

THE REACTION OF 6-METHYL-7-AZIDO-5,8-QUINOLINEDIONES  
WITH CYCLIC SECONDARY AMINES. A CONVENIENT SYNTHESIS OF  
6-SUBSTITUTED AMINOMETHYL-7-AMINO-5,8-QUINOLINEDIONES<sup>1</sup>

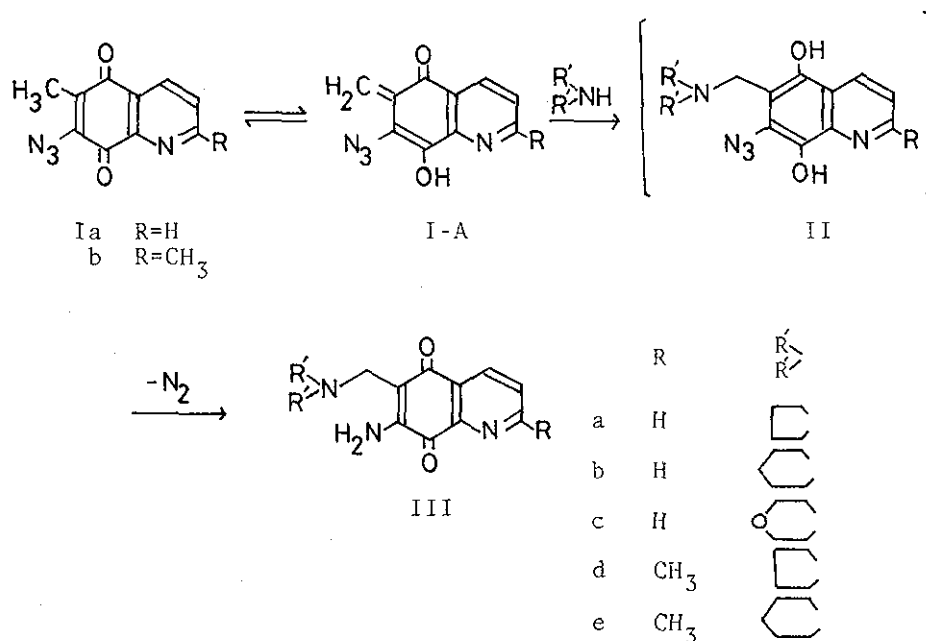
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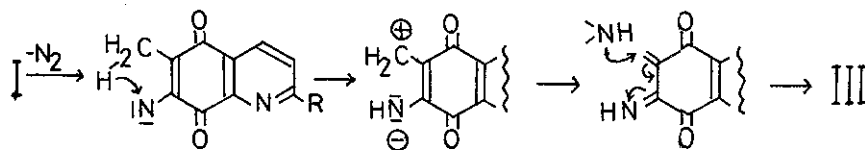
The reactions of azidoquinones with nucleophilic  
species have been reported by Moore and co-workers<sup>2</sup>.  
There have not been examined about the reactions of  
methyl substituted azidoquinones with nucleophiles.

In this paper, it is reported that 6-methyl-7-  
azido-5,8-quinolinediones(Ia,b) react with cyclic  
secondary amines(pyrrolidine, piperidine and morphorine)  
to give 6-substituted aminomethyl-7-amino-5,8-quinoline-  
diones(IIIa-e).



The azidoquinolinediones (Ia,b) were readily synthesized in high yields (85-87%) from respective bromo-substituted quinolinediones<sup>3</sup> by direct nucleophilic displacement of the halogen by azido ion in ethanolic solution. Reaction of I with one equivalent of amine in benzene solution at 65-68° for 5h afforded III in 60-67% yields. The reaction provides a simple method for the synthesis of quinones of the type III, which are not easily available by other methods. The structure of these aminoquinolinediones is supported by their spectral data which are present in Table I. They all show characteristic absorptions for amino and carbonyl groups in their ir spectra. Their nmr spectra reveal the correct proton counts and chemical shifts.

The formation of III presumably proceeds by addition of amines to the tautomer form(I-A) of I, followed by intramolecular oxidation reduction reaction<sup>4</sup> of the resulting azido-hydroquinone(II) to the corresponding aminoquinoline-diones(III). Another mechanism for the formation of III is possible as follow.



In this mechanism, nitrene intermediate is first formed and then abstracts a hydrogen in methyl group, followed by a Michael addition of amines.

TABLE I

Physical Properties of Azidoquinolinediones(I) and 6-Substituted Aminomethyl-7-amino-5,8-quinolinediones(III)<sup>5</sup>

| Comp'd | mp(°C)  | ir, cm <sup>-1</sup> (KBr) | nmr, δppm(CDCl <sub>3</sub> )                                                             |
|--------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ia     | 141-142 | 2108, 1670, 1660           | 2.16(3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> )                                                             |
| Ib     | 119-121 | 2110, 1680, 1654           | 2.12(3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 2.74(3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> )                              |
| IIIa   | 156-157 | 3410, 3243, 1685, 1610     | 1.81, 2.58(8H, pyrrolidine); 3.80(2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 5.50(2H, b, NH <sub>2</sub> ) |
| IIIb   | 123-124 | 3403, 3238, 1700, 1613     | 1.52, 2.43(10H, piperidine); 3.62(2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.40(2H, b, NH <sub>2</sub> ) |

TABLE I(Continued)

| Comp'd | mp(°C)  | ir, cm <sup>-1</sup> (KBr) | nmr, δppm(CDCl <sub>3</sub> )                                                                                                  |
|--------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IIIc   | 175-177 | 3402, 3235,<br>1682, 1608  | 2.52, 3.72(8H, morpholine);<br>3.62(2H, s, CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.42(2H, b,<br>NH <sub>2</sub> )                                 |
| IIId   | 126-128 | 3413, 3240,<br>1710, 1620  | 1.80, 2.54(8H, pyrrolidine);<br>2.72(3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.76(2H, s,<br>CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.22(2H, b, NH <sub>2</sub> ) |
| IIIe   | 113-114 | 3410, 3238,<br>1680, 1615  | 1.52, 2.42(10H, piperidine);<br>2.68(3H, s, CH <sub>3</sub> ); 3.61(2H, s,<br>CH <sub>2</sub> ); 6.40(2H, b, NH <sub>2</sub> ) |

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