

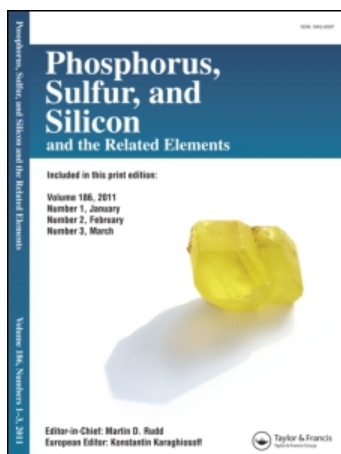
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I. INTRODUCTION

A large number of cyclic thiones has been synthesized. These include alicyclic and heterocyclic thiones, the latter including those with potential aromatic character. It is the intention of this paper to summarize the reactions of a number of simple systems of this type with a variety of reagents which

lead to modification of the thione function. Reactions may either lead to oxidation of the molecule, replacement of the thione sulfur atom by oxygen, or even replacement by hydrogen. Data are also included for some thiols which are capable of tautomerism with thiones and give similar or related products.

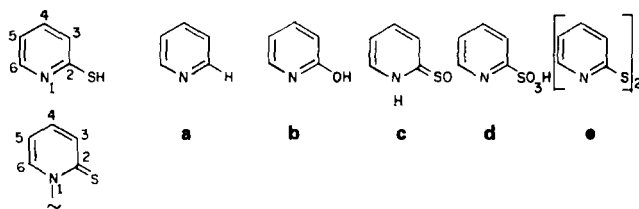
II. TYPES OF THIONES OXIDIZED

These include alicyclic thiones with three to seven-membered rings, and are usually conjugated. Non-conjugated thiones correspond to aliphatic acyclic thiones and are likely to be polymeric.¹ Heterocyclic thiones described here have five- to seven-membered rings, and thione functions are stabilized by interaction with heteroatoms, including nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, or by conjugation with

double bonds. In some compounds, especially in nitrogen heterocycles, they may exist substantially as thiol forms. Heterocyclic thiones described also include those with two or more heteroatoms. Types of thiones oxidized are classified and appear with the appropriate reagents and types of products in Tables I to XXVII.

TABLE I

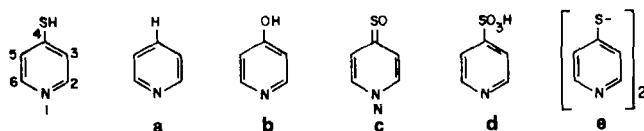
Oxidation Reactions of 2-Mercapto Pyridines or Pyrid-2-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
Parent	HNO ₃	d	145
parent	H ₂ O ₂	c	7a
1-Me	H ₂ O ₂	c	7a
5-Cl	10% H ₂ O ₂	e	11
5-Br	10% H ₂ O ₂	e	11
5-I	10% H ₂ O ₂	e	11
5-NO ₂	10% H ₂ O ₂	e	11
5-NO ₂	KMnO ₄ /acetone	b	18
5-NO ₂	KMnO ₄ /NH ₄ OH	b	18
5-NO ₂	CrO ₃	b	18
5-NO ₂	HNO ₃	b	18
5-NHCOCH ₃	H ₂ O ₂	d	18
3-Cl-5-NO ₂	10% H ₂ O ₂	e	11
3-CN-4,6-Me ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /NaOH	d	40
3-CN-4,6-Me ₂	HNO ₃	e	40
3-CN-4,6-Me ₂	I ₂ /K ₂ CO ₃	e	40
5,6-(—CH=CH—CMe=CH—)	I ₂ /KI	e	88
4-Me-5,6-(—CH=CH—CCl=CH—)	I ₂ /KI	e	88

TABLE II

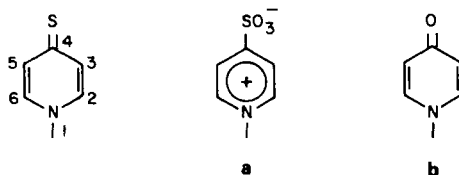
Oxidation Reaction of 4-Mercaptopyridines



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
Parent	HNO ₃	d	92
Parent	HNO ₃	d + e	39
Parent	Cl ₂ /HCl	d	39
Parent	Cl ₂ /ether	e	39
Parent	Cl ₂ /HNO ₃	e	39
Parent	I ₂ /KI, NaOH	e	92
Parent	I ₂ /NaOH	e	39
Parent	NaOCl/NH ₄ OH, NaOH	e	39
Parent	H ₂ O ₂ /NH ₄ OH	e	39
Parent	H ₂ O ₂	c	7
3,5-X ₂ , X=I, Br, Cl	H ₂ O ₂	a	12
3,5-X ₂ , X=I, Br, Cl	HNO ₃	b	12
	KMnO ₄	d	12

TABLE III

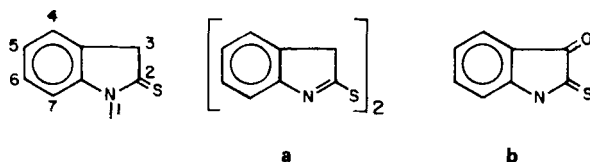
Oxidation Reactions of Pyridine-4-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
1,2,6-Me ₃	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	50a
1-Et, -2,6-Me ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	50a
1-Me-2,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	50a
1-Et-2,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	50a
3,5-Br ₂ -1,2,6-Me ₃	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	50b
3,5-Br ₂ -1-Et-2,6-Me ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	50b
3,5-Br ₂ -1-Me-2,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	50b
3,5-Br ₂ -1-Et-2,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	50b

TABLE IV

Oxidation Reactions of Indolinethiones



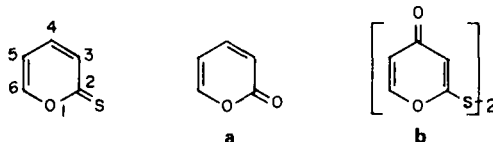
Compound	Oxidizer	Product	Reference
Parent	O ₂ /ether	a	2
1-Me	O ₂ /ether	a	2
3-Me	O ₂ /ether	a	2
3-Ph	O ₂ /ether	a	2
3-CH ₂ Ph	O ₂ /ether	a	2
3-t-Bu	O ₂ /ether	a	2
3-C ₆ H ₄ p-OMe	O ₂ /ether	a	2
1-Me-3-Ph	O ₂ /ether	a	2
1-Me	O ₂ /2 weeks	b	2
3,3,7-Me ₃	K ₃ Fe(CN) ₆	a	173
3,3,5-Me ₃	K ₃ Fe(CN) ₆	a	173

