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# HETEROCYCLIC SULFUR COMPOUNDS—CV 1,2-DIHYDRO-3,1,2λ<sup>5</sup>-BENZOTHIAZAPHOSPHININE- 2,4-DITHIONES—A NEW SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO 2-ARYLAMINO-THIOBENZAMIDES AND TO 2-(2-ARYLAMINOPHENYL)- 4,5-DIHYDROTHIAZOLES (OR OXAZOLES)

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2-Alkoxy-1-aryl-1,2-dihydro-3,1,2λ<sup>5</sup>-benzothiazaphosphinine-2,4-dithiones react with a primary or secondary alkylamine and an alcohol giving a 2-arylamino-thiobenzamide and an *O,O*-dialkyl alkylammonium dithiophosphate. Ethane-1,2-diamine and propane-1,3-diamine, with the same reagents, give a 2,2'-bis-(arylamino)-*N,N'*-di(or tri)methylenebis(thiobenzamide) accompanied, respectively, by a 2-(2-arylamino-phenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazole or by a 2-(2-arylamino-phenyl)-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine.

In similar conditions, 2-aminoethanol leads to the expected thiobenzamide, often accompanied by a 2-(2-arylamino-phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole. With 2-amino-ethanethiol, a 2-(2-arylamino-phenyl)-4,5-dihydrothiazole is obtained.

## INTRODUCTION

Renewed interest has been shown for the synthesis of 2-amino-thiobenzamides because of the potential pharmacological properties of this type of compound.<sup>1,2</sup> Various methods have been described whose applicability depends, to a large extent, on the substituents of the amine and amide groups.

Reaction of 2-aminobenzonitrile with hydrogen sulfide, in the presence of ammonia<sup>3</sup> or of triethylamine<sup>4</sup> leads to a thioamide unsubstituted on the amide group.

Action of phosphorus pentasulfide, in boiling pyridine, on a 2-amino-benzamide has been used for preparing variously substituted thioamides.<sup>1,2</sup> In this synthesis, a phosphorus intermediate is formed for which the structure of a pyridinium 2,4-dithio-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,3,2λ<sup>5</sup>-benzodiazaphosphinine-2-thiolate has been suggested.<sup>2</sup> Hydrolysis of this salt yields the desired thioamide.

Some 2-amino-thiobenzamides have been prepared by reacting a primary amine with a 1*H*-3,1-benzothiazine-2,4-dithione.<sup>2</sup> However, according to the nature of the reagents, this may lead also, and sometimes exclusively, to a 1*H*,3*H*-quinazoline-2,4-dithione.

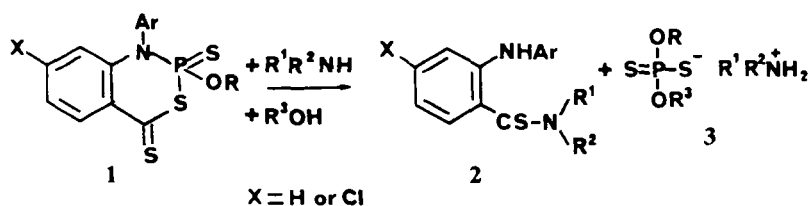
In previous papers, we have shown that 2-amino-thiobenzamides can be obtained by reacting 1,2-dihydro-3,1-benzothiazine-3-thiones with diverse amines: primary

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and secondary aliphatic amines,<sup>5</sup> arylamines.<sup>6</sup> In the case of ethane-1,2-diamine, the major product is a 2-(2-aminophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazole, resulting from a cyclisation of the thioamide.<sup>7</sup> Similarly, with propane-1,3-diamine, a 2-(2-aminophenyl)-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine can be obtained.<sup>8</sup>

## RESULTS

This paper describes a synthesis of 2-arylamino-thiobenzamides **2** starting from *N*-substituted anthranilic esters and using as intermediates the 2-alkoxy-1-aryl-1,2-dihydro-3,1,2λ<sup>5</sup>-benzothiazaphosphinine-2,4-dithiones **1** whose preparation from anthranilic esters has been described in a previous paper.<sup>9</sup> Reaction of amines on compounds **1** is shown in Scheme 1.



