenetriphenylphosphoranes seems
reasonable, since no reaction was observed in the absence of base or triphenylphosphine.

Table 3-Arylfervenulins

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<tr>
<th>Benzyl halide</th>
<th>Product</th>
<th>R</th>
<th>Mp (°C)</th>
<th>Yield (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>C₆H₅-CH₂Br</td>
<td>IVa</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>273-275</td>
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<tr>
<td>4-C₆H₄-CH₂Cl</td>
<td>IVb</td>
<td>4-C1</td>
<td>280-283</td>
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<td>3,4-Cl₂-C₆H₃-CH₂Cl</td>
<td>IVc</td>
<td>3,4-Cl₂</td>
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<td>4-NO₂-C₆H₄-CH₂Br</td>
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<td>IVe</td>
<td>4-Me</td>
<td>286-287</td>
<td>18</td>
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a) All products were recrystallized from ethanol.

REFERENCES AND NOTES


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