TABLE V

Oxidation of Miscellaneous Heterocycles Containing One Nitrogen Atom

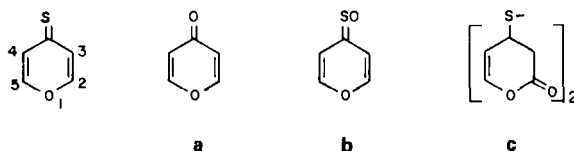
Compound	Oxidizer	Product	Reference
Monothiosuccinimide	H ₂ O ₂	Succinimide	7b
Dithiophthalimide	H ₂ O ₂	Monothiothiophthalimide	7b
Monothiothiophthalimide	H ₂ O ₂	Phthalimide	7b
Thiocaprolactone	H ₂ O ₂	Thiocaprolactone S-oxide	7a

TABLE VI
Oxidation Reactions of Pyran-2-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
4,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	52
5,6-(CH=CH-) ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	52
	H ₂ O ₂ /KOH	a	46
3-Me-5,6-(CH-CMe-CH=CH-)	Hg(OAc) ₂	a	97
4-OH-4,6-(-CH=CMe-CH=CH-)	Nitrous fumes	3-nitro "a"	89
	I ₂ /EtOH	b	89
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-Ph	KMnO ₄	a	123
6-C ₆ H ₅ p·Br-5-OPh	Et ₃ N	a	149
6-C ₆ H ₅ p·Br-5-OC ₆ H ₄ p·Me	Et ₃ N	a	149
6-C ₆ H ₄ p·Ph-5-Ph	Et ₃ N	a	149
6-C ₆ H ₄ p·Ph-5-OC ₆ H ₄ p·Me	Et ₃ N	a	149
4,6-Ph ₂ -5-OPh	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	51
4,6-Ph ₂ -5-OC ₆ H ₄ p·Me	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	51
4,6-Ph ₂ -5-OC ₆ H ₄ p·Cl	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	51
4,6-Ph ₂ -5-OC ₆ H ₄ p·Br	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	51
4,5,6-Ph ₃	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	51
4-Ph-5-OPh-6-O-C ₆ H ₄ p·Me	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	51

TABLE VII
Oxidation Reactions of Pyran-4-Thiones

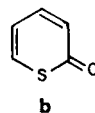
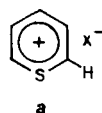
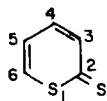


Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
Parent	O ₂ /hν	a	3
2,6-Me ₂	O ₂ /hν	a	3
2,6-Me ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	4b, 52
2,6-Ph ₂	O ₂ /hν	a	3
2,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O/HOAc	a	52, 4b
2,6-(C ₆ H ₄ p·OMe)-6-Ph	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	4b
2,6-(C ₆ H ₄ p·OMe) ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	4b
	O ₂	a	4b
5,6-(CH=CH) ₂ -2-Ph	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	52
2,3:5,6-(CH=CH-CH=CH) ₂	SOCl ₂	a	148
2,3:5,6-(CH=CH-CH=CH)	CICO·COCl	a	148

TABLE VII—continued
Oxidation Reactions of Pyran-4-Thiones

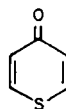
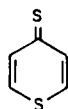
Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
2,3:5,6-(CH=CH-CH=CH)	HO ₂ C, C ₆ H ₄ · OCO ₃ H	b	53
2,3:5,6-(CH=CH-CH=CH)	O ₂	a	4
2-Ph-[1,2-b]-Naphtho	KMnO ₄	a	129
2-C ₆ H ₄ o · OMe-[1,2-b]-Naphtho	KMnO ₄	a	129
2-C ₆ H ₄ p · OMe-[1,2-b]-Naphtho	KMnO ₄	a	129
2-C ₆ H ₃ (2,3-(OMe) ₂)-[1,2-b]-Naphtho	KMnO ₄	a	129
2-C ₆ H ₃ (3,4-(OMe) ₂)-[1,2-b]-Naphtho	KMnO ₄	a	129
2-C ₆ H ₄ p · Me-[1,2-b]-Naphtho	KMnO ₄	a	129
2-(2-Furyl)-[1,2-b]-Naphtho	KMnO ₄	a	129
2-(2-Thienyl)-[1,2-b]-Naphtho	KMnO ₄	a	129

TABLE VIII
Oxidation Reactions of Thiopyran-2-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
Parent	HgCl ₂	b	93
3,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	52
3,5-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	160
4,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	52
4,6-Ph ₂	HgOAc	b	96
3-COC ₆ H ₄ pOMe-6-C ₆ H ₄ p · OMe	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	56
3-COC ₆ H ₄ pOMe-6-C ₆ H ₄ p · OMe	KMnO ₄	b	56
5,6-(CH=CH) ₂	HgCl ₂	b	93
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-Ph	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-Ph	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	b	160
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-C ₆ H ₄ p · Me	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-C ₆ H ₄ p · OMe	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-C ₆ H ₄ p · Cl	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-[-C ₆ H ₃ -2',4'-(OMe) ₂]	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-[C ₆ H ₃ -3',4'-(OMe) ₂]	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-[C ₆ H ₃ -2',5'-(OMe) ₂]	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-(C ₆ H ₃ -2',4'-Me ₂)	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-(C ₆ H ₃ -4',5'-Me ₂)	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -6-(C ₆ H ₃ -2',5'-Me ₂)	KMnO ₄	b	123
3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -5,6-Ph ₂	KMnO ₄	b	123
5,6-(CH=CH) ₂ -3-Me	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a, b	160
5,6-(CH=CH-CH=CMe)-3-Me	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	b	160
5,6-(CH-COMe-CH=CH)	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	b	160
3,4:5,6-(CH=CH-CH=CH) ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	b	160