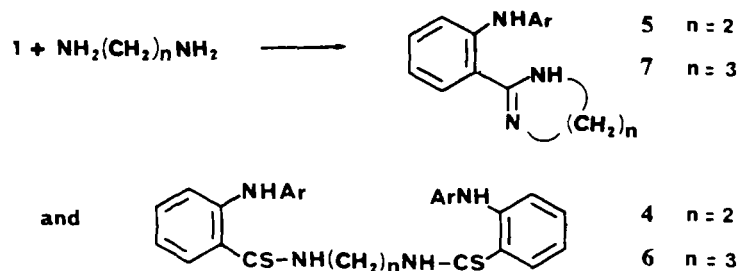
SCHEME 1

It has been possible to obtain samples of the dithiophosphates **3** in some cases, for instance with methylamine ( $R^1=CH_3$ ,  $R^2=H$ ) in the presence of methanol or ethanol ( $R^3=CH_3$  or  $C_2H_5$ ). It appears that this reaction constitutes a method for preparing *O,O*-dialkyl dithiophosphate anions containing two different alkyl groups.

Two compounds **1** have been reacted with ethane-1,2-diamine and in both cases two compounds have been obtained:

- a *N,N'*-ethylenebis(thiobenzamide) **4**;
- a 2-[2-(arylamino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydroimidazole **5**.

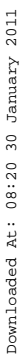
A similar reaction, performed with propane-1,3-diamine gave a mixture of 2,2'-bis(*p*-tolylamino)-*N,N'*-trimethylenebis(thiobenzamide) **6** and of 2-[2-(*p*-tolylamino)phenyl]-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine **7**. These reactions are summarized in Scheme 2.



SCHEME 2

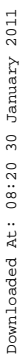
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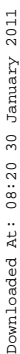
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## EXPERIMENTAL

<sup>1</sup>H-nmr spectra have been recorded on Varian A60-D or EM-360 spectrometers, using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent and TMS as internal reference.

**Reaction of primary and secondary alkylamines.** The amine is slowly added to the phosphorus compound **1** dissolved in a benzene-methanol (1 : 1) or benzene-ethanol (1 : 1) boiling mixture. When the brown-red color of **1** has disappeared, the solvent is distilled under reduced pressure. The residue is extracted by benzene, which removes the thiobenzamide **2**. The latter is purified by chromatography on alumina, the elution being done with a mixture benzene-cyclohexane (1 : 5). The thiobenzamides thus obtained are indicated in Table I.

The oil remaining after benzene extraction contains an ammonium *O,O*-dialkyl dithiophosphate which sometimes can be recrystallized in a benzene-chloroform (1 : 1) mixture. The following salts have been isolated and characterized by nmr:

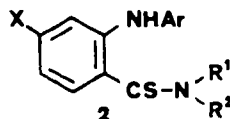
Methylammonium *O,O*-dimethyl dithiophosphate—Yield 80%—White crystals *F* = 89°C—nmr: 2.63(s): NCH<sub>3</sub>; 3.63(d, *J*<sub>POCH</sub> = 14 Hz): OCH<sub>3</sub>; 7.8(m, *W*<sub>H</sub> = 22 Hz): NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>. C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NS<sub>2</sub>P—Calc'd: C, 19.03; H, 6.39; N, 7.40; P, 16.37. Found: C, 19.24; H, 6.35; N, 7.59; P, 16.37.

