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Studies on Ketene and Its Derivatives. CXVII.¹⁾ Reaction of Dichloroketene with Ethyl *N*-(2-Pyridyl)formimidates

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The reaction of dichloroketene with ethyl N-(2-pyridyl)formimidates (1) gave ethyl 2,2-dichloro-3-ethoxy-3-(2-pyridylamino)propionates (3) and 3-chloro-2-ethoxypyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4(4H)-ones (4), together with 3,3-dichloro-4-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridyl)-2-azetidinone (2). Compound 3b, on standing at room temperature, was transformed into ethyl 2-ethoxy-8-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate (6).

Keywords—dichloroketene; ethyl *N*-(2-pyridyl)formimidate; 1,2-cycloaddition; 1,4-cycloaddition; 2-azetidinone; ethyl 2,2-dichloro-3-ethoxy-3-(2-pyridylamino)propionate; pyrido-[1,2-a]pyrimidine; imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine; 2-dichloroacetamidopyridine

Reports concerned with dichloroketene have mostly dealt with the cycloaddition to unsaturated bonds, and only a few studies on the reaction with compounds having C=N bonds have been reported.²⁾ The most typical reaction of dichloroketene with C=N bonds is the cycloaddition to imines to give 2-azetidinones.³⁻⁵⁾ However, the reaction with compounds bearing a conjugated C=N bond gives [2+4] cycloadducts.^{3,6)}

Previously, we have reported that dichloroketene reacted with aromatic amine N-oxides to give 2- or 4-dichloromethyl derivatives.⁷⁾ In connection with our continuing interest in the reaction of dichloroketene with compounds having C=N bonds we now wish to report the reaction of dichloroketene with ethyl N-(2-pyridyl)formimidates, which have a C=N bond conjugated with a pyridine ring C=N bond.

When ethyl N-(2-pyridyl)formimidate (1a) was allowed to react with dichloroketene⁸⁾ in ether, 3,3-dichloro-4-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridyl)-2-azetidinone (2a), ethyl 2,2-dichloro-3-ethoxy-3-(2-pyridylamino)propionate (3a), and 3-chloro-2-ethoxypyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4(4H)-one (4a) were obtained in 7, 22, and 45% yields, respectively. Similarly, reaction of dichloroketene with the imidate 1d gave the 2-azetidinone 2d, ester 3d, and pyridopyrimidine 4d in 7, 11, and 36% yields, respectively. Similar reaction of dichloroketene with ethyl N-(3-methyl-2-pyridyl)formimidate (1b) did not give the 2-azetidinone, but gave the ester 3b and pyridopyrimidine 4b in 51 and 47% yields, respectively. The reaction in the presence of excess triethylamine gave exclusively the pyridopyrimidine 4b in 80% yield.

On the other hand, when absolute methanol was added to the reaction mixture, the corresponding methyl ester 5 was obtained in 65% yield, together with a 25% yield of 4b. When the esters 3b and 5 were allowed to stand at room temperature, they cyclized to ethyl 2-ethoxy-8-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate (6) and methyl 2-ethoxy-8-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate (7), respectively. Compound 7 was also obtained by treatment of 5 with triethylamine. Structural assignments for compounds 6 and 7 were made on the basis of elemental analyses and spectral data as described in the experimental section.

Reaction of ethyl N-(4-methyl-2-pyridyl)formimidate (1c) with dichloroketene under

Table I. Reaction of Dichloroketene ($Cl_2C=C=O$) with Ethyl N-(2-Pyridyl)formimidates (1a—e)

	Starting imidates		Yields of products (%)						
	(1a—e)	2	3	4	5	8	9		
1a	R=H	7	22	45					
1b	R = 3-Me		51	47					
	$+Et_3N$			80					
	+abs. Me	OH		25	65				
1c	R = 4-Me			21		9	9		
1d	R = 5-Me	7	11	36					
1e	R = 6-Me		11	43		2			

