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It was shown that 3,6-disubstituted 4-nitropyridazine 1-oxides had anti-cancer action,\(^2\) and an investigation of N-oxidation of 3-aminopyridazine derivatives were described in this paper.

Firstly, N-oxidation of (Ia) and (Ib) with phthalic monoperacid in ethereal solution was attempted. A reaction mixture of (Ia) turned dark, and no crystalline product was isolated. However, two portions of crystalline products were separated and purified from a mixture of (Ib) by chromatography to give colorless needles (A), m.p. 199°-201°, in 82% yield, and colorless needles (B), m.p. 259° (decomp.) in 2% yield.

Nextly, 3-aminopyridazine derivatives\(^3,4\) (Ia-d) were oxidized to the corresponding N-oxides, by hydrogen peroxide-glacial acetic acid,\(^5\) as shown in Chart 1. Ethyl-6-chloro-3-pyridazinecarbamate (Id) was prepared from 3-amino-6-chloropyridazine (Ic)\(^3\) with ethyl chloroformate.

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\begin{align*}
(I) & \quad \text{R} = \text{R}' = \text{H} \\
(IIa) & \quad \text{R} = \text{R}' = \text{H} \\
(IIb) & \quad \text{R} = \text{H}, \text{R}' = \text{COCH}_3 \\
(IIc) & \quad \text{R} = \text{Cl}, \text{R}' = \text{H} \\
(IIIa) & \quad \text{R} = \text{Cl}, \text{R}' = \text{-CO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \\
\end{align*}
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Chart 1.

In these cases, they gave only one isomer of N-oxides (IIa,c,d), except (Ib), which afforded two isomers, and were identical with (A) (yield 33%) and (B) (yield 10%).

On hydrolysis by warming with 10% NaOH, (A) was converted to (IIa), which could reversely be acetylated to (A) on warming with acetic anhydride.

(IIc) was dehalogenated by catalytic reduction to (IIa). (IId) was hydrolyzed to (IIa) with 10% NaOH through (IIc), followed by catalytic reduction.

The results suggested that N-oxidation of (Ia-d) occurred at least at a definite nitrogen which located at the same position in their rings, and (Ib) gave one more N-oxide.

With ferric chloride solution, (IIa,c) showed deep blue coloration which may be attributed to an iron salt of hydroxamic acid (IV), as shown in Chart 1, therefore it was presumed that N-oxides were located at the nitrogen of 2-position in their rings.

3-Aminopyridazine 1-oxide (IIIa) has been already synthesized in our laboratory\(^6\) by nitration of pyridazine 1-oxide according to the method of Ochiai and Kaneko,\(^7\) and by successive reduction. An elemental analysis of (B) was consistent with 3-acetamidopyridazine N-oxide, and an infrared spectrum of the hydrolyzed product was completely coincident with that of (IIIa). The hydrolyzed product of (B) did not show any deep blue

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coloration with ferric chloride. As the result, it may be said that (B) and (IIIb) are 3-acetamidopyridazine 1-oxide, and (A) and (IIb) are 3-acetamidopyridazine 2-oxide. Accordingly, it was concluded that N-oxidation of (Ia,c,d) took place at 2-position in their rings.

The crystalline forms, melting points etc. of the N-oxides obtained were shown in Table I.

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<th>Compound</th>
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<th>Solvent</th>
<th>Melting point (°C)</th>
<th>Yield (%)</th>
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<td>(IIa)</td>
<td>needles</td>
<td>EtOH</td>
<td>210-211</td>
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<td>&quot;</td>
<td>MeOH</td>
<td>259 (decomp.)</td>
<td>10(6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(IIc)</td>
<td>&quot; (pale yellow)</td>
<td>EtOH</td>
<td>248(6)</td>
<td>91(6)</td>
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<td>(IIid)</td>
<td>scales</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>160-161</td>
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a) H₂O₂ and AcOH  b) phthalic monoperacid

As mentioned in the previous paper, it was considered that the reactivity of N-oxidation depended mainly on the basicity of nitrogen concerned and on the steric effect at the position. As the basicity of nitrogen at 2-position was strengthened by 3-amino group, N-oxidation of 3-aminopyridazine (Ia) and 3-acetamidopyridazine (Ib) took place at 2-position. This effect is not applicable to the alkoxy group, whose +M effect being smaller than amino group. When 6-position was vacant, N-oxidation occurred at 1-position, because of an absence of steric effect, and the basicity of nitrogen at 1-position was reduced by chloride atom at 6, consequently, N-oxidation took place principally at 2-position, instead of 1-position. It might be presumable, that small amounts of isomers were yielded in each reaction, but that they could not be separated.

