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Synthesis and Properties of 3-Amino-3-pyrazolin-5-ones

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The enamines, 1-amino-1-trichloromethyl-2,2-dicarboxyalkylethenes, reacted with hydrazine in DMF to yield 1-amino-1-hydrazino-2,2-dicarboxyalkylethenes (2) at 25° or 3-amino-3-pyrazolin-5-ones (3) at 100°. These heterocyclics react with acid halide and phenyl isocyanate to give mono (3-amino) or di (3-amino,5-hydroxy) derivatives. With isatoic acid, a 3-(o-aminobenzamido) compound can be made. Infrared and mass spectral data indicate considerable intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonding in most of these compounds.

In a program concerned with the synthesis and pharmacological activities of certain enamines,2,3 one of us converted these compounds into mono- and diaminopyrazoles.3 Here we report on the synthesis and properties of several 3-aminopyrazole-5-ones, or in Chemical Abstracts terminology, 3-amino-3-pyrazolin-5-ones (3).4a Among the numerous patterns of substitution in this ring system, a few N-unsubstituted pyrazol-5-ones^{4b} and 3-aminopyrazoles^{4c} have been reported. Recently, Gillis and Weinkam have oxidized tautomers of 3,4-disubstituted pyrazolin-5-ones and

Table I 1-Amino-1-hydrazinoethenes, RR'C=C(NH₂)NHNH₂ (2)

Registry no.	R	R'	Formula	Yield, %	Mp, °C	Found N, %	Caled N, %
52566-35-5	CH ₃ OOC	CH ₃ OOC	C ₆ H ₁₁ N ₃ O ₄	78	126–127	22.1	22,21
1572-20-9	C₂H ₅ OOC	C ₂ H ₅ OOC	$C_8H_{15}N_3O_4$	81	114-115	19.6	19.34
55254-77-8	C ₃ H ₇ OOC	C_3H_7OOC	$C_{10}H_{19}N_{3}O_{4}$	76	85–86	16.7	17.01
55254-78-9	i-C ₃ H ₇ OOC	i-C ₃ H ₇ OOC	$C_{10}H_{19}N_3O_4$	73	97–98	17.1	17.01
55254-79-0	C ₄ H ₉ OOC	C4H°OOC	$C_{12}H_{23}N_3O_4$	78	73-75	15.5	15.37
55254-80-3	i-C,H,OOC	i-C,H,OOC	$C_{12}^{12}H_{23}N_3O_4$	83	8990	15.4	15.37
55254-81-4	t-C,H,OOC	CH₃ÔOC	$C_{9}^{12}H_{17}N_{3}O_{4}$	74	68-69	18.3	18.60
55254-82-5	t-C4H9OOC	C₂H ₅ OOC	$C_{10}H_{19}N_3O_4$	76	5 7 –58	17.1	17.01

Table II 3-Aminopyrazolin-5-ones [3-NH₂, 4-R-C₃N₂H₂O (3)] and Their Monoacyl [3-R'CONH, 4-R-C₃N₂H₂O (4, 5, 8, 10)] and Diacyl [3-R'CONH, 4-R, -5-R'COO-C₃N₂H (6, 7, 9)] Derivatives