3b and 5
$$0 \xrightarrow{6} N = N_1$$

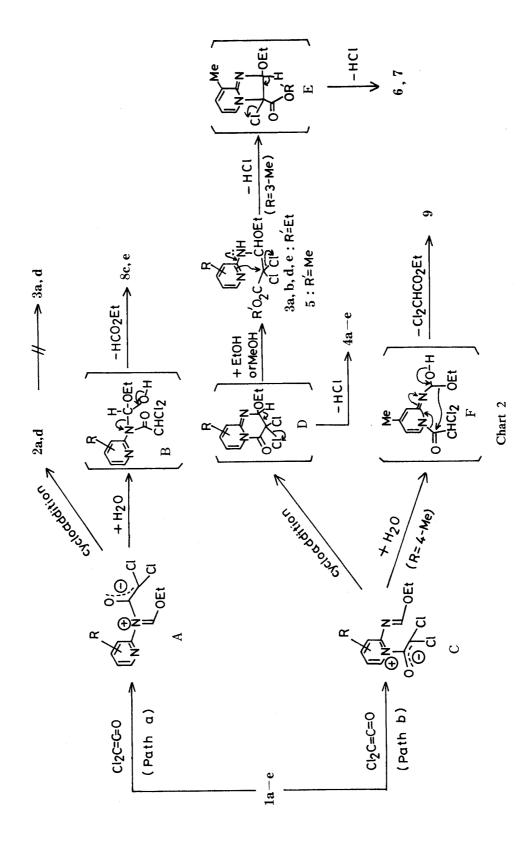
$$0 \xrightarrow{8} N = N$$

TABLE II. Spectral Data for Compounds 3a, b, d, e

Compd.	IR (CHCl ₃) cm ⁻¹		1	- MS m/e		
No.	N-H	C=O	NH	N-CH=	Pyridyl 6-H	$(M^+ - OEt)$
3a	3450	1750	5.27 (d)	6.23 (d)	8.13 (d)	261
3b	3450	1760	5.12 (d)	6.53 (d)	8.05 (d)	275
3d	3400	1760	5.18 (d)	6.27 (d)	7.95 (s)	275
3e	3450	1760	5.12 (d)	6.15 (d)		275

TABLE III. Melting Points and Spectral Data for Pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidines (4a-e)

Compd. No.	mp (°C) (Recryst. solvent)	IR (CHCl ₃) cm ⁻¹ —		1 H-NMR (CDCl $_{3}$) δ				
				OCH₂C <u>H</u> ₃	OCH ₂ CH ₃	6-H		
4a	159—160 (Ether)	1675	1640	1.47 (3H, t)	4.60 (2H, q)	9.00 (1H, dd)		
4b	165—166 (Benzene)	1675	1635	1.50 (3H, t)	4.60 (2H, q)	8.97 (1H, dd)		
4c	150—151 (Ether)	1680	1650	1.45 (3H, t)	4.55 (2H, q)	8.93 (1H, d)		
4d	178—179 (Ether)	1675	1645	1.45 (3H, t)	4.53 (2H, q)	8.79 (1H, s)		
4 e	121—122 (Ether)	1670	1635	1.43 (3H, t)	4.53 (2H, q)	_		



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similar conditions gave the pyridopyrimidine 4c, 2-dichloroacetamido-4-methylpyridine (8c), and 2-formamido-4-methylpyridine (9) in 9, 9, and 21% yields, respectively. Lastly, the reaction of ethyl N-(6-methyl-2-pyridyl)formimidate (1e) with dichloroketene was also carried out to give the ester 3e, pyridopyrimidine 4e, and 2-dichloroacetamido-6-methylpyridine (8e) in 11, 43, and 2% yields, respectively.

Although the details of the mechanism of formation of these products are unclear at present, likely pathways are shown in Chart 2. Namely, electrophilic attack of dichloroketene at the imidoyl nitrogen forms a zwitter-ionic intermediate A,^{6,12)} which undergoes cycloaddition to give 2-azetidinones 2a and 2d. Addition of water to A (formation of the intermediate B), followed by elimination of ethyl formate gives 2-dichloroacetamides 8c and 8e (path a).

On the other hand, dichloroketene attacks at the pyridine ring nitrogen to give an intermediate C. The intramolecular cycloaddition of C would give an intermediate D, which reacts with ethanol, presumably contained within the ethyl acetate used for column chromatography (or chloroform used for extraction), or methanol to give esters 3a, b, d, e or 5. Although the azetidinone 2 is also a possible intermediate for 3 or 5, it should be ruled out because 2a is not transformed into 3a by heating with ethanol even in the presence of an acidic catalyst.

Elimination of hydrogen chloride from D forms 4a—e, whereas 3 or 5 eliminates 2 molar eq of hydrogen chloride to give 6 or 7 via an intermediate E. In contrast, addition of water to C would give rise to an intermediate F, which eliminates ethyl dichloroacetate to give 9 (path b). Such a pathway was also observed in the reaction of ketene with ethyl N-(2-pyridyl)-formimidates.⁹⁾

Experimental

Melting points are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were taken with a JASCO A-102 spectrophotometer. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM PMX-60 spectrometer using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard.