In order to prove the position of N-oxidation, (IIc) was further diazotized with either hydrochloric acid or sulfuric acid. Without regard to the acid used, both products were same in properties, which were lacking in acidic ions, explosive on heating, and coupled with 2-naphthol to give purple dye. The infrared spectra had strong absorptions at 2150 cm⁻¹ and 1638 cm⁻¹ (KBr), being attributable to N≡N and C=O. Referring to the report by LeFèvre,[8] the structure (V), a resonance hybrid, was assigned to the diazotization products of (IIc). Supposed reaction process was described in Chart 2.

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Cl-N=N
IIc

HO-Cl-N=N

Chart 2.
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On boiling (V) in methanol, it gave colorless needles, which were identified as 3-hydroxypyridazine 1-oxide[9] by infrared spectroscopy.

According to the method of Katritzky,[10] ethyl-3-pyridazinecarbamate 2-oxide (IIe), obtained from the dehalogenation of (IIId) by catalytic hydrogenation, was heated at about 115° to cyclize in to 2H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[2,3-b]pyridazin-2-one (VI). On the other hand, 2H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[2,3-a]pyridin-2-one (VII) was synthesized by Katritzky’s method. When the infrared spectra of (VI), (VII) and their starting materials were compared, it was found that, a shift of the absorption bands for carbonyl group was to the similar degree, as shown in Table II, and the cyclization occurred expectedly.

TABLE II. Absorption Band of Carbonyl Group (KBr)

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<th>Compound</th>
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**Experimental**

**Ethyl-6-chloro-3-pyridazincarbamate (Id)**—To a well-cooled mixture of 5 g. of (Ic) and 15 cc. of pyridine, 6.5 cc. of ethyl chloroformate was added dropwise. After standing overnight, the mixture was poured into ice-water and the product was collected, and recrystallized from EtOH to colorless plates, m.p. 189.5–190.5°, 5.9 g. (76%). *Anal. Calcd. for C₇H₈O₂N₃Cl: C, 41.70; H, 4.00; N, 20.86. Found: C, 41.28; H, 3.90; N, 20.76.*

**N-Oxidation of 3-Acetamidopyridazine (Ib) with Phthalic Monoperacid: Formation of 3-Acetamidopyridazine 2-Oxide (IIb) and 3-Acetamidopyridazine 1-Oxide (IIIb)**—To a solution of 2.00 g. of (IIb) in 100 cc. of ethereal phthalic monoperacid solution (active oxygen, 7.15 mg./cc.) was allowed to stand for a week. The precipitates were filtered, extracted with each portion of 150 cc. of Et₂O five times. The residue was recrystallized from EtOH to give colorless needles, m.p. 197–199°, 0.98 g. The mother liquor was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was applied to the chromatography. The Et₂O extracts were combined, and concentrated to dryness, and then the residue was repeatedly extracted with CHCl₃ completely. The CHCl₃ extracts were combined and to this the residue prepared above was dissolved. The solution was chromatographed through alumina column (1 × 30 cm.), eluted with CHCl₃ (ca. 300 cc.), and evaporated to dryness. Crystals, m.p. 197–199°, 0.85 g. These crystals were identical with the above-mentioned colorless needles recrystallized. Total amount 1.83 g. (82%). Recrystallization from EtOH gave colorless needles (A), m.p. 197–199°. *Anal. Calcd. for C₆H₇O₂N₃: C, 47.06; H, 4.60; N, 27.44. Found: C, 47.00; H, 4.24; N, 27.73.*

It was eluted further with 100 cc. of 0.5% MemH containing CHCl₃. The effluent was evaporated to dryness, and gave crystals, m.p. 250° (decomp.), 0.05 g. (2%). Recrystallization from MeOH gave colorless needles (B), m.p. 259° (decomp.). *Anal. Calcd. for C₆H₇O₂N₃: C, 47.06; H, 4.60; N, 27.44. Found: C, 47.27; H, 4.83; N, 27.65.*