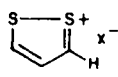
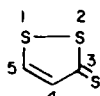
TABLE IX
Oxidation Reactions of Thiopyran-4-Thiones



a

Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
Parent	O ₂ /hν	a	3
	HgCl ₂	a	93
2,6-Me ₂	O ₂ /hν	a	3
	KMnO ₄	a	124
2-Ph	HgCl ₂	a	94
2,6-Ph ₂	O ₂ /hν	a	3
2,6-Ph ₂	HgCl ₂	a	95
2,6-Ph ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	52
2,6-(SMe) ₂ -3,5-Ph ₂	SOCl ₂	a	148
2,6-(SMe) ₂ -3,5-Ph ₂	Cl · COCOCl	a	148
2,6-(SEt) ₂ -3,5-Ph ₂	SOCl ₂	a	148
	CCl · COCOCl	a	148
2,6-(CH=CH) ₂	HgCl ₂	a	93
2-Ph-5,6-(CH=CH) ₂	SOCl ₂	a	148
2-Ph-5,6-(CH=CH) ₂	Cl · CO · COCl	a	148
2-Ph-5,6-(CH=CH) ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	52
2,3:5,6-(CH=CH-CH=CH) ₂	O ₂ /hν	a	4
	HO ₂ C · C ₆ H ₄ OCO ₃ H	a	53
2-Ph-1,8-[-C=CH-CH=CH-C=CH-CH=CH-]	KMnO ₄	a	122

TABLE X
Oxidation Reactions of 1,2-Dithiole-3-Thiones



a



b

Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
Parent	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	57
Parent	KMnO ₄	b	120
Parent	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	98
4-Me	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	99
4-Et	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	99
4,5-Me ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	63
5-tC ₅ H ₁₁	Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	b	85
4-(Me) ₃ C-5-Me	Cl ₂ /H ₂ O	b	85
5-CO ₂ H	CH ₃ · CO ₃ H	5-H · a	58a
4-Ph	CH ₃ · CO ₃ H	a	56, 58b
4-Ph	Cl ₃ C-N=CCl ₂	b	150
4-Ph	CSCl ₂	b	150
4-Ph	HON=C(Cl)-CO ₂ Et	b	151

TABLE X—continued

Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
4-Ph	$\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{C}}{\text{COPh}}}$	b	151
5-Ph	$\text{CH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}_3\text{H}$	a	56, 58b
5-Ph	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HOAc}$	a	59
5-Ph	$\text{D}_2\text{O}_2/\text{DOAc}$	3-D-a	64
5-Ph	H_2O_2	$\text{Ph}-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	14
5-Ph	HNO_3	PhCH_2OH	14
5-Ph	KMnO_4	b	14, 126
5-Ph	$\text{Cl}_3\text{C}-\text{N}=\text{CCl}_2$ or CSCl_2	b	150
5-Ph	$\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{CO}_2\text{Et}}{\text{C}}}$, $\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{COPh}}{\text{C}}}$	b	151
5-Ph	Cl_2/HOAc , H_2O	b, 4-Cl-b	79
5-Ph	Br_2	b, 4-Br-b	79
4,5-Ph ₂	$\text{CH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}_3\text{H}$	a	56
4,5-Ph ₂	$\text{Cl}_3\text{CN}=\text{CCl}_2$, CSCl_2	b	150
4,5-Ph ₂	$\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{CO}_2\text{Et}}{\text{C}}}$, $\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{COPh}}{\text{C}}}$	b	151
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Cl	$\text{CH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}_3\text{H}$	a	56
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Cl	Cl_2	4-Cl-B	79
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Cl	Br_2	4-Br-b	79
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Cl	$\text{Cl}_3-\text{C}-\text{N}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{Cl}}{\text{C}}}$, CSCl_2	b	150
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Cl	$\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{CO}_2\text{Et}}{\text{C}}}$, $\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{COPh}}{\text{C}}}$	b	151
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Br	Cl_2	b + 4-Cl-b	79
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Br	Br_2	4-Br-b	79
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Br	$\text{Cl}_3-\text{C}=\text{N}=\text{CCl}_2$, CSCl_2	b	150
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · Br	$\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{CO}_2\text{Et}}{\text{C}}}$, $\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{COPh}}{\text{C}}}$	b	151
5-(2-Thienyl)	$\text{CH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}_3\text{H}$	a	56
5-(C ₆ H ₃ -3',4'-(OMe) ₂)	KMnO_4	b	120
5-(C ₆ H ₃ -3'-Cl-4'-OMe)	KMnO_4	b	79
5-(C ₆ H ₃ -3'-Cl-4'-OMe)	Cl_2	b, 4-Cl-b	79
4-Br-5-Ph	$\text{Cl}_3\text{C}-\text{N}=\text{CCl}_2$, CSCl_2	b	150
4-D-5-Ph	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HOAc}$	a	62
4-Me-5-Ph	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HOAc}$	a	59
5-pC ₆ H ₄ p · Me	$\text{CH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}_3\text{H}$	a	56
	$\text{Cl}_3\text{CH}=\text{CCl}_2$, or CSCl_2	b	150
	$\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{CO}_2\text{Et}}{\text{C}}}$, $\text{HON}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{COPh}}{\text{C}}}$	b	151
5-C ₆ H ₄ p · OMe	Cl_2/HOAc	a, b	79
	KMnO_2	b	121, 126
	$\text{CH}_3 \cdot \text{CO}_3\text{H}$	a	56
	Br_2	b and 4-Brb	79
	CrO_3	$\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{pCO}_2\text{H}$	137

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TABLE XI
Oxidation Reactions of Miscellaneous O, O; O, S, and S, S Heterocycles

