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## SYNTHESIS OF 3-AMINOBENZO-1,2,4-TRIAZINE 4-OXIDES

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o-Quinone monooxime guanylhydrazones, obtained from copper complexes of o-nitrosophenols, are cyclized to give the previously unknown 3-aminobenzo-1,2,4-triazine 4-oxides.

1,2-Naphthoquinone oxime guanylhydrazones, obtained from  $\alpha$ -nitroso- $\beta$ -naphthol or  $\beta$ -nitroso- $\alpha$ -naphthol and aminoguanidines, are readily cyclized to the corresponding 2-aminonaphtho[1,2-I]-1,3,4-triazine 1-oxides and 3-aminonaphtho[2,1-I]-1,2,4-triazine 4-oxides [1]. Compounds of this sort were not formed from o-nitrosophenol and 4-nitrosoresorcinol. However, we did synthesize o-benzoquinone monooxime guanylhydrazones from copper complexes of o-nitrosophenols [2]. These guanylhydrazones were easily converted to the previously undescribed 3-aminobenzo-1,2,4-triazine 4-oxides (I-IV, Table 1). Compound V was obtained from the readily accessible potassium salt of 2-nitroso-4-methylphenol and aminoguanidine sulfate without isolation of o-toluquinone monooxime guanylhydrazone, which is unstable at high temperatures.

The IR spectra of triazines I-V contain intense absorption bands of the triazine C = N bond (1620-1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> [3] and the N-O bond of heterocyclic compounds (1350-1370 cm<sup>-1</sup>) [4]. Bands of an NH<sub>2</sub> group are present at 3000-3400 cm<sup>-1</sup> [4].

The slow conversion of the stable copper complexes to the less stable free o-nitrosophenols, which react with excess aminoguanidine, promotes the formation of the guanylhydrazones.

## EXPERIMENTAL

3-Aminobenzo-1,2,4-triazine 4-Oxides (I-IV). A 10-mmole sample of the copper complex of o-nitro-sophenol was shaken at room temperature for 100 h with 70 ml of water, 40 ml of alcohol, 10 ml of 56%

TABLE 1. 3-Aminobenzo-1,2,4-triazine 4-Oxides

Com-	R	R′	mp, °C (aqueous ethanol)	Empirical formula	Foun	hal	Calc		λ <sub>max</sub> , nm	lg e	Yield,
I III IV V	H CH <sub>3</sub> H CH <sub>3</sub> H	Cl Cl Br Br CH <sub>3</sub>	214—215 215 222—223 225 211	$C_7H_5N_4CIO$ $C_8H_7N_4CIO$ $C_7H_5N_4B_7O$ $C_8H_7N_4B_7O$ $C_8H_8N_4O$	28,4 26,5 23,1 21,6 31,9	17,8 16,9 32,7 31,5	28,4 26,6 23,2 21,9 31,8	18,1 16,9 33,1 31,4 —	260 260 260 265 255	4,70 4,68 4,59 4,66 4,71	75 92 73 80 76

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HNO<sub>3</sub>, and 3.44 g (25 mmole) of aminoguanidine nitrate. The resulting yellow precipitate was removed by filtration and washed with a small amount of water. The yields of o-benzoquinone monooxime guanyl-hydrazone nitrates ranged from 80 to 95%. A 1.5-g sample of the appropriate hydrazone was heated with stirring in 150 ml of water to 70°, after which the hot mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was heated at 80-90° for 15-20 min. The filtrate was then cooled and filtered to give I-IV.

6-Methyl-3-aminobenzo-1,2,4-triazine 4-Oxide (V). A 1.75-g (10 mmole) sample of the potassium salt of 2-nitroso-4-methylphenol was heated with stirring at 50° with 25 ml of water, 25 ml of alcohol, and 2.64 g (10 mmole) of aminoguanidine sulfate for 15 min, after which the mixture was heated at 80° for 30 min. The product was isolated by filtration of the cooled mixture. Found: C 54.3; H 4.7%.  $C_8H_8N_4O$ . Calculated: C 54.5; H 4.5%.

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