Reaction of Dichloroketene with Ethyl N-(2-Pyridyl)formimidate (1a)¹⁰⁾—A solution of dichloroacetyl chloride (5.3 g, 0.036 mol) in dry ether (15 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 1a (4.5 g, 0.03 mol) and triethylamine (4.6 g, 0.045 mol) in dry ether (45 ml) with stirring at -15—-10 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The precipitated triethylamine hydrochloride was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue (6.6 g), which was subjected to silica gel (200 g) column chromatography. Elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (10:1) gave 3,3-dichloro-4-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridyl)-2-azetidinone (2a) as pale yellow needles. mp 76—77 °C (from hexane). Yield, 0.54 g (7%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{10}H_{10}Cl_2N_2O_2 \cdot 1/6H_2O$: C, 45.47; H, 3.94; N, 10.61. Found: C, 45.57; H, 3.75; N, 10.66. IR (CHCl₃): 1795 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 1.37 (3H, t, J=7 Hz, $-CH_2CH_3$), 4.10 (2H, m, $-CH_2CH_3$), 5.73 (1H, s, 4-H), 7.0—8.5 (4H, m, pyridyl protons). MS m/e: 260 (M⁺). Subsequent elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (5:1) gave ethyl 2,2-dichloro-3-ethoxy-3-(2-pyridylamino)propionate (3a) as a pale yellow oil. Yield, 2.0 g (22%). Further elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (3:1) gave 3-chloro-2-ethoxypyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4(4H)-one (4a) as pale yellow needles. Yield, 3.0 g (45%).

Reaction of Dichloroketene with Ethyl N-(5-Methyl-2-pyridyl)formimidate (1d)¹¹—A soltion of dichloroacetyl chloride (1.77 g, 0.012 mol) in dry 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) (5 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 1d (1.64 g, 0.01 mol) and triethylamine (1.52 g, 0.015 mol) in dry DME (15 ml) with stirring at -15—-10 °C. The mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. Removal of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was dissolved in chloroform (100 ml). The chloroform solution was washed with water (100 ml × 3), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue (5.3 g) was subjected to silica gel (100 g) column chromatography. Elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (10:1) gave 3,3-dichloro-4-ethoxy-1-(5-methyl-2-pyridyl)-2-azetidinone (2d) as a pale yellow oil. Yield, 0.19 g (7%). *Anal.* Calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}Cl_2N_2O_2$: C, 48.02; H, 4.40; N, 10.18. Found: C, 48.13; H, 4.58; N, 9.91. IR (CHCl₃): 1790 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 1.37 (3H, t, J=7 Hz, $-OCH_2CH_3$), 2.33 (3H, s, ring-CH₃), 4.11 (2H, m, $-OCH_2CH_3$), 5.70 (1H, s, 4-H), 7.56 (2H, s, pyridyl 3,4-H), 8.18 (1H, s, pyridyl 6-H). MS m/e: 274 (M⁺). Subsequent elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (5:1) gave ethyl 2,2-dichloro-3-ethoxy-3-(5-methyl-2-pyridyl-amino)propionate (3d) as a pale yellow oil. Yield, 0.34 g (11%). Further elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (3:1) gave 3-chloro-2-ethoxy-7-methylpyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4(4H)-one (4d) as colorless needles. Yield, 0.86 g (36%).

Reaction of Dichloroketene with Ethyl N-(3-Methyl-2-pyridyl)formimidate (1b)¹⁰⁾—1) A solution of dichloroacetyl chloride (1.77 g, 0.012 mol) in dry DME (5 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 1b (1.64 g,

0.01 mol) and triethylamine (1.52 g, 0.015 mol) in dry DME (15 ml) with stirring at -15—-10 °C. The mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was dissolved in chloroform (100 ml). The chloroform solution was washed with water (100 ml × 3), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue (4.0 g) was subjected to silica gel (100 g) column chromatography. Elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (5:1) gave 2,2-dichloro-3-ethoxy-3-(3-methyl-2-pyridylamino)-propionate (3b) as a pale yellow oil. Yield, 1.63 g (51%). Further elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (3:1) gave 3-chloro-2-ethoxy-9-methylpyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4(4H)-one (4b). Yield, 1.11 g (47%).