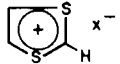
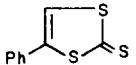
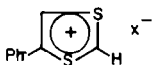
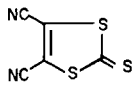
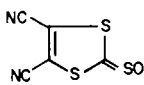
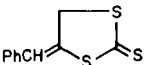
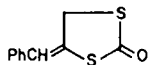
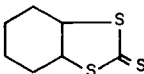
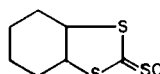
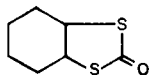
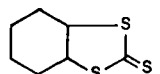
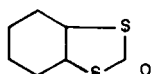
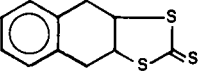
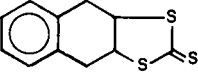
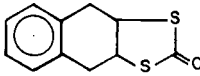
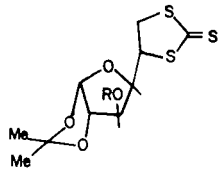
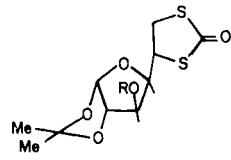
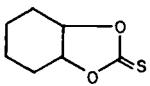
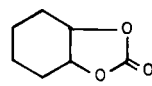
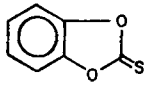
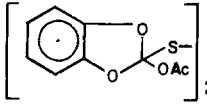
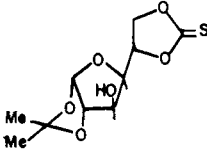
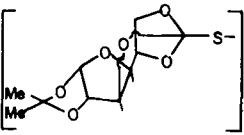
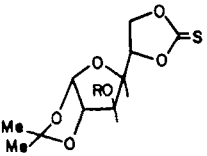
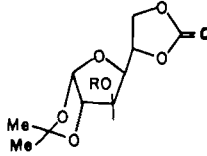
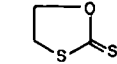
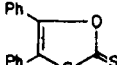
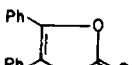
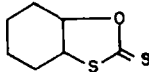
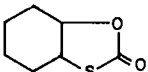
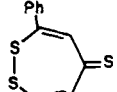
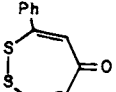
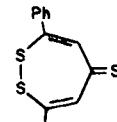
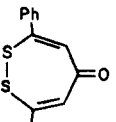
Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
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	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CO}_2\text{H}/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$		57
	$\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$		98
	$\text{CH}_3, \text{CO}_2\text{H}, \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$		57
	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CO}_3\text{H}$		66
	HNO_3		147
	$\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$		110
	$\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$		65
"	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CO}_3\text{H}$		155
"	$\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$		65
	KMnO_4		155
	$\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$		155
	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CO}_3\text{H}$		155
	$\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$		139
	$\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$		155

TABLE XI—continued

Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
	Pb(OAc) ₄		155
	Pb(OAc) ₄		139
	Pb(OAc) ₄		139
	60% HNO ₃		140
	H ₂ O ₂ , CH ₃ CO ₂ H		160
	Pb(OAc) ₄		155
	H ₂ SO ₄		* 162
	H ₂ SO ₄		* 162

* Suggested starting materials and products have wrongly assigned structures.

TABLE XII
Oxidation Reactions of Miscellaneous O, N Heterocyclic Thiones

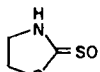
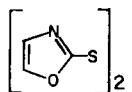
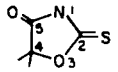
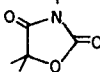
Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
	H ₂ O ₂		25
	I ₂		90
	Cl ₂ /H ₂ O		84
1,4-Me ₂ -5-Et	Cl ₂ /H ₂ O		84
1-Et,4,4-Me ₂	Cl ₂ /H ₂ O		84
1,4,4-Me ₃	Cl ₂ /H ₂ O		84
1,4,4-Me ₃	Br ₂ /H ₂ O		84

TABLE XII—continued

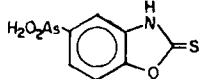
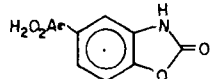
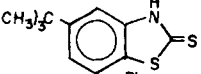
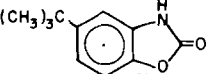
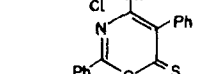
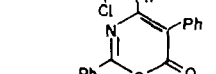
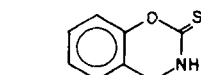
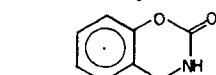
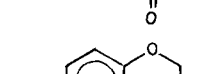
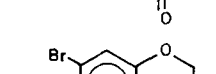
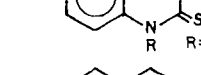
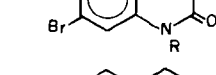
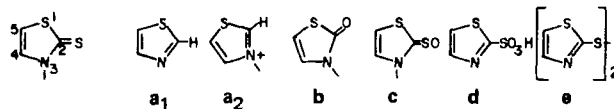
Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
1,4,4-Me ₃	KMnO ₄		84
	I ₂ /NaHCO ₃		74
	30% H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc		49
	CH ₃ -CO ₃ H		60
	H ₂ O ₂		28
	Br ₂		87
	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻		27

TABLE XIII

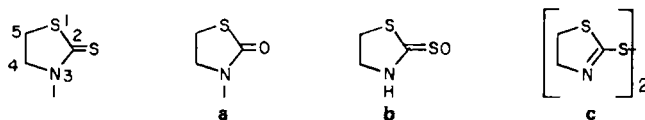
Oxidation Reactions of Thiazoline-2-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
Parent	Ethylene Oxide	b	158
Parent	I ₂	e	90
4-Me	H ₂ O ₂ , neutral	a ₁	20
	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻	d	20
4-CO ₂ Et	H ₂ O ₂ /H ⁺	a ₁	30
5-Me	Ethylene oxide	b	158
4,5-Me ₂	H ₂ O ₂	e + a ₁	22
4,5-Me ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /H ⁺	a ₁	31, 32
3-Ph	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	103
3-C ₆ H ₄ p-Me	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	103
3-C ₆ H ₄ oMe	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	103
3-C ₆ H ₄ p-OMe	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	103
3-C ₆ H ₄ o-OMe	Hg(OAc) ₂	b	103
3-Me-4-Ph	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a ₂	160
3-Et-4-Ph	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻	b	47
5-CO ₂ H-4-Me	H ₂ O ₂ /H ⁺	a ₁	30
5-CO ₂ Et-4-Me	H ₂ O ₂ /H ⁺	a ₁	30
3-CH ₂ pyrimidyl-4-Me-5-CH ₂ -CH ₂ OH	H ₂ O ₂ /HCl	a ₁	38
3-CH ₂ pyrimidyl-4-Me-5-CH ₂ -CH ₂ OH	H ₂ O ₂ , pH7,8,78	b	16
3-CH ₂ pyrimidyl-4-Me-5-CH ₂ OAc	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a ₁	48

TABLE XIV

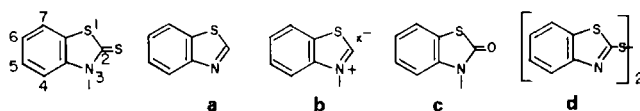
Oxidation Reactions of Thiazolidine-2-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
Parent	H ₂ O ₂	b	79
	H ₂ O ₂	c	19
4-O	H ₂ O ₂	b	7a, 7b
5,5-Me ₂	H ₂ O ₂	c	21
3-Ph, -4-O-5-(CH ₃) ₂ C=	Hg(OAc) ₂	a	104