R	R'	Formula	Yield, %	Mp, °C	Found C, H	or (N), %	Calcd C, H	or (N), %
CH ₃ OOC		$C_5H_7N_3O_5$	91	256–258 ^a	(26.3)		(26.74)	
C ₂ H ₅ OOC		$C_6H_9N_3O_5$	94	$268-269^a$	(24.7)		(24.55)	
C ₃ H ₇ OOC		$C_7H_{11}N_3O_3$	89	283-284 ^a	(22.8)		(22.69)	
i-C ₃ H ₇ OOC		$C_7H_{11}N_3O_3$	92	$205-208^a$	(22.7)		(22.69)	
C ₄ H ₉ OOC		$C_8H_{13}N_3O_3$	85	$310-312^a$	(21.3)		(21.09)	
i-C ₄ H ₉ OOC		$C_8H_{13}N_3O_3$	87	$248-250^a$	(20.7)		(21.09)	
t-C ₄ H ₉ OOC		$C_8H_{13}N_3O_3$	76	$212-213^a$	(21.0)		(21.09)	
n-C ₃ H ₇ OCO	CH_3^b	$C_9H_{13}N_3O_4$	59	172-173	47.8	5.70	47.57	5.76
i-C ₃ H ₇ OCO	$\mathrm{CH}_3^{\ b}$	$C_9H_{13}N_3O_4$	83	284^{a}	47.5	5.69	47.57	5.76
i-C ₄ H ₉ OCO	CH_3^{b}	$C_{10}H_{15}N_3O_4$	87	166-167	49.8	6.03	49.78	6.26
C ₂ H ₅ OCO	$C_6H_5^b$	$C_{13}H_{13}N_3O_4$	92	227–22 8	5 7. 5	4.85	57.09	4.79
n - C_3H_7OCO	$C_6H_5^b$	$C_{14}H_{15}N_3O_4$	67	130-131	57.9	5.10	58.12	5.23
i-C ₄ H ₉ OCO	$C_6H_5^b$	$C_{15}H_{17}N_3O_4$	61	181182	59.7	5.47	59.39	5.64
C ₂ H ₅ OOC	NHPh^b	$C_{13}H_{14}N_4O_4$	63	232-233	53.7	4.77	53.78	4.86
n - C_3H_7OOC	\mathbf{NHPh}^b	$C_{14}H_{16}N_4O_4$	71	328-329	55.1	5.41	55.22	5.29
i-C ₄ H ₉ OOC	\mathbf{NHPh}^b	$C_{15}H_{18}N_4O_4$	68	227-228	56.3	5.89	56.61	5.70
n-C ₃ H ₇ OOC	$\mathrm{CH_3}^c$	$C_{11}H_{15}N_3O_5$	74	212-213	49.0	5.76	49.07	5.58
i-C ₄ H ₉ OOC	CH_3^c	$C_{12}H_{17}N_3O_5$	65	219-220	50.9	6.03	50.87	6.04
C ₂ H ₅ OOC	$C_6H_5^c$	$C_{20}H_{17}N_3O_5$	68	123-124	63.4	4.73	63.30	4.51
n-C ₃ H ₇ OOC	$C_6H_5^c$	$C_{21}H_{19}N_3O_5$	73	108-109	64.2	5.02	64.11	4.87
i-C ₃ H ₇ OOC	$C_6H_5^c$	$C_{21}H_{19}N_3O_5$	71	137-138	63.9	5.02	64.11	4.87
i-C ₄ H ₉ OOC	$\mathbf{C_6^H_5}^c$	$C_{22}H_{21}N_3O_5$	70	112-113	64.8	5.15	64.85	5.19
C ₂ H ₅ OOC	$NHPh^c$	$C_{20}H_{19}N_5O_5$	73	210-212	58.5	4.45	58.67	4.67
n - C_3H_7OOC	$NHPh^c$	$C_{21}H_{21}N_5O_5$	69	196-197	59.6	5.14	59.57	4.99
i-C ₄ H ₉ OOC	$\mathrm{NHPh}^{\mathtt{c}}$	$C_{22}H_{23}N_5O_5$	71	182183	62.5	5.27	62.69	5.30
i-C ₄ H ₉ OOC	$o\text{-NH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4{}^d$	$C_{15}H_{18}N_4O_4$	66	134-135	59.5	6.68	59.73	6.79
C ₂ H ₅ OOC	$o\text{-NH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4^{d}$	$C_{13}H_{14}N_4O_4$	80	204-205	51.47	5.07	51.72	4.85

^a With decomposition. The melting point appears to change with age (several months) of the sample. Recrystallization restores some of the original 3. b Monoacyl derivative. c Diacyl derivative. d 10.

trapped the unstable diazacyclopentadienone with dienes;5a Junek and Aiger have treated 1,3-disubstituted pyrazol-5-ones or 3-aminopyrazoles with tetracyanoethylene and obtained condensations at the 4 position.^{5b} However, actual analogs of 3 are rare; the closest examples we know are the 3-amino-4-arylazo-2-pyrazolin-5-ones,6a whose chemistry has been developed by Elnagdi et al.6b

In previous work the synthesis and some properties of the products (1) of eq 1 were discussed.2 Here these enam-

$$\text{Cl}_3\text{CCN} + \text{CH}_2(\text{COOR})_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Na}} (\text{RO}_2\text{C})_2\text{C} = \text{C}(\text{CCl}_3)\text{NH}_2$$
 (1)

ines readily reacted with hydrazine to yield chloroform and 1-amino-1-hydrazino-2,2-dicarboxyalkylethenes (2) at ca. 25° (eq 2). The properties of these compounds are given in Table I.