- 2) A solution of dichloroacetyl chloride (3.54 g, 0.024 mol) in dry DME (10 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 1b (3.28 g, 0.02 mol) and triethylamine (4.85 g, 0.048 mol) in dry DME (40 ml) with stirring at -15—-10 °C. The mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. Removal of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was dissolved in dichloromethane (100 ml). The dichloromethane solution was washed with water (100 ml × 3), dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue (5.0 g) was subjected to silica gel (150 g) column chromatography. Elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (2:1) gave 4b. Yield, 3.85 g (80%).
- 3) A solution of dichloroacetyl chloride (3.54 g, 0.024 mol) in dry DME (10 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of **1b** (3.28 g, 0.02 mol) and triethylamine (3.03 g, 0.03 mol) in dry DME (40 ml) with stirring at -15—-10 °C. The reaction temperature was raised gradually to room temperature. Abs. methanol (20 ml) was added to the mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2h, then allowed to stand for 15 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (100 ml). The dichloromethane solution was washed with water (100 ml × 3), and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Removal of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue (7.2 g), which was subjected to silica gel (150 g) column chromatography. Elution with hexane–ethyl acetate (5:1) gave methyl 2,2-dichloro-3-ethoxy-3-(3-methyl-2-pyridylamino)propionate (**5**) as a pale yellow oil. Yield, 3.96 g (65%). *Anal.* Calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}Cl_2N_2O_3$: C, 46.92; H, 5.25; N, 9.12. Found: C, 46.72; H, 5.31; N, 8.83. IR (CHCl₃): 3450, 1760 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 1.18 (3H, t, J=7 Hz, $-OCH_2CH_3$), 2.18 (3H, s, pyridyl-CH₃), 3.77 (3H, q, J=7 Hz, $-OCH_2CH_3$), 3.87 (3H, s, OCH_3), 5.10 (1H, d, J=10 Hz, OCH_3), 6.50 (1H, d, J=10 Hz, OCH_3), 7.32 (1H, dd, J=7, 2 Hz, pyridyl 4-H), 8.03 (1H, dd, J=5, 2 Hz, pyridyl 6-H). MS m/e: 306 (M⁺), 275 (M⁺-OMe). Further elution with hexane–ethyl acetate (2:1) gave **4b**. Yield, 1.17 g (25%).

Ethyl 2-Ethoxy-8-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate (6)—Compound 3b (0.5 g) was allowed to stand without solvent for 6 d at room temperature. The mixture was subjected to silica gel column chromatography. Elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (5:1) gave 3b. Further elution with hexane—ethyl acetate (3:1) afforded 6 as colorless needles, mp 86—87 °C (from hexane). Yield, 0.03 g (8%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_3$: C, 62.89; H, 6.50; N, 11.28. Found: C, 62.59; H, 6.56; N, 11.18. IR (CHCl₃): $1670 \, \text{cm}^{-1}$. $1 \, \text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl₃) δ : 1.10—1.67 (6H, m, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3 \times 2$), 2.57 (3H, s, 8-CH₃), 4.10—4.83 (4H, m, $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3 \times 2$), 6.80—7.30 (2H, m, 6,7-H), 9.10 (1H, d, J = 6 Hz, 5-H).

Methyl 2-Ethoxy-8-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate (7)——1) Following the procedure given for 6, compound 5 (3.96 g) was allowed to stand for 6 d at room temperature to give 5 and 7 (0.2 g, 7%) as colorless needles, mp 103—104 °C (from hexane). *Anal.* Calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}N_2O_3$: C, 61.52; H, 6.02; N, 11.96. Found: C, 61.45; H, 6.04; N, 11.89. IR (CHCl₃): 1675 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.50 (3H, t, J=7 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 2.55 (3H, s, 8-CH₃), 3.95 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.65 (2H, q, J=7 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 6.70—7.30 (2H, m, 6,7-H), 9.17 (1H, d, J=6 Hz, 5-H).

2) A solution of 5 (0.5 g, 0.00163 mol) and triethylamine (0.5 g, 0.005 mol) in dry DME (5 ml) was heated under reflux for 18 h. Removal of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was dissolved in chloroform (20 ml). The solution was washed with water $(10 \text{ ml} \times 3)$, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crystalline residue was recrystallized from hexane to furnish 7 (0.3 g, 79%).