TABLE XV

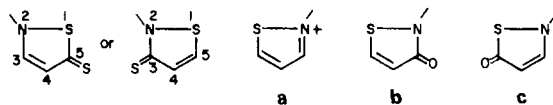
Oxidation Reactions of Benzothiazoline-2-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
Parent	H ₂ O ₂ /H ⁺	a	33
	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻	c	41
	2H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻	a	42
	4H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻	c	2
	Cl ₂ /HCl	a	33
3-Me	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	b	160
Alkyl, amino and nitro derivatives	H ₂ O ₂	d	13
5-NMe ₂	H ₂ O ₂ /H ⁺	e	34
	H ₂ O ₂ /ethanol	e	34

TABLE XVI

Oxidation Reactions of Isothiazoline-3-and-5-Thiones and Benzisothiazoline-3-and-5-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
2-Me-5-Ph-3-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	70a
2-Me-4,5Ph ₂ -3-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	70a
2,5-Ph ₂ -3-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	160
1-CH ₂ Ph-5-C ₆ H ₄ p · OMe	Ph N=C=O	b	156
2,4-Ph ₂ -5-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	69
2,3-Ph ₂ -5-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	69
2-Me-4-Ph-5-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	160

TABLE XVI—continued

Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
2-CH ₂ Ph-4-Ph-5-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	160
2-Me-4,5-(CH=CH) ₂ -3-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	160
2-Me-3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -5-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	160
2-Ph-3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -5-S	KMnO ₄	c	134
2-Ph-3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -5-S	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	a	160
2-C ₆ H ₄ p-Me-3,4(CH=CH) ₂ -5-S	KMnO ₄ , CuO	c	134
2-C ₆ H ₄ p-OMe-3,4(CH=CH) ₂ -5-S	KMnO ₄	c	134
2-C ₆ H ₄ p-Cl-3,4-(CH=CH) ₂ -5-S	KMnO ₄	c	134
2-Ph-3,4-(CH=CCl-CH=CH)-5-S	KMnO ₄	c	134
2-C ₆ H ₄ p-CH ₃ -3,4-(CH=CCl-CH=CH)-5-S	CuO	c	134

TABLE XVII

Oxidation Reactions of Miscellaneous N, S-Heterocyclic Thiones

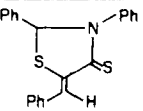
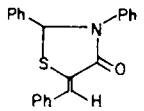
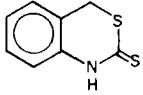
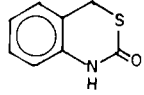
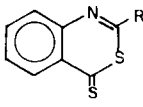
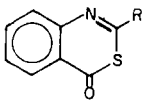
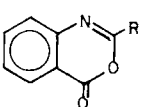
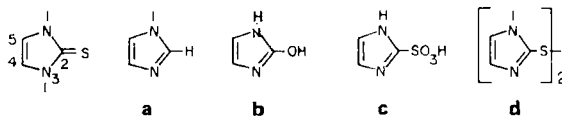
Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
	30% H ₂ O ₂		17
	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻		27
	KMnO ₄		105
	Hg(OAc) ₂		105
	NaOH		105

TABLE XVIII

Oxidation Reactions of Imidazoline-2-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
Parent	HNO ₃	b	146, a, b
4,5-dihydro	I ₂	d, HI, 2I ₂	83
4-Me	I ₂	d, HI, 2I ₂	83

TABLE XVIII—continued

Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
4-Me,4,5-dihydro	I ₂	d, HI, 2I ₂	83
4-CH ₂ NH ₂	HNO ₃	4-CH ₂ OH·a	142
4-CH ₂ -NH-CS-NH ₂	HNO ₃	4-CH ₂ OH·a	142
1,3-Me ₂	Pt electrode	b	152
4-C ₆ H ₄ p·Cl	HNO ₃	a	143
4-(C ₆ H ₃ -3',4'-(OMe) ₂)	H ₂ PtCl ₆	a	112
	HNO ₃	a	112
	EtNO ₂	a	112
4-(C ₆ H ₂ -2'-Me-3',4'-(OMe) ₂)	H ₂ PtCl ₆	a	112
4-Me-5-Ph	HNO ₃	a	138
4-Me-5-CH ₂ Ph	HNO ₃	a	141
4-5-Ph ₂	HNO ₃	a	119, 127
	KMnO ₄	c	119, 127
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Cl} \\ \\ \text{HON}=\text{C}-\text{CO}_2\text{Et} \end{array}$	b	153
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Cl} \\ \\ \text{HON}=\text{C}-\text{CO}_2\text{Et} \end{array}$	b	153
4,5-(CH=CH) ₂	I ₂	d	91
4,5-(CH=CH) ₂	KMnO ₄	c	91
4,5-(CH=CH) ₂	AuCl ₃	a	113
4,5-(CH=CH(A ₅ O ₃ H ₂)CH=CH)	I ₂ /Na ₂ CO ₃	a	74
4,5-(CH=CH(A ₅ O ₃ H ₂)CH=CH)	I ₂	d·HI	91
4,5-(CH=CH(A ₅ O ₃ H ₂)CH=CH)	KMnO ₄	c	91
4,5-(CH=CH(A ₅ O ₃ H ₂)CH=CH)	AuCl ₃	a	113

TABLE XIX

Oxidation Reactions of Imidazolinethiones

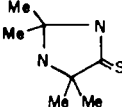
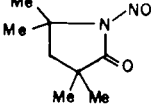
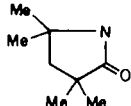
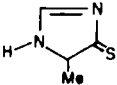
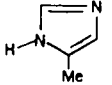
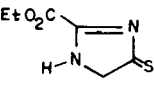
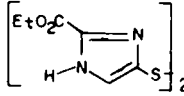
Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
	KMnO ₄		136
	HNO ₃		43
	H ₂ O ₂ , OH ⁻		43
	HNO ₃		75
	I ₂ , Na ₂ CO ₃		75

TABLE XIX—continued

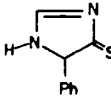
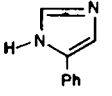
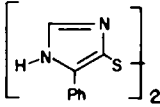
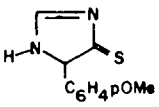
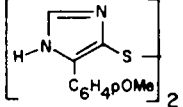
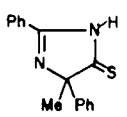
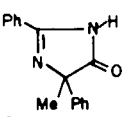
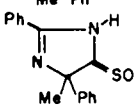
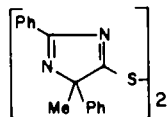
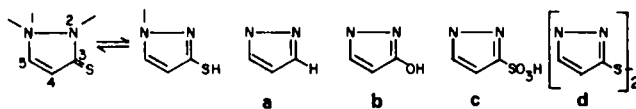
Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
	HNO ₃		75
"	O ₂		5
	H ₂ O ₂ I ₂ /KI, OH ⁻		5
	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻		24
"	H ₂ O ₂ /MeOH		24
"	I ₂ , NaHCO ₃		24

