When compound (I) was heated in methanol in the presence of alkali, 3-amino-l-hydroxy-ethyl-2-pyrazoline (III) was formed with a yield of 70%, bp 139-141°C ($4 \cdot 10^{-2}$ mm), R_f 0.34 [chloroform-methanol (8:1)]. IR spectrum (1% solution in CHCl₃); 1630 cm⁻¹ (C=N). PMR spectrum (CDCl₃), ppm: 2.76 (t, 2 H, CH₂CH₂O, J = 5.0 Hz), 3.78 (t, 2 H, OCH₂, J = 5.0 Hz), 4.34 (br.s., 3H, NH₂, OH), 2.44 and 3.08 (4 H, A₂B₂ system of methylene groups of the ring, JAB = 9.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), ppm: 32.5 (C-4), 55.5 (C-5), 59.7 (NCH₂), 61.8 (OCH₂), 155.6 (C=N). The spectral characteristics of compound (III) did not change with time.

Thus, it can be stated that, in actual fact, as was to be expected from information given in the literature [2, 3], the tautomerism (IIIA) \neq (IIIB) does not take place. By analogy, form (IIIA) is the most preferred. The reason for the doubling of some signals in the ¹³C NMR spectrum described in [1] is apparently that the work was carried out with a mixture of compounds (I) and (III).

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A NEW APPROACH TO THE SYNTHESIS OF ISOQUINOLINO CROWN ETHERS

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The synthesis of isoquinolino-15-crown-5s based on the reaction of 6,7-dihydroxyiso-quinolines with 1,11-dichloro-3,6,9-trioxaundecane [1] is known. Using benzo-15-crown-5 as an example, we have shown that crown derivatives of isoquinoline can be obtained from substituted benzo crown ethers (I) by the intermediate formation of the crown-2-benzopyrylium salts (II) using the acid-catalyzed heterocyclization reaction developed by us previously [2].

Ia) $R=COCH_3$; b) R=CN; IIa) $R^1=CH_3$; b) $R^1=NHCOCH_3$

Under the action of ammonia, compounds (IIa, b) were converted into the corresponding isoquinoline (III) and isoquinolone (IV), which may be of interest in the synthesis of biologically active substances.

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