**N-Oxidation of 3-Acetamidopyridazine (Ib) with H₂O₂: Formation of 3-Acetamidopyridazine 2-Oxide (IIb) and 3-Acetamidopyridazine 1-Oxide (IIIb)**—To a solution of 2.00 g. of (Ib) in 15 cc. of AcOH, 1.5 cc. of 30% H₂O₂ was added, and the solution was warmed at 65° for 45 min. After adding 1.5 cc. of 30% H₂O₂, the solution was warmed at the same temperature for 2 hr. still more, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a small quantity of H₂O, basified with K₂CO₃, and filtered. The solution was basified with Na₂SO₄, and extracted with CHCl₃ several times, which was dried over anhyd. Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, it gave m.p. 199–201°. *Anal. Calcd. for C₆H₇O₂N₃: C, 47.06; H, 4.60; N, 27.44. Found: C, 47.27; H, 4.83; N, 27.65.*

The aqueous solution after extraction was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure, and the residue was extracted with hot CHCl₃, 0.8 g. (40%). Evaporation of the extract gave 0.2 g. of dark red oily substance.
3-Amino-6-chloropyridazine 2-Oxide (IIc)—A mixture of 20.0 g. of (Ic), 150 cc. of glacial AcOH, and 15 cc. of 30% H2SO4 was heated at 65° for 45 min., 15 cc. of 30% H2SO4 was further added, and again heated at the same temperature for 2 hr. After standing overnight, crystals separated were collected. The mother liquor was concentrated to 10 cc., and crystals separated were collected. All of the crystals were combined and recrystallized from EtOH to yield 20.4 g. (91%) of yellow needles, m.p. 248° (decomp.). Anal. Calcd. for C4H4ON3Cl: C, 33.01; H, 2.77; N, 28.87. Found: C, 33.16; H, 2.61; N, 29.42.

Ethyl-6-chloro-3-pyridazinecarbamate 2-Oxide (IIId)—A mixture of 5.7 g. of (Id), 30 cc. of glacial AcOH, and 5.5 cc. of 30% H2SO4 was heated at 70° for 8 hr. After the mixture was allowed to stand overnight, crystals separated were collected. The mother liquor was concentrated to 5 cc., and crystals separated were collected. Both of the crystals were recrystallized from EtOH to yield 5.4 g. (88%) of colorless plates, m.p. 160°-161°. Anal. Calcd. for C5H8O2N4: N, 40.57. Found: N, 40.40. C and H could not be analyzed from its explosibility.

Hydrolysis of 3-Acetamidopyridazine 2-Oxide (IIb) : Formation of 3-Amino-6-chloropyridazine 2-Oxide (IIa)—A mixture of 1.00 g. of (IIb) and 5 cc. of 10% NaOH was warmed up to 50° for 30 min. After keeping overnight, the mixture was neutralized with 10% HCl, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was extracted with dehydrated EtOH to remove NaCl by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated to a small volume. After cooling, colorless needles deposited were collected. Yld, 0.53 g. (73%), m.p. 210°-211°. This showed no depression of m.p. on admixture with (IIa), obtained in the above-mentioned experiment, and the IR spectra of the two samples were identical.

Acetylation of 3-Amino-6-chloropyridazine 2-Oxide (IIa) : Formation of 3-Acetamidopyridazine 2-Oxide (IIb)—A mixture of 1.0 g. of (IIa) and 10 cc. of Ac2O was warmed up to 50° for 30 min. After cooling, the product was filtered, and recrystallized from EtOH to give colorless needles (0.9 g. 65%) m.p. 199~201°. This showed no depression of m.p. on admixture with (IIb), obtained in the above-mentioned experiment, and the IR spectra of the two samples were coincident.

Catalytic Hydrogenation of 3-Amino-6-chloropyridazine 2-Oxide (IIc) : Formation of 3-Aminopyridazine 2-Oxide (Iia)—A mixture of 3.00 g. of (IIc), 50 cc. of EtOH and 15 cc. of 10% NaOH was heated at 50° for 30 min. After removal of the catalyst, the filtrate was neutralized with 10% HCl, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was extracted with dehydrated EtOH to remove NaCl by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated to a small volume. After cooling, the colorless needles deposited were collected, yielding 1.78 g. (78%) of m.p. 210°-211°. This showed no depression of m.p. on admixture with (IIa), obtained in the above-mentioned experiment, and the IR spectra of the two samples were identical.