TABLE XX

Oxidation Reactions of Pyrazolinethiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
5-Me-2-Ph	I ₂	d	8
5-Me-2-Ph	KMnO ₄	d	8
5-Me-2-C ₆ H ₄ p · Me	HNO ₂	d	8
6-Me-2-C ₆ H ₄ p · Me	FeCl ₃	b	8
5-Me-2-C ₆ H ₄ p · Me	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻	c	8
1,5-Me ₂ -2-Ph	H ₂ O ₂	c	23
1,5-Me ₂ -2-Ph	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻	b	23
1,2-Me ₂ -5-Ph	Cl ₂ /HOAc	c	80
4-PhCO-5-Me-2-Ph	H ₂ O ₂	c	8
	I ₂ , KI	d	8

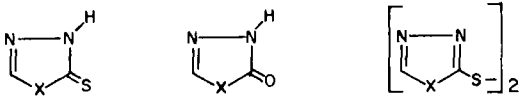
TABLE XXI

Oxidation Reactions of Miscellaneous Heterocyclic Thiones Containing Two Nitrogen Atoms

Compound	Substituents	Oxidizing agent	Product type	Reference
	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R=R_1=R_2=H \\ R=R_2=NH_2, R=H \\ R_1=R_1=R_2=NH_2 \end{array} \right.$	$H_2O_2/NaOH, HCl$ $H_2O_2/NaOH, HCl$ $H_2O_2/NaOH, HCl$	 	36 37 37
	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X=S, Y=O, R=H \\ X=O, Y=S, R=H \\ X=S, Y=O, R=CH_3 \end{array} \right.$	I_2 I_2 H_2O_2	 	90 90 27
	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R=Ph \\ R=C_6H_4p \cdot CF_3 \\ R=C_6H_4p \cdot F \end{array} \right.$	$Hg(OAc)_2$ $Hg(OAc)_2$ $Hg(OAc)_2$	 	106 106 106
	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R=R_1=H \\ R=Me, R_1=H \\ R=(Me)_2CH, R_1=H \\ R=(Me)_3C, R_1=H \\ R=(Me)_3CCH_2, R_1=H \\ R=Ph, R'=Me \\ R=Bu, R'=Ph \end{array} \right.$	H_2O_2 H_2O_2 H_2O_2 H_2O_2 H_2O_2 $Hg(OAc)_2$ $Hg(OAc)_2$	 	25 25 25 25 25 101 101
		H_2O_2		7a
		$H_2O_2/HOAc$		7a
		$Hg(OAc)_2$		111

TABLE XXII

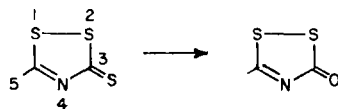
Oxidation Reactions of 4,1,2-Oxadiazoline-3-Thiones and
4,1,2-Thiadiazoline-3-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
X=O, 5-Me	HON=CCl-CO ₂ Et	a	153
X=O, 5-Ph	I ₂ /OH ⁻	b	76
X=O, 5-C ₆ H ₄ m·CH ₃	I ₂ /OH ⁻	b	76
X=O, 5-(4-Pyridyl)	H ₂ O ₂ /OH ⁻	a	44
X=S, 5-NH ₂	FeCl ₃	b	9
	H ₂ O ₂	b	9
	I ₂	b	9
X=S, 1,5-dihydro-5-Ph	I ₂ /OH ⁻	b	76
X=S, 5-NH-C ₆ H ₄ p·CH ₃	I ₂	b	77
X=S, 5-Ph-NH-NH	FeCl ₃	b	116

TABLE XXIII

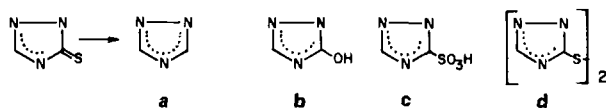
Oxidation Reactions of 1,2,4-Dithiazoline-3-Thiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Reference
5-Ph	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	68
	Hg(OAc) ₂	7a, 108
5-C ₆ H ₄ p·Br	Hg(OAc) ₂	108
5-C ₆ H ₄ p·Cl	Hg(OAc) ₂	108
5-C ₆ H ₂ o·Cl	Hg(OAc) ₂	108
5-C ₆ H ₃ -2'-2'-Cl ₂	Hg(OAc) ₂	108
5-C ₆ H ₄ p·Me	H ₂ O ₂ /HOAc	159
5-C ₆ H ₄ p·OMe	Hg(OAc) ₂	108
5-C ₆ H ₄ p·NO ₂	Hg(OAc) ₂	108
5-(2'thieryl)	Hg(OAc) ₂	108

TABLE XXIV

Oxidation Reactions of 1,2,4-Triazolinethiones



Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
Parent	O ₃ , HCl	d	6
	Cl ₂	a, c	6
	Br ₂	a	6
1-Ph	ethylene oxide, AcOH	2-CH ₂ -CH ₂ OH·b	157
4-Ph	ethylene oxide AcOH	2-CH ₂ -CH ₂ OH·b	157
5-NHPh	FeCl ₃	d	115

TABLE XXIV—continued

Derivative	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
5-O	I ₂	d	81
	FeCl ₃ , H ⁺	d	81
5-N=CH-Ph H	H ₂ O ₂	d	10
5-N-N=CH-Ph	I ₂	d	82
2-Me-4-Ph	ethylene oxide	b	158
5-NHPh-4-Ph	H ₂ O ₂	d	10
	FeCl ₃	d	10
H ₂ SO ₄	H ₂ SO ₄	d	10
1,2-Ph ₂	I ₂	d	86
1-(C ₆ H ₄ o · OH)-2-Ph	I ₂	d	86
1-(C ₆ H ₄ p · Cl)-2-Ph	I ₂	d	86
1-(C ₆ H ₃ -2'-Cl-4'-NO ₂)-2-Ph	I ₂	d	86
4-(C ₆ H ₄ p · CH ₃)-5-S	I ₂ /OH ⁻	d	78
4-(C ₆ H ₄ o · CH ₃)-5-S	I ₂ /OH ⁻	d	78
1,2,5-Ph ₃	dioxane at 160°	b	154

