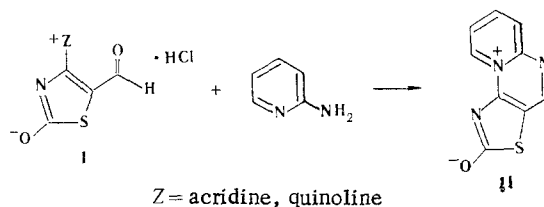


It has been previously noted that **betaines** are capable of exchanging one cation for another by the action on them of an excess of the corresponding heterocyclic base [1].

We have observed that I reacts with 2-aminopyridine under these conditions to give 2-hydroxythiazolo[4,5-d]pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidine (II) in 95% yield.



When mineral acids are replaced by acetic acid, this reaction leads primarily to azomethines of 5-formylthiazoline-2,4-dione. Compound II is identical to the compound previously obtained by the reaction of the betaine with ammonia [2].

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