

SYNTHESIS AND CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF NAPHTHO[2,1-b][1,5]NAPHTHYRIDINE

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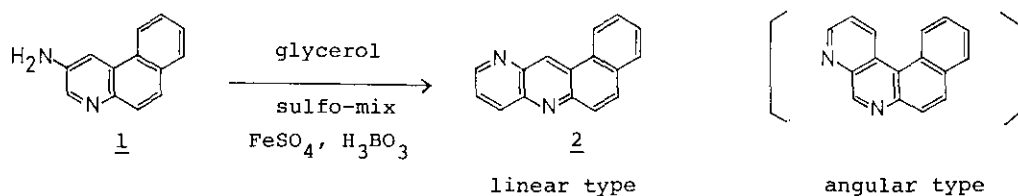
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Abstract — A modified Skraup reaction was carried out on 2-aminobenzo-  
[f]quinoline (1), in the presence of sulfo-mix, using ferrous sulfate  
and boric acid. This reaction gave the linear type product, naphtho-  
[2,1-b][1,5]naphthyridine (2), but not the angular type. Its crystal  
structure was determined by X-ray analysis.

We previously developed a modified Skraup reaction for the syntheses of several nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds and reported their chemical reactivity.<sup>1</sup> For example, 1,5-, 1,6-, and 1,8-naphthyridines and 1,6- and 4,6-phenanthrolines in two- or three-ring systems were synthesized in higher yields than those reported previously.<sup>1a,b</sup> We successfully conducted the synthesis of benzo[b][1,8]naphthyridine<sup>1b</sup> for the first time in this study.<sup>2</sup> The syntheses of four-ring systems by the Skraup reaction have not been adequately pursued, and their chemical reactivities of particular interest in regard to carcinogenic activity.<sup>3</sup> The Skraup reaction was thus carried out on three-ring systems and linear type products were obtained. Structures were assigned on the basis of uv and <sup>1</sup>H-nmr spectra and the results of X-ray crystal analysis.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis of the starting material, 2-aminobenzo[f]quinoline (1),<sup>4</sup> has already been developed at our laboratory by reaction of benzo[f]quinoline with bromo cyanide, followed by bromination and amination. The Skraup reaction of 1 with glycerol was conducted in the presence of sulfo-mix,<sup>5</sup> ferrous sulfate, and boric acid, and a substance (2) with a molecular formula of C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, m/z 230 (M<sup>+</sup>), mp 160-162°C (11.5%) was obtained. (Scheme 1)



Scheme 1

Product 2 was a four-ring system for whose structure, the linear type or angular type is a possibility. The Skraup reaction of 2-aminophenanthrene produced only the angular type naphtho[1,2-f]quinoline.<sup>6</sup> The uv spectra of the linear and angular types showed characteristic absorptions<sup>7</sup> and the uv spectra of both types for 2 were thus compared for structural assignment.

UV SPECTRUM

In Figure 1, the uv spectrum of 2 is compared with linear (1,2-benzanthracene) and angular types (3,4-benzphenanthrene). Since these types are similar, 2 was considered to be naphtho[2,1-b][1,5]naphthyridine.

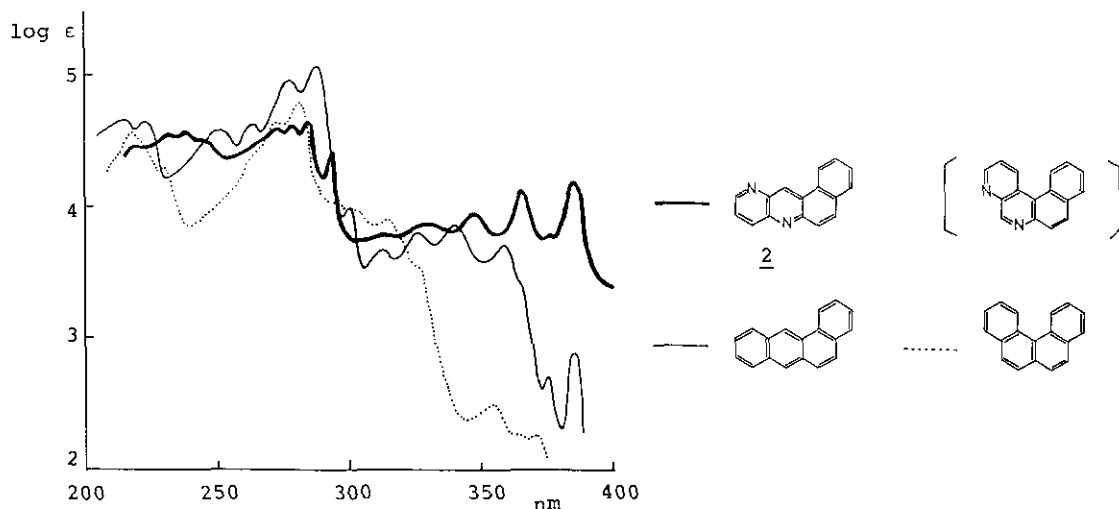


Figure 1. Ultraviolet absorption spectra of 2, 1,2-benzanthracene, and 3,4-benzphenanthrene in cyclohexane.