There are perhaps two reactions which begin by looking

like precedents for eq 2 but which end up with different products. In general, CCl₃ (or CF₃) is not typical of

$$(NC)_{2}C = C(CF_{3})NH_{2} \qquad H_{2}N \qquad N \qquad + NH_{3}$$

$$(NC)_{2}C = C(CF_{3})NH_{2} \qquad (3)$$

$$(CN)_{3}C^{-}K^{+} + CF_{3}H$$

Table III
Observed Ir Frequencies^a and Tentative Assignments for the
3-Aminopyrazolin-5-ones (3) and Their Acylation Products (4-7)^b

3		4 or 5	6 or 7	Tentative assignment, ν	Ref	
3500	s	3490 s	3480 ± 10 m	Asymmetrical NH	9, 10	
3300 ± 10	w		$3300 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	Symmetrical NH	9, 10	
3220-3000	b	3400-3100 b		Intermolecular OH · · · N	10	
2980 m, 290	0 w	2 990 m	$3000 \pm 15 \text{ m}$	Intramolecular OH · · ·	11	
± 10			1750 s	5-COOR	12, 14	
1685 ± 10	s	$1720 \pm 10 \text{ s}$	$1690 \pm 10 s$	4-COOR	,	
		1680-1630 b	1660 s	-CON < and > C = N-	12	
1610 ± 15	m	1610 m	$1600 \pm 10 s$	Ring > C = N-	8, 11	
1550 ± 10	s	$1520 \pm 15 s$	$1500 \pm 10 \text{ w}$	Ring > C = C <	8, 9, 11, 14	
1470 ± 10	m	1450 w	$1450 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	Asymmetrical -CH ₂ - deformation	8, 9, 14, 15	
1385	w	1380 ± 10 m	$1400 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	Symmetrical -CH ₂ - deformation	8, 9, 14	
1330 ± 10	m	$1320 \pm 10 s$	$1300 \pm 15 s$	C-N stretch	8, 9, 10, 15	
1260 ± 5	w	$1250 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	$1250 \pm 10 s$	Asymmetrical ester C-O stretch	14	
1150 ± 5	s	1150 • 10 s	$1175 \pm 5 \text{ m}$	C-N, C-C stretch	10	
1100 ± 10	S	$1100 \pm 15 \text{ w}$	$1135 \pm 5 \text{ w}$	Symmetrical ester C-O stretch	14	
980 ± 15	w	$1000 \pm 10 \text{ w}$	$1040 \pm 5 \text{ m}$	СН		
960 ± 15	w	$970 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	$1020 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	Heteroring	9, 10, 14	
		$880 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	$940 \pm 15 \text{ m}$	•	, ,	
			$920 \pm 10 \text{ w}$			
810 ± 10	s	$800 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	$800 \pm 15 \text{ m}$	Heteroring	10	
750 ± 15	w	$760 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	$760 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	Heteroring		
		$700 \pm 5 \text{ s}$	$700 \pm 5 \text{ s}$	Ph ring		
680	w	680 m	680 m	Heteroring		
650 ± 5	w	$660 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	$660 \pm 10 \text{ m}$	Heteroring		

^a In reciprocal centimeters. ^b b, broad; m, medium; s, strong; w, weak.

leaving groups in nucleophilic attacks at an ethylenic carbon. On the other hand, the analogy between eq 2 and the familiar haloform reaction is so close, particularly for the imine tautomer of 1, that the formation of 2 is quite plausible.

As indicated in eq 2, the hydrazinoenamines (2) cyclize on heating to give pyrazolones (3). More conveniently, 1 and excess hydrazine in DMF at ca. 100° yielded 3. The properties of this series are listed in Table II.

In order to characterize the pyrazolones, we prepared several derivatives (eq 4). Depending on whether 1 or 2

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equiv of acid chloride or isocyanate are added, one may proceed cleanly to the mono- or disubstitution products. ^{4b} Likewise, isatoic anhydride acylates 3 to give a yellow product (10). All of these compounds (4–10) are described in Table II.

Spectral Data. There has been considerable interest in the tautomers and hydrogen-bonded forms of pyrazolones.^{4,8} Our 3-amino compounds (3) and their derivatives (4-9) increase the possibilities in both categories. Structures 3a, 4a, 6a, and 9a depict some of the possible tautom-

ers and types of *intramolecular* hydrogen bonds. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds, N-H...N, N-H...O, and O-H...O, must, of course, also be considered.