Methylammonium *O*-ethyl *O*-methyl dithiophosphate—Yield 75%—oil—nmr: 1.26(t, *J* = 7.5 Hz): CH<sub>3</sub>—(CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.80(s): NCH<sub>3</sub>; 3.65(d, *J*<sub>POCH</sub> = 14 Hz): OCH<sub>3</sub>; 4.04 (2 q, *J*<sub>POCH</sub> = 10 Hz, *J*<sub>HCC</sub> = 7.5 Hz): CH<sub>2</sub>—(CH<sub>3</sub>); 7.4(m, *W*<sub>H</sub> = 15 Hz): NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>. C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NS<sub>2</sub>P—Calc'd: C, 23.63; H, 6.94; N, 6.89; P, 15.24. Found: C, 23.83; H, 6.91; N, 7.25; P, 15.33.

Methylammonium *O,O*-diethyl dithiophosphate—Yield 78%—White crystals *F* = 67°C—nmr: 1.31(t, *J* = 7 Hz): CH<sub>3</sub>—(CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75(s): NCH<sub>3</sub>; 4.05(2 q, *J*<sub>POCH</sub> = 9.5 Hz, *J*<sub>HCC</sub> = 7 Hz): OCH<sub>2</sub>—(CH<sub>3</sub>); 7.1(m, *W*<sub>H</sub> = 25 Hz): NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>. C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NS<sub>2</sub>P—Calc'd: N, 6.45. Found: N, 6.93.

**Reaction of ethane-1,2-diamine and of propane-1,3-diamine.** The reaction is performed as for monoamines but the chromatography on alumina is slightly modified. Elution, begun with dichloromethane, gives first a bis(thiobenzamide) **4** or **6**, recrystallized in a benzene-cyclohexane(1 : 1) mixture. The phosphorus starting compounds **1** contained an ethoxy substituent. Other substituents are apparent from

TABLE IA



2-(Arylamino)thiobenzamides 2

OR <sup>a</sup>	Ar	X	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	No	Yield%	F°C	Ref.
OCH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	<b>2Aa</b>	60	186	5
OCH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	<b>2Ab</b>	85	116	5
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Phenyl	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>2Ac</b>	92	94	5
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Phenyl	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>2Ad</b>	95	123	
OCH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	Cl	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	<b>2Ba</b>	83	123	5
OCH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	Cl	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>2Bc</b>	90	130	
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	<b>2Ca</b>	95	133	5
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	<b>2Cb</b>	87	95	5
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>2Cc</b>	72	102	5
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>2Cd</b>	40	129	
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	H	CH <sub>2</sub> —(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> —CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub>	<b>2Ce</b>	55	124	5
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	Cl	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	<b>2Da</b>	80	104	5
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	Cl	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>2Dd</b>	70	110	
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	<b>2Ea</b>	90	134	5
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	<b>2Eb</b>	90	98	
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>2Ed</b>	60	94	
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	H	CH <sub>2</sub> —(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> —CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub>	<b>2Ee</b>	75	123	5

<sup>a</sup> Nature of the alkoxy in the starting material **1**.

TABLE IB

Analyses

No	Formula	Calculated				Found			
		C	H	N	S	C	H	N	S
2Aa	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	69.38	5.82	11.56	—	69.45	6.09	11.44	—
2Ab	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	70.27	6.29	10.93	—	70.17	6.27	10.82	—
2Ac	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	70.27	6.29	10.93	12.51	70.45	6.40	10.94	12.75
2Ad	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	71.79	7.09	9.85	—	71.54	7.25	9.89	—
2Ba	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SCl	60.74	4.73	10.12	11.59	60.87	4.91	10.17	11.61
2Ca	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	70.27	6.29	10.93	—	70.34	6.25	10.92	—
2Cb	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	71.07	6.71	10.36	11.86	71.12	6.86	10.32	11.75
2Cc	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	71.07	6.71	10.36	11.86	70.88	6.72	10.50	11.67
2Cd	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	72.43	7.43	9.39	10.74	72.18	7.45	9.59	10.73
2Ce	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	73.54	7.14	9.03	10.31	73.69	7.12	9.05	10.15
2Da	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SCl	61.94	5.20	9.63	11.02	61.70	5.36	9.79	11.06
2Dd	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SCl	64.94	6.36	8.42	—	64.88	6.20	8.42	—
2Ea	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	66.14	5.92	10.28	—	66.24	5.80	10.13	—
2Eb	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	67.10	6.34	9.78	—	67.57	6.34	9.72	—
2Ed	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	68.75	7.05	8.91	—	68.53	7.19	8.89	—
2Ee	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>22</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	69.90	6.79	8.58	—	69.80	6.85	8.68	—