## EXPERIMENTAL

The  $^1\text{H}$ -nmr spectrum of 2 was recorded using JEOL JNM PS-100 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard, and coupling constants are given in Hz (s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, double doublet; ddd, double double doublet; m, multiplet). Mass spectra was taken with a Hitachi GC-MS M-52 spectrometer. Ir and uv spectra were recorded on JASCO IRA-I and Shimadzu UV-240 spectrophotometer.

### Naphtho[2,1-b][1,5]naphthyridine (2)

A mixture of sulfo-mix<sup>5</sup> (prepared from 11.9 g of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{SO}_3$  (20%), and 2.7 g of nitrobenzene), 0.35 g of  $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and 0.6 g of  $\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$  was chilled to 0-5°C, and 3.1 g of anhyd. glycerol were added to the mixture, followed by the addition of 1.94 g of 2-aminobenzo[f]quinoline (1)<sup>4</sup> and 5 ml of warm water (50°C). The mixture was stirred at 130°C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 28%  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  and the resulting precipitate was filtered, the aqueous layer extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , and the precipitate extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , the solvent was evaporated, and the residue recrystallized from cyclohexane to give 0.265 g (11.5%) of 2 as yellow needles, mp 160-162°C. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2$ : C, 83.46; H, 4.38; N, 12.17. Found: C, 82.94; H, 4.02; N, 12.04. Ms m/z: 230 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); ir  $\nu(\text{KBr}) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ : 3020, 1600, 1502, 1445, 912, 828, 768, 743; nmr ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.54-7.88 (3H, m,  $\text{C}_2\text{-H}$ ), 7.66 (1H, dd,  $\text{C}_9\text{-H}$ ,  $J=8.6, 3.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 7.92 (2H, s,  $\text{C}_{5,6}\text{-H}$ ), 8.50 (1H, ddd,  $\text{C}_8\text{-H}$ ,  $J=8.6, 1.6, 0.8 \text{ Hz}$ ), 8.70 (1H, m,  $\text{C}_1\text{-H}$ ), 9.04 (1H, dd,  $\text{C}_{10}\text{-H}$ ,  $J=3.6, 1.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 9.55 (1H, s,  $\text{C}_{12}\text{-H}$ ).

### X-Ray crystallography

Formula :  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2$  , Mw : 230.27

A single crystal of brown transparent needles with dimensions of 0.50 x 0.40 x 0.25 mm<sup>3</sup> was used for data on AFC/5 diffractometer. The lattice constants were determined from angular settings of 25 reflections ( $2\theta$  values in the range of 30-60°). Crystal data are as follows: a=25.511(3), b=4.957(1), c=17.991(2)Å,  $\beta=100.00(1)^\circ$ , U=2240.7(4)-Å<sup>3</sup>. Crystal system: monoclinic, Space group C2/c, Z=8, Dx=1.37g/cm<sup>3</sup>, F(000)=960,  $\mu(\text{Cu } \text{K}\alpha)=6.52 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . 1906 unique reflections ( $2\theta \leq 130^\circ$ ) were measured and 1599 of which with  $F_o \geq 2.67\sigma(F_o)$  were considered actually observable. No absorption corrections were made. The structure was solved by direct methods using MULTAN 80<sup>9</sup> and the difference

Fourier method. More accurate determinations of atomic parameters were made using block-diagonal least-squares methods with anisotropic temperature factors. All hydrogen atoms were shown to be located on difference-Fourier maps and were refined with isotropic temperature factors, while minimizing the function,  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ . The weight of  $\sqrt{w} = 1/\sigma(F_o)$  was used during final refinement. The atomic scattering factors were taken from "International Tables for X-ray crystallography"<sup>10</sup>. The final R value was 0.079 (Rw=0.069).

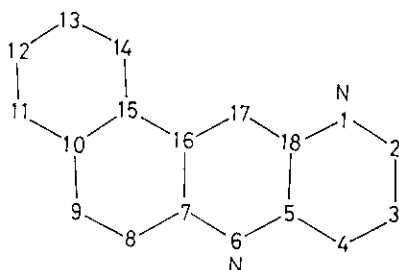


Figure 3. Atomic nomenclature

Table I. Fractional atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters for non H-atoms with e.s.d. in parentheses.

Atom	No	X	Y	Z	Beq
N	1	658(1)	6852(8)	4266(2)	5.02
C	2	827(2)	8655(10)	3836(2)	5.28
C	3	1379(2)	9230(11)	3853(2)	5.36
C	4	1745(2)	7882(10)	4353(2)	5.06
C	5	1585(1)	5905(8)	4819(2)	4.11
N	6	1948(1)	4525(7)	5308(2)	4.47
C	7	1782(1)	2663(9)	5738(2)	4.12
C	8	2170(1)	1209(10)	6252(2)	5.21
C	9	2049(2)	-698(10)	6706(2)	5.16
C	10	1497(2)	-1423(9)	6714(2)	4.48
C	11	1369(2)	-3467(10)	7184(2)	5.18
C	12	847(2)	-4194(11)	7189(2)	5.66
C	13	450(2)	-2825(11)	6713(2)	5.79
C	14	556(2)	-801(10)	6243(2)	4.99
C	15	1089(1)	-37(9)	6224(2)	4.22
C	16	1224(1)	2041(9)	5725(2)	3.95
C	17	860(1)	3483(9)	5226(2)	4.18
C	18	1021(1)	5397(9)	4765(2)	4.11

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