Sulfone — colorless crystals, mp $173^{\circ}-175^{\circ}$ C (from ethanol). Fround, %: C 73.54; H 7.72; S 9.40. Calculated for $C_{20}H_{24}O_{2}S$, %: C 73.17; H 7.32: S 9.75

9-Benzyl-9-methyl-sym-octahydrothioxanthene (VI). Yield 80%. Colorless crystals, mp 52°-53° C (from ethanol). Found, %: C 81.52, 81.61; H 8.42, 8.35; S 9.93, 10.25. Calculated for $C_{21}H_{26}S$, %: C 81.23; H 8.44; S 10.33. Sulfone-colorless rods, mp 138.5°-140.5° C. Found, %: C 73.41, 73.44; H 7.94, 7.83; S 9.34, 9.21. Calculated for $C_{21}H_{26}SO_2$, %: C 73.64; H 7.65; 9.36.

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SYNTHESIS OF 4-METHYL- AND 4-METHYLENE-sym-OCTAHYDROACRIDINES

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Of all the theoretically possible methyl-sym-octahydroacridines, only one - 9-methyloctahydroacridine - is known [1, 2]; homologs of octahydroacridine with unsaturated side chains are completely unknown.

By the dehydration of the 4-hydroxymethyloctahydroacridine (I) that we have described previously [3], we have obtained 4-methylene-octahydroacridine (II), and by the hydrogenation of the latter we have obtained 4-methyloctahydroacridine (III).

The dehydration of I takes place readily both under the action of polyphosphoric acid (yield of II is 40%) and when it is heated with KOH (yield 45%). The latter method is more convenient preparatively. The absence of migration of the semicyclic double bond into the endocyclic position (II -> IV) follows from a consideration of the PMR spectrum of 4-methyleneoctahydroacridine. The spectrum has no signals methylene protons but has peaks at 4,80 and 6.10 ppm ascribed to the protons of a methylene group located, respectively, in the transand cis-positions with respect to the nitrogen atom.

4-Methylene-sym-octahydroacridine (II), bp 138° - 142° C (1 mm), n_D^{20} 1.5850, d_4^{20} 1.0680. Found, %: C 84.82; H 8.72; N 7.11; MRD

62.44. Calculated for $C_{14}H_{17}N$, %; C 84.36; H 8.61; N 7.02; MR_D 62.32. IR spectra (UR-10, carbon tetrachloride): 3080, 900 cm⁻¹ (=CH₂). 1630 cm⁻¹ (C=C), no hydroxyl absorption. Picrate mp 157.5° - 159° C (acetone). Found, %; N 13.04. Calculated for $C_{14}H_{17}N$ · $C_{6}H_{8}N_{3}O_{7}$, %; N 13.08.

4-Methyl-sym-octahydroacridine (III) was obtained by the hydrogenation of II in ethanol over Adams catalyst at room temperature and atmospheric pressure. Yield 84%. Colorless crystals in the form of needles, mp $26^{\circ}-28^{\circ}$ C (petroleum ether), $n_{\rm D}^{20}$ 1.5563, $d_{\rm d}^{20}$ 1.0290 (supercooled melt). Found, %: C 83.58; H 9.43; MRD 63.63. Calculated for $C_{14}H_{19}N$, %: C 83.54; H 9.43%; MRD 63.79. In the PMR spectrum the signal of a CH3 group is observed in the form of a doublet (1.11 and 1.25 ppm). Picrate mp $144^{\circ}-145^{\circ}$ C (ethanol). Found, %: N 13.00. Calculated for $C_{14}H_{19}N \cdot C_{6}H_{3}N_{3}O_{7}$, %: N 13.02. A mixture with the picrate of II melted at 126° C.

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