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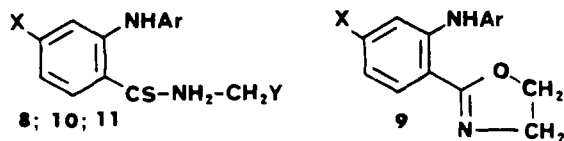
**4A**—2,2'-Bis(phenylamino)-*N,N'*-ethylenebis(thiobenzamide)—Yield 26%—*F* = 179°C. C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>—Calc'd: C, 69.67; H, 5.43. Found: C, 69.79; H, 5.65.

**4E**—2,2'-Bis(4-methoxyphenylamino)-*N,N'*-ethylenebis(thiobenzamide)—Yield 40%—*F* = 179°C. C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>—Calc'd: C, 66.39; H, 5.57; N, 10.33; S, 11.81. Found: C, 66.31; H, 5.73; N, 10.38; S, 11.65.

**6C**—2,2'-Bis(4-methylphenylamino)-*N,N'*-trimethylenebis(thiobenzamide)—Yield 66%—*F* = 173°C. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>—Calc'd: C, 70.96; H, 6.15; S, 12.21. Found: C, 71.31; H, 6.39; S, 12.33.

The elution, continued with ethyl acetate, gives afterwards the following compounds **5** or **7** which are recrystallized from a benzene-cyclohexane(1:1) mixture.

TABLE IIA



2-Arylamino-*N*-(hydroxyalkyl)-thiobenzamides **8**, **10**, **11**; 2-(2-Arylamino-phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazoles **9**

OR <sup>a</sup>	Ar	X	Y	No	Yield%	F°C	No	Yield%	F°C
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Phenyl	H	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<b>8A</b>	36	98	<b>9A</b>	22	72
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	H	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<b>8C</b>	80	oil	<b>9C</b>	10	93
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	Cl	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<b>8F</b>	38	130	<b>9F</b>	12	80
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Phenyl	H	CHOH-CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>10A</b>	90	110			
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	H	CHOH-CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>10E</b>	71	130			
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Phenyl	H	CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<b>11A</b>	55	85			
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	H	CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<b>11C</b>	52	75			
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	Cl	CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<b>11D</b>	52	102			
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	H	CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<b>11E</b>	35	72			
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	Cl	CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<b>11F</b>	58	91			

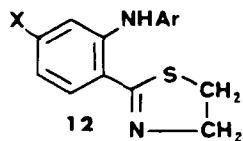
<sup>a</sup> Nature of the alkoxy in the starting material **1**

TABLE IIB

Analyses

No	Formula	Calculated				Found			
		C	H	N	S	C	H	N	S
<b>8A</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	66.14	5.92	—	—	66.14	5.78	—	—
<b>9A</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> ON <sub>2</sub>	75.60	5.92	—	—	75.27	5.95	—	—
<b>8C</b>	oil: not analyzed								
<b>9C</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ON <sub>2</sub>	—	—	11.10	—	—	—	11.14	—
<b>8F</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>17</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SCl	57.05	5.09	—	9.52	57.73	5.27	—	9.58
<b>9F</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>15</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Cl	63.47	4.99	9.26	—	63.45	4.95	9.39	—
<b>10A</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	67.10	6.34	—	11.19	67.28	6.52	—	11.03
<b>10E</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	64.52	6.37	8.85	—	65.03	6.27	8.88	—
<b>11A</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	—	—	9.78	—	—	—	9.55	—
<b>11C</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	67.97	6.71	9.33	—	67.80	6.62	9.15	—
<b>11D</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>19</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> SCl	60.98	5.72	8.37	9.56	60.73	5.67	8.31	9.34
<b>11E</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	64.53	—	—	10.13	64.54	—	—	10.26
<b>11F</b>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>19</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SCl	58.19	5.46	—	9.14	58.40	5.60	—	9.39