Hydrolysis of Ethyl-6-chloro-3-pyridazinecarbamate 2-Oxide (IIId) : Formation of 3-Amino-6-chloropyridazine 2-Oxide (IIc)—A mixture of 40 mg. of (IIid) in 1 cc. of 5% NaOH was warmed at 50° for 30 min. After standing overnight, the product was collected and recrystallized from EtOH to afford yellow needles (106 mg. 79%) m.p. 248° (decomp.). This showed no depression of m.p. on admixture with (IIc), obtained in the above-mentioned experiment, and the IR spectra of the two samples were identical.

Hydrolysis of 3-Acetamidopyridazine 1-Oxide (IIb) : Formation of 3-Aminopyridazine 1-Oxide (Iib)—A mixture of 40 mg. of (IIb) in 1 cc. of 5% NaOH was warmed at 50° for 30 min., allowed to stand at room temperature overnight, neutralized with 2N HCl, evaporated to dryness, and dried in a desiccator (KOH). It was extracted with 10 cc. each of hot AcOEt four times, and the extracts were decolorized with activated charcoal and condensed. After cooled, it gave colorless needles, m.p. 130°-134°, 15 mg. (50%), no coloration was imparted with ferric chloride. Its IR spectrum coincided completely with 3-aminopyridazine 1-oxide.

Reaction of 3-Amino-6-chloropyridazine 2-Oxide (IIc) with NaNO2 in Acid : Formation of Dehydrated 6-Hydroxy-3-pyridazine Diazonium Hydroxide 2-Oxide (Inner Salt) (V)—To a solution of 2.00 g. of (IIc) in 2 cc. of 50% H2SO4, while cooling at -2~0°, a saturated solution of 1 g. of NaNO2 was added dropwise, and the solution was maintained at -10° for 2 hr. Crystals appeared were collected, dried in a desiccator (KOH), and washed with MeOH and dried in a similar manner. Weighing 0.97 g. (56%). Recrystallization from MeOH gave yellow needles, m.p. 174° (decomp.), explosive. Anal. Calcd. for C4H3ON2N2: N, 40.57. Found: N, 40.40. C and H could not be analyzed from its explosibility.

Coupling of (V) with 2-Naphthol—When a suspension of (V) in H2O was added to an alkaline 2-naphthol solution, purple precipitates were produced, which were filtered, washed with H2O, dissolved in a large quantity of H2O on warming, and then filtered. After cooling, the filtrate was acidified with AcOH to deposit purple precipitates, which were filtered, washed and recrystallized from MeOH to give crystals m.p. 230° (decomp.). Anal. Calcd. for C16H11O3N4·1/2H2O: C, 57.73; H, 3.81; N, 19.24. Found: C, 57.22; H, 3.76; N, 19.25.

Reaction of (V) with MeOH : Formation of 3-Pyridazinol 1-Oxide—A solution of 300 mg. of (V)
in 30 cc. of MeOH was refluxed for 4 hr. After cooled, precipitates were filtered (174 mg, 58%). After removal of MeOH by distillation, the residue was recrystallized from Me₂CO giving white needles, m.p. 198°(decomp.), 90 mg (37%). The IR spectrum was identical with that of 3-pyridazinol 1-oxide.

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**2H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[2,3-b]pyridazin-2-one (VI)**—Four hundred seventy miligrams of (IIe) was heated at 115°~120° for 18 hr. The weight reduced was 61 mg (52% to the calculated amount of 1 mole of EtOH). The residue was extracted with 10 cc. each of Et₂O three times, and 240 mg of the starting material was recovered from the extracts (51%). Further, the residue was extracted with 100 cc. each of Et₂O five times on warming, filtered from white flocculents, and the filtrate was concentrated to about 50 cc. When cooled, white needles, m.p. 139.5°~140°, 110 mg (32%) were afforded. Anal. Calcd. for C₅H₃O₂N₃: C, 43.80; H, 2.25; N, 30.65. Found: C, 43.78; H, 2.52; N, 30.60.

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