Reaction of Dichloroketene with Ethyl *N*-(4-Methyl-2-pyridyl)formimidate (1c)¹⁰⁾—A solution of dichloroacetyl chloride (1.77 g, 0.012 mol) in dry DME (5 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 1c (1.64 g, 0.01 mol) and triethylamine (1.52 g, 0.015 mol) in dry DME (15 ml) with stirring at -15—-10 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Removal of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was dissolved in chloroform (100 ml). The solution was washed with water (100 ml × 3), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue (2.9 g) was subjected to silica gel (100 g) column chromatography. Elution with hexane–ethyl acetate (10:1) gave 2-dichloroacetamido-4-methylpyridine (8c) as yellow needles, mp 136—137 °C (from hexane). Yield, 0.2 g (9%). *Anal*. Calcd for $C_8H_8Cl_2N_2O$: C, 43.86; H, 3.68; H, 3.68; H, 12.79. Found: H C, 43.79; H 3.66; H 3.62. IR (CHCl₃): 3400, 1700 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 2.40 (3H, s, 4-CH₃), 6.07 (1H, s, CHCl₂), 6.97 (1H, d, J=5 Hz, 5-H), 8.00 (1H, s, 3-H), 8.20 (1H, d, J=5 Hz, 6-H), 8.6—9.3 (1H, br s, NH). MS m/e: 218 (M⁺). Further elution with hexane–ethyl acetate (3:1) gave 2-formamido-4-methylpyridine (9) (0.12 g, 9%) as yellow needles, mp 85—87 °C (from hexane), and 4c (0.51 g, 21%) as orange leaves. *Anal*. Calcd for $C_7H_8N_2O$ (9): C, 61.75; C, 5.92; C, 20.58. Found: C, 61.85; C, 5.86; C, 70.70. IR (CHCl₃): 3400, 1690 cm⁻¹.

Reaction of Dichloroketene with Ethyl N-(6-Methyl-2-pyridyl)formimidate (1e)¹⁰⁾——A solution of dichloroacetyl chloride (5.31 g, 0.036 mol) in dry ether (15 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 1e (4.93 g, 0.03 mol) and triethylamine (4.55 g, 0.045 mol) in dry ether (45 ml) with stirring at -15—-10 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The precipitate (Et₃N·HCl) was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue (8.58 g), which was subjected to silica gel (200 g) column chromatography. Elution with hexane-ethyl

TABLE IV. Analytical Data for Compounds 3 a

		Analysis (%)						
Compd. No.	Formula	Calcd			Found			
		С	Н	N	С	Н	N	
3a	$C_{12}H_{16}Cl_2N_3O_3 \cdot 5/4H_2O$	43.71	5.66	8.50	43.53	5.71	8.68	
3b	$C_{13}H_{18}Cl_2N_2O_3 \cdot 1/6H_2O$	48.16	5.70	8.64	48.29	5.56	8.38	
3d	$C_{13}H_{18}Cl_2N_2O_3$	48.61	5.65	8.72	48.39	5.42	8.65	
3e	$C_{13}H_{18}Cl_2N_2O_3 \cdot 5/4H_2O$	45.42	6.01	8.15	45.33	6.05	8.19	
4a	$C_{10}H_9ClN_2O_2$	53.46	4.04	12.47	53.74	3.89	12.49	
4 b	$C_{11}H_{11}CIN_2O_2$	55.35	4.65	11.74	55.36	4.60	11.71	
4c	$C_{11}H_{11}CIN_2O_2$	55.35	4.65	11.74	55.33	4.64	11.70	
4d	$C_{11}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$	55.35	4.65	11.74	55.24	4.61	11.62	
4e	$C_{11}H_{11}CIN_2O_2$	55.35	4.65	11.74	55.06	4.59	11.69	

acetate (10:1) gave 2-dichloroacetamido-6-methylpyridine (8e) as yellow needles, mp 119—121 °C (from hexane). Yield, 0.15 g (2%). Anal. Calcd for $C_8H_8Cl_2N_2O$: C, 43.86; H, 3.68; N, 12.79. Found: C, 43.97; H, 3.63; N, 12.96. IR (CHCl₃): 3400, 1710 cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 2.50 (3H, s, 6-CH₃), 6.07 (1H, s, CHCl₂), 6.80—8.10 (3H, m, 3,4,5-H), 8.9—9.9 (1H, br, NH). MS m/e: 218 (M⁺). Subsequent elution with hexane–ethyl acetate (5:1) gave ethyl 2,2-dichloro-3-ethoxy-3-(6-methyl-2-pyridylamino)propionate (3e) as a pale yellow oil. Yield, 1.03 g (11%). Further elution with hexane–ethyl acetate (3:1) gave 3-chloro-2-ethoxy-6-methylpyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4(4H)-one (4e) as pale yellow needles. Yield, 3.11 g (43%).

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