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## MESOIONIC COMPOUNDS WITH A BRIDGED NITROGEN ATOM.

8.\* INVESTIGATION OF THE STRUCTURES OF CONDENSED

THIAZOLE DERIVATIVES BY PMR SPECTROSCOPY

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The structures of thiazolopyridinium, thiazoloquinolinium, and thiazolopyrimidinium oxides were studied by PMR spectroscopy with the aid of a lanthanide shift reagent  $[Eu(DPM)_3]$ .

In a previous communication [1] we described the synthesis of a number of condensed thiazole derivatives that have mesoionic structures. In order to perform conformational analysis and confirm the structures we investigated the PMR spectra of I-VIII (Table 1).

A characteristic feature of these spectra is the appreciable paramagnetic shift of the signal of the aromatic proton or the CH<sub>3</sub> group in the vicinity of the oxygen atom. Thus in the spectrum of product I the signal of the proton in the 5 position is shifted almost 1 ppm to the weak-field side relative to the signals of the other aromatic protons. This fact can be explained not only by the effect of the electron-acceptor quaternary nitrogen atom but also by the unbonded coupling of this proton with the unshared electron pairs of the oxygen atom, which bears a negative charge (compare this with the analogous effects of the carbonyl oxygen atom [2]). This shift is manifested particularly clearly in the spectra of II and III, in which the proton in the 9 position is even closer to the oxygen atom. The chemical shift of the 9-H signal reaches 10.35 ppm in this case.

It follows from the method used to prepare them [1] that IV-VIII can have one of the alternative structures

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