TABLE IIIA

2-(2-Arylamino-4-substitutedphenyl)-4,5-dihydrothiazoles **12**

OR <sup>a</sup>	Ar	X	No	Yield%	F°C
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Phenyl	H	<b>12A</b>	72	68
OCH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	Cl	<b>12B</b>	75	87
OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	H	<b>12C</b>	65	103
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methylphenyl	Cl	<b>12D</b>	70	95
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	H	<b>12E</b>	68	75
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-Methoxyphenyl	Cl	<b>12F</b>	85	124

<sup>a</sup> Nature of the alkoxy in the starting material **1**.

TABLE IIIB

Analyses

No	Formula	Calculated				Found			
		C	H	N	S	C	H	N	S
<b>12A</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	70.83	5.55	11.02	12.61	70.97	5.62	10.87	12.72
<b>12B</b>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SCl	62.38	4.54	—	11.10	62.40	4.52	—	11.44
<b>12C</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	71.60	6.01	—	11.95	71.26	6.13	—	11.87
<b>12D</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SCl	63.46	4.99	—	10.59	63.36	4.90	—	10.38
<b>12E</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> S	67.57	5.67	—	11.27	67.54	5.74	—	11.04
<b>12F</b>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>15</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> SCl	60.27	4.74	8.79	—	60.23	4.78	8.98	—

**5A**—2-(2-Phenylaminophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazole—Yield 10%—F = 88°C.<sup>7</sup>  
 $C_{15}H_{15}N_3$ —Calc'd: C, 75.92; H, 6.37; N, 17.71. Found: C, 75.78; H, 6.34; N, 17.64.

**5E**—2-[2-(4-Methoxyphenylamino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazole—Yield 15%—F = 113°C.<sup>7</sup>  
 $C_{16}H_{17}ON_3$ —Calc'd: C, 71.89; H, 6.41; N, 15.72. Found: C, 71.94; H, 6.51; N, 15.69.

**7C**—2-[2-(4-Methylphenylamino)phenyl]-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine—Yield 5%—F = 143°C.<sup>8</sup>  
 $C_{17}H_{19}N_3$ —Calc'd: C, 76.95; H, 7.22; N, 15.84. Found: C, 76.97; H, 7.18; N, 15.75.

*Reaction of amino-alcohols.* 2-Aminoethanol, 1-amino-2-propanol or 3-amino-1-propanol are reacted with compounds **1** according to the procedure already indicated, apart from the fact that the reaction solvent is benzene. The reaction product is purified by chromatography on alumina, elution being begun with dichloromethane. When the reagent is 2-aminoethanol, a first fraction is obtained, containing a 2-(2-arylaminophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole **9**, white crystals which are recrystallized in ethanol.

Elution, continued with a mixture dichloromethane-ethyl acetate(1 : 1), gives, according to the nature of the amino-alcohol used, a 2-arylmino-*N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)thiobenzamide **8**, a 2-arylmino-*N*-(2-hydroxypropyl)-thiobenzamide **10** or a 2-arylmino-*N*-(3-hydroxypropyl)thiobenzamide **11**.

Compounds **9**, **10**, **11** and **12** which have been obtained are indicated in Table II.

*Reaction of 2-aminoethanethiol.* 2-Aminoethanethiol is progressively added to the phosphorus compound **1** dissolved in a benzene-ethanol(1 : 1) boiling mixture until the brown-red color has disappeared. The solvent is distilled and the residue extracted by dichloromethane. The solution is chromatographed on alumina, elution being done with dichloromethane. The 2-(2-arylaminophenyl)-4,5-dihydrothiazole **12** thus obtained is crystallized in ethanol. Compounds **12** obtained in this way are indicated in Table III.

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