The preceding structural effects may be deduced in a general way from the spectra of 3-7. Those features of the families which seem to be common are summarized in

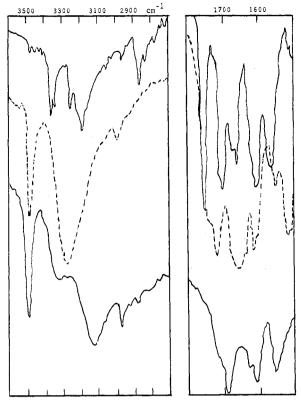


Figure 1. Infrared spectra of substituted pyrazoles (3-R/NH, 4-RCOO, 5-R") and/or their tautomeric forms in potassium bromide pellets: lower curve, R' = R'' = H, $R = i - C_4H_9$; middle curve, R' =COPh, $R = C_2H_5$, R' = H; upper curve, R' = R'' = COPh, R = n- C_3H_7 .

Table III. In the absence of a normal coordinate treatment (except for the parent pyrazole⁹) our vibrational assignments must be regarded as tentative. However, we were aided by previous work in which many of the band (group) assignments were made. This extensive experience will simply be cited here.8-15

In Figure 1 we show typical changes in the regions of carbonyl and no (3400-3600 cm⁻¹), intermolecular (3000-3400 cm⁻¹), and intramolecular (2000-3000 cm⁻¹) hydrogenbonding absorptions. To begin with, the solids 3 are probably present as hydroxy tautomers, e.g., 3a, in which interand intramolecular hydrogen bonds can be strong. Monoacylation, as in 4a, appears to narrow bands in the 3300and 2950-cm⁻¹ regions and decrease the intensity of the latter substantially. Diacylation as in 6a produces sharper but weaker peaks throughout.

Certain mass spectra of the series studied were of special interest. The solids 9 and 10 tended to crack: parent peaks were not observed. The parent ions of the mono- and diacylated solids (4-7) usually split along fairly conventional lines. Above the parent, however, was an array of ions

carrying one or more "extra" protons or acyl groups, e.g., eq 6. It is not clear whether these ions arise from acid-base reactions in the heated probe or from the fragmentation of dimers in the source. Whatever their origin, it appears that intermolecular analogs of the intramolecular bonding pictured in 3a, 4a, 6a, and 9a are significant.

Several typical mass spectra are listed in the Experimental Section.

Experimental Section

1-Amino-1-hydrazino-2,2-dicarboxyalkylethenes (2) (Table 1-Amino-1-trichloromethyl-2,2-dicarboxyalkylethene¹ mol) in DMF (30 ml) was stirred as an 85% aqueous solution of hydrazine hydrate (1.5 ml) was slowly added. The mixture was stirred for 30 min more, heated briefly (3-5 min) to ca. 80°, treated with water (100 ml), and stored for ca. 12-24 hr at 0-5°. The white solid products were obtained by filtration and several recrystallizations from ethanol-water (1:1).

3-Amino-4-carboalkoxypyrazolinones (3). A stirred solution of 2 (0.1 mol) and hydrazine hydrate (20 ml) in DMF (200 ml) was heated at ca. 100° for 2 hr. Treatment of the cooled solution with ice water (100 ml) and evaporation yielded a solid which was washed with water and recrystallized from methanol. In an alternate preparation of 3, compound 2 was quickly dissolved in refluxing phenetole (ca. 172°). Compound 3 began to separate immediately and was filtered from the cooled solution.

Mono- and Diacylated Derivatives (4-7) of 3. A solution of the pyrazolone 3 (0.01 mol) and benzoyl chloride (0.01 mol) in pyridine was stirred for 1 hr at ca. 70°. Evaporation of the solvent yielded a solid (4), which was washed with water and recrystallized from methanol. Acetyl chloride (0.01 mol) was added slowly to a solution of pyrazolone 3 (0.01 mol) in pyridine (20 ml). The mixture was stirred for ca. 1 hr more and then treated with ice water (ca. 50 ml). The viscous oil which separated crystallized at ca. -5° . It was decolorized with active carbon in and recrystallized from methanol or ethanol to give 5.

The diacyl products were prepared by heating 3 (0.01 mol) and the appropriate acid chloride (0.02 mol) in pyridine (20 ml) at reflux for ca. 2 hr or until solution was complete. The cooled solution was treated with ice slush (100 g) and the solid (6, 7) which separated was recrystallized from ethanol or acetone.