TABLE XXV

Oxidation Reactions of Miscellaneous Heterocyclic Thiones Containing Three and Four Nitrogen Atoms

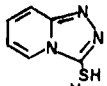
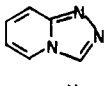
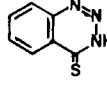
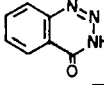
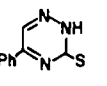
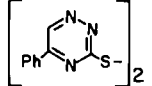
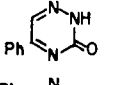
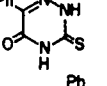
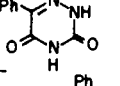
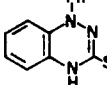
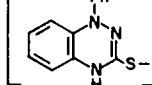
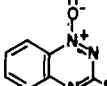
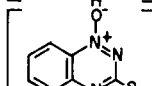
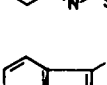
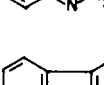
Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
	dil · HNO ₃		144
	KMnO ₄		118
	I ₂		45
	55% H ₂ O ₂ /NH ₃		45
	 HON=C-CO ₂ Et		153
	FeCl ₃		116
	NH ₃ , K ₃ Fe(CN) ₆		114
			

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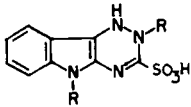
Compound	Oxidizing agent	Product	Reference
$R=Me, R_1=H$	$KMnO_4/OH^-$		125
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$R=R_1=Me$	$KMnO_4/OH^-$		125
$R=R_1=H$	$KMnO_4/OH^-$		125
	$KMnO_4/OH^-$		157

TABLE XXVI

Oxidation Reactions of Alicyclic Thiones

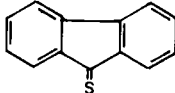
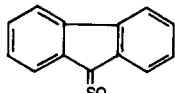
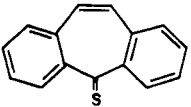
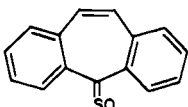
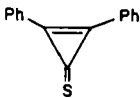
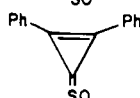
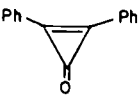
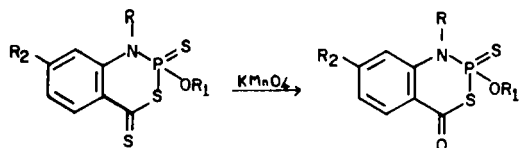
Compound	Oxidizing Agent	Product	Reference
	$HO_2C-C_6H_4O-CO_2H$		53
	$HO_2C-C_6H_4O-CO_2H$		55
	$HO_2C-C_6H_4O-CO_2H$		72
"	$Pb(OAc)_4$		72
"	$Cl-C_6H_4m-CO_2H$	"	72

TABLE XXVII

Oxidation Reactions of Thiaphosphazinethiones



Derivative			Reference
R	R ₁	R ₂	135
Ph	Me	H	135
Ph	Me	Cl	135
Ph	Et	H	135
Ph	Et	Cl	135

TABLE XXVII—continued

Derivative			Reference
C ₆ H ₄ <i>m</i> · CH ₃	Me	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>m</i> · CH ₃	Et	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>p</i> · Me	Me	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>p</i> · Me	Me	Cl	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>p</i> · Me	Et	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>p</i> · Me	Et	Cl	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>o</i> · OMe	Me	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>o</i> · OMe	Me	Cl	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>o</i> · OMe	Et	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>p</i> · OMe	Me	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>p</i> · OMe	Me	Cl	135
C ₆ H ₅ <i>p</i> · OMe	Et	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>p</i> · OMe	Et	Cl	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>m</i> · Cl	Me	H	135
C ₆ H ₄ <i>p</i> · Cl	Et	H	135
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2-Naphthyl	Et	H	135
2-Naphthyl	Et	Cl	135

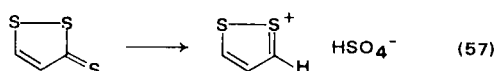
III. OXIDIZING AGENTS USED

There appears to be little limitation on which oxidizing agents may be employed. Even molecular oxygen is effective, sometimes under light-catalyzed conditions.²⁻⁵ Ozone has also been used.⁶ Reagents commonly used include hydrogen peroxide alone or at pH 7,⁷⁻²⁹ in acidic medium³⁰⁻³⁸ or alkaline medium^{8,16,20,23,27,36-43} or in combination as peracids.^{7,44-73} Three halogens, chlorine, bromine, and iodine are extensively used, in alkaline medium,^{15,39,74-78} acidic medium,^{34,39,79,80} or in neutral medium or organic solvent.^{8,9,39,45,81-92}

Other reagents commonly used include mercuric salts,^{65,71,93-111} noble metal halides,^{112,113} ferric salts,^{8,9,81,114-117} potassium permanganate^{8,12,14,18,56,65,79,84,91,102,105,118-136} and chromic anhydride.^{18,137} Nitric acid, nitrous acid, nitrates, and nitrous fumes represent another large group of oxidants used.^{8,12,14,18,43,75,89,92,119,127,138-147} Miscellaneous other reagents are also used,^{6,10,72,83,134,139,148-155} and in other cases thione sulfur is replaced by oxygen in organic reagents via cyclic intermediates.¹⁵⁶⁻¹⁵⁸

IV. PRODUCTS OF REACTION

In some cases, especially by treatment with hydrogen peroxide, or peracetic acid under acidic conditions, the exocyclic thione group is replaced by hydrogen. The sulfur atom is eliminated as an oxidized species, usually sulfate. The organic moiety is left as a stabilized, usually aromatic, cation. This method has been widely used for thiopyran-2-thiones (Table VIII), 1,2-dithiole-3-thiones (Table X), 1,3-dithiole-2-thiones (Table XI) and isothiazoline-3-and-5-thiones (Table XVI). *e.g.*



The added hydrogen atom is derived from the acetic acid used as a solvent; or from the peracetic acid.⁶⁴ Thus reaction in monodeuteroacetic acid (CH₃ · CO₂D) of 1,2-dithiole-3-thiones gave 3-deutero-1,2-dithiolium salts. In some heterocyclic mercaptans, particularly of nitrogen heterocycles, the mercapto group is lost, and the corresponding heterocycle is obtained which is unsubstituted in the position originally occupied by the mercapto group. In some non-aromatic examples, particularly 1,3-dithiolane-2-thiones, the thione function is reduced to a methylene group, although other sites are oxidized.¹⁵⁵

No exhaustive evidence is available on intermediates in these reactions, but sulfines (thione-S-oxides, see below) have been determined in many cases, and are almost certainly the intermediates in others. Noble metal halides (AuCl_3 , H_2PtCl_6), and nitric acid may also produce such reduced compounds, but no information is available on intermediates.