Urea and Urethane Derivatives of 3. A solution of 3 (0.01 mol) and phenyl isocyanate (0.01 mol) in pyridine (20 ml) was stirred for ca. 0.2 hr at ca. 25° and 0.5 hr at reflux. The cooled solution was treated with ice slush and the solid (8) which separated was recrystallized from ethanol. A solution of 3 (0.01 mol) and phenyl isocyanate (0.02 mol) in pyridine (15 ml) was heated at reflux for 1 hr. On evaporation under vacuum, the solution deposited a viscous oil which was stirred with water at ca. -5°. Treatment of this material with active carbon in ethanol and recrystallization gave white crystals of 9.

o-Aminobenzoylations with Isatoic Anhydride. Reactions of 4-carboethoxy derivatives of 3- and 5-aminopyrazole were carried out. A mixture of isatoic anhydride (1.63 g, 0.01 mol), 16 pyrazole (0.01 mol), and pyridine (20 ml) was stirred at ca. 100° for 4 hr. After the colored solution was cooled and evaporated, the residue was recrystallized from ethanol to yield (10).

Mass Spectra. A Varian MAT CH7 instrument operated at an ionizing energy of ca. 55 eV at 100 μA was used. A few sample spectra are recorded below. Probe temperatures, m/e (rel intensities) and metastable transitions m* are indicated. Below the double slash (//), peaks of low relative intensity and at an arbitrary cut-off (5-8%), as well as m/e 32, 29, 18, and 17, were omitted.

$$C_2H_5OOC$$
 $NHCOC_6H_5$
 C_6H_5COO
 NH
 NH
 $C_{20}H_{17}O_5N_{3}, 379; 160°$

488 (1), 487 (3), 440 (1), 415 (1), 383 (16), 382 (68), 381 (85), //335 (27), 334 (53), 293* \pm 1.5 (382, 381 \rightarrow 335, 334), 276 (9), 230 (9), 229 (33), 138.5* (382, 381 \rightarrow 230, 231) 107 (12), 106 (74), 105 (100), 104 (9), 83 (21), 78 (38), 77 (93), 76 (18), 68 (9), 67 (29), 56.6* \pm 1 (105 \rightarrow 77), 56 (5), 51 (56), 50 (10), 40 (5), 34* (77 \rightarrow 51), 29.1* \pm 0.6 (382, 381 \rightarrow 106, 105), 29 (12)

382 (1), 381 (5), 380 (12), 334 (2), 333 (5), 293* (380 \rightarrow 334), 276 (44), 275 (76), 230 (53), //229 (47), 191* \pm 1 (275 \rightarrow 230, 229), 125 (18), 106 (68), 105 (100), 103 (64), 78 (27), 77 (82), 76 (16), 69 (13), 68 (67), 56.5* (275 \rightarrow 125, 105 \rightarrow 77), 51 (38), 50 (15), 48* (230, 229 \rightarrow 106, 105), 45 (8), 44 (22), 43 (10), 41 (13), 40.2* (275 \rightarrow 105), 40 (20), 39 (80), 34* (77 \rightarrow 51), 31 (13), 29 (35), 27 (24)

290 (1.2), 289 (0.5), 275 (0.8), 245 (0.8), 229 (1.2), 199 230 (1.2), 263 (0.3), 273 (0.3), 243 (0.3), 223 (1.2), 155 (0.5), //172 (10), 171 (90), 125 (42), 124 (100), 120 (16), 119 (95), 91.4* (171 \rightarrow 125), 91 (71), 69.7* \pm 0.5 (119 \rightarrow 91), 68 (90), 65 (11), 64 (40), 63 (18), 58 (11), 51 (12), 50 (10), 45* (91 \rightarrow 64), 41 (14), 40 (15), 39 (17), 38 (15), 37* (125 \rightarrow 68), 27 (15)