In another class of products obtained, an oxygen atom simply replaces the thione or thiol sulfur atom. Thus, a thione may give the corresponding "oxo" compound, be it a thiolactone, lactone, lactam or ketone, and mercaptans give the corresponding hydroxy compounds. Sulfines or related structures are almost certainly intermediates in these reactions. Recent evidence¹⁵⁹ also indicates that sulfenes (thione-S,S-dioxides) are the next oxidative stage at least in a few examples. Whether the reaction product obtained on treatment of thione with peracetic acid is the reduced product above, or "oxo" product has been correlated with the absence or presence resp. of other fused aromatic rings and electron withdrawing groups or substituents.¹⁶⁰ It appears that in a limited number of cases the presence of σ trivalent nitrogen favors reduced product.

"Oxo" products are obtained by treatment with a variety of other reagents, particularly mercuric salts. These probably function by reaction with the heterocyclic thione to produce mercuri-thio derivatives of heterocyclic cations, or uncharged heterocyclic molecules, comparable to products found in the reaction of heterocyclic mercaptans with mercuric nitrate.¹⁶¹ These mercurithio compounds then undergo nucleophilic attack by oxygen containing species to form "oxo" products by elimination of mercury containing substituents. Such mercury derivatives are often used in the purification of heterocyclic thiones.

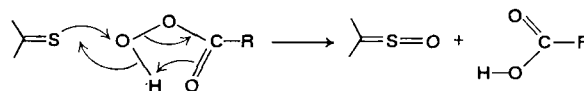
Protonation by mineral acids, followed by nucleophilic attack probably accounts for the conversion by sulfuric acid¹⁶² and the reaction with chlorine or bromine is probably similar, with initial formation of 1:1, thione: halogen adducts^{69,70,85} which undergo nucleophilic attack with displacement of halide. Use of a variety of chlorine containing organic reagents also leads to formation of "oxo" compounds. Initial salt formation by these seems reasonable.

Permanganate treatment of thiones also leads to "oxo" compound formation. Presumably the reaction is comparable to that with olefines, with initial formation of a cyclic manganate ester. Reaction of permanganate with compounds which can tautomerize to thiols has been reported.^{153,158} Initial attack by mercaptan on ethylene oxide is suggested, to give a substituent with a β -hydroxyethylthio substituent. A simple exchange mechanism has been proposed.¹⁵⁸

However, the reaction of an isothiazoline-3-thione with benzonitrile oxide leading to isothiazoline-3-one proceeds *via* a dipolar mechanism.¹⁵⁶ A spiran intermediate which decomposes to form isothiazoline and phenylisothiocyanate is suggested.

Disulfide product formation is common when compounds may exist as thiol forms and is comparable to the oxidation of simple thiols. Reagents used include iodine, or halogen in the presence of alkali, although dilute hydrogen peroxide and iodine have also been used. Suitable thiols are formed by thione-thiol tautomerism, or in some cases by processes akin to hemi-ketal formation, involving attack of an alcohol on a thione to generate a thiol. The oxidation is also effected by ferric chloride, ferricyanide or aerial oxidation.

Sulfines (thione-S-oxides) are the products obtained in a number of examples, and are almost certainly intermediates in further oxidation. It is also suggested that these are intermediates in the conversion of acyclic thiones to "oxo" compounds,¹⁶⁴ and this may hold for certain heterocyclic thiones. Hydrogen peroxide and per-acids are almost invariably used as oxidizing agents. An intramolecular proton transfer mechanism, such as has been suggested for sulfide to sulfoxide oxidations, seems reasonable.¹⁶⁵

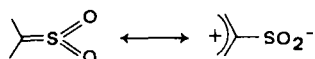


In a few cases lead tetraacetate has been used. Various oxidation mechanisms have been proposed to account for sulfines and other products of the reaction,¹⁵⁵ among them "oxo" compounds. These writers do not take into account possible direct sulfine-to-"oxo" compound conversion as has been suggested above and suggest that the different products of the reactions depend on different degrees of polarization of the thione group.

Like acyclic sulfines,^{164,166} cyclic sulfines should be capable of geometrical isomerism, but no isolation of isomers appears to have been reported. In many cases these could exist mainly as sulfenic acid or sulfenate forms by tautomerism or resonance, and these forms due to ready rotation would be incapable of such isomerism. Indeed for the isomerization of acyclic sulfines a rotational mechanism is favored over inversion.¹⁶⁷ The bulk of evidence for acyclic sulfines appears to favor the sulfine over sulfenate form,¹⁶⁸ but aromatic stabilization would favor the sulfenate form in many cyclic cases.

Further oxidation of sulfine should produce sulfenes. These have not been isolated, but their transitory existence in a variety of aliphatic reactions

has been established,¹⁶⁹ and recent evidence¹⁵⁹ indicates their probable intermediacy in the oxidation of benzopyran-2-thiones by hydrogen peroxide or per-acids. It is also conceivable that in some cases there should be appreciable stabilization by resonance with forms having charge separation (sulfinates) especially where the aromatic ring acquires aromatic character.



Such forms are akin to sulfonates (see below).

The most highly oxidized products obtained have three oxygen atoms attached to the sulfur atom. Such compounds, which have been termed "thiotrioxides", have been isolated from the oxidation of many

nitrogen-containing heterocycles and are sulfonic acids or sulfonates of heterocyclic cations. It is possible that these may be precursors of products where hydrogen or oxygen replaces the original thione sulfur atom. The first of these could arise by processes related to aromatic desulfonation, and the latter by nucleophilic attack of an oxygen containing species. Some "thiotrioxides" are known to be converted by treatment with sulfides to thiones.¹⁷⁰⁻¹⁷² Reagents used to prepare these "thiotrioxides" include hydrogen peroxide or potassium permanganate. In one interesting series of compounds, the pyridine-4-thiones, the presence of halogen in a system which when unsubstituted is oxidized to sulfonate, leads to formation of 4-pyridone.^{50a,b} This may be explained by enhanced nucleophilic attack and displacement of sulfate or sulfite.

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