Registry No.—1 (R = Me), 22071-01-8; 1 (R = Et), 22071-11-0; 1 (R = Pr), 22071-02-9; 1 (R = Pr-i), 22071-03-0; 1 (R = Bu), 55254-75-6; 1 (R = Bu-i), 55254-76-7; 1 (R = Bu-t), 40764-67-8; 1 (R = Bu-t; R' = Et), 51920-23-1; 3 $(R = CH_3OOC)$, 52566-49-1; 3 $(R = C_2H_5OOC)$, 52565-83-0; 3 $(R = C_3H_7OOC)$, 55254-83-6; 3 $(R = C_3H_7OOC)$ = $i \cdot C_3 H_7 OOC$), 55254-84-7; 3 (R = $C_4 H_9 OOC$), 55254-85-8; 3 (R = $i\text{-}\mathrm{C_4H_9OOC})$, 55254-86-9; 3 (R = $t\text{-}\mathrm{C_4H_9OOC})$, 55254-87-0; 4 (R = C_2H_5OOC), 52566-51-5; 4 (R = n- C_3H_7OOC), 55254-88-1; 4 (R = $i-C_4H_9OOC$), 55254-89-2; 5 (R = $n-C_3H_7OOC$), 55254-90-5; 5 (R =

 $i-C_3H_7OOC$), 55254-91-6; 5 (R = $i-C_4H_9OOC$), 55254-92-7; 6 (R = C_2H_5OOC), 55254-93-8; 6 (R = n- C_3H_7OOC), 55254-94-9; 6 (R = $i-C_3H_7OOC$), 55254-95-0; 6 (R = $i-C_4H_9OOC$), 55254-96-1; 7 (R = $n-C_3H_7OOC$), 55254-97-2; 7 (R = $i-C_4H_9OOC$), 55254-98-3; 8 (R = C_2H_5OOC), 55254-99-4; 8 (R = n- C_3H_7OOC), 55255-00-0; 8 (R = $i-C_4H_9OOC$), 55255-01-1; 9 (R = C_2H_5OOC), 55255-02-2; 9 (R = $n-C_3H_7OOC$), 55255-03-3; 9 (R = $i-C_4H_9OOC$), 55255-04-4; 10, (R = Et), 55255-05-5; 10 (R = Bu-i), 55255-06-6; hydrazine hydrate, 10217-52-4; benzoyl chloride, 98-88-4; acetyl chloride, 75-36-5; phenyl isocyanate, 103-72-0; isatoic anhydride, 118-48-9.

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Dye-Sensitized Photooxygenation of tert-Butylpyrroles

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The isomeric 1,2 and 3-mono-tert-butylpyrroles were photooxygenated in methanol and acetone solvents using Rose Bengal and Methylene Blue singlet oxygen sensitizers. Their rates of photooxygenation are comparable to that of 2,5-dimethylfuran in methanol, but slower in acetone. Fifteen different photooxygenation products from both methanol and acetone solvents have been isolated, and their structures have been determined by spectroscopic methods. They include the expected 5-methoxy- and 5-hydroxylactams, 3-hydroxylactams, imides, pivalamide, and an unusual yellow keto lactam. The intermediate endo peroxides have been prepared at -78° and identified by low-temperature NMR.

The dye-sensitized photooxygenation of pyrroles has been the subject of recent extensive investigations, 1 especially in connection with a phototherapy method for treating neonatal jaundice due to an excess of the tetrapyrrole, bilirubin. 1,2,3 However, the first photochemical oxidation of pyrrole was reported by Ciamician and Silber in 1912:4 photoautoxidation of pyrrole in water gave succinimide along with two unidentified crystalline compounds and a black resin. Subsequent investigations were reported by Bernheim and Morgan,5 who found that eosin or Methylene Blue sensitized irradiation of pyrrole in water, acetone, or alcohol gave a 58% yield of an unidentified crystalline product, C₄H₅NO₂, mp 102.5°; and Linnel and Umar,⁶ who postulated a reactive, polymerizable pyrrole endo peroxide. De Mayo and Reid⁷ were the first to prove the 5-

hydroxylactam structures of the products from eosin-sensitized aqueous photooxygenation of pyrrole and N-methylpyrrole. They accounted for their isolated photoproducts by proposing the intermediacy of an unstable endo peroxide formed by reaction of the pyrrole with singlet oxygen^{8,9} $[^{1}O_{2}]$ analogous to the photooxygenation of furans. 10,11 Pyrrole photooxygenations were later extended to alkylpyrroles by Lightner et al., 1,12 and the photooxygenation of phenyl-substituted pyrroles received extensive and pioneering attention by Wasserman et al.1,13 and Dufraisse, Rio et al. 1,14 The only reported photooxygenation study on tert-butylpyrroles is that of Ramasseul and Rassat, 15 who isolated hydroperoxides from 2,5-di-tert-butylpyrrole and 2,3,5-tri-tert-butylpyrrole as well as other products whose structures are reminiscent of those from 2,3,4,5-tetraphen-