After stirring for 14 hr, the solvent was removed from the reaction mixture, yielding a cream product which, after washing with CH<sub>3</sub>OH, crystallized from EtOAc as cream needles, 0.23 g (36%), mp 185-187° (Table I).

Registry No.-6-Methyl-3-substituted 3H-isoxazolo[3,2-c]-[1,2,4]thiadiazoles, 55723-65-4 (R = 2,5-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 55723-66-5 (R =  $2 \cdot NO_2C_6H_4$ ), 55723-67-6 (R =  $3 \cdot NO_2C_6H_4$ ), 55723-68-7 (R = 4- $NO_2C_6H_4$ ; 3-substituted 3*H*-thiazolo[2,3-c][1,2,4]thiadiazoles, 55723-69-8 (R = 3-NO\_2C\_6H\_4), 55723-70-1 (R = 4-NO\_2C\_6H\_4); 6methyl-3-substituted 3H-1,3,4-thiadiazolo[2,3-c][1,2,4]thiadiazoles, 55723-71-2 (R = 2,5-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 55723-72-3 (R =  $3-NO_2C_6H_4$ ), 55723-73-4 (R =  $4 \cdot NO_2C_6H_4$ ); 5-methyl-3-substituted 3*H*-thiadiazolo[4,3-d][1,2,4]thiadiazoles, 55723-74-5 (R = 2,5-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 55723-75-6 (R = 3-NO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 1, 1072-67-9; 2, 55723-76-7; 3 (R = 5-CH<sub>3</sub>-2-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>3</sub>N; R<sub>1</sub> = 6-CH<sub>3</sub>), 24097-95-8; 5 (X = O; Y = CPh; Z = N), 55723-77-8; 5 (X = S; Y = Z = CH), 55723-78-9; 5 (X = S; Y  $= CCH_3$ ; Z = N), 55723-79-0; 5 (X = S; Y = N; Z = CCH<sub>3</sub>), 55723-80-3; 2-amino-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1612-76-6; 2-aminothiazole, 96-50-4; 2-amino-5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole, 108-33-8; 5amino-3-methyl-1,2,4-thiadiazole, 17467-35-5; 2-amino-5-methylpyridine, 1603-41-4; trichloromethanesulfenyl chloride, 594-42-3.

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# Reaction of 2-Arylhydrazono-3-oxonitriles with Hydroxylamine. Synthesis of 3-Amino-4-arylazoisoxazoles

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Whereas the 2-arylhydrazono-3-oxonitriles la-e react with hydroxylamine hydrochloride and sodium acetate in refluxing ethanol to yield the amidoximes 2a-e, 3-amino-4-arylazo 5-substituted isoxazoles (3a-e) are formed when 1a-e are treated with hydroxylamine in aqueous ethanol. On the other hand, treatment of 1a-e with hydroxylamine in the presence of excess methanolic sodium methoxide has resulted in the formation of the 5-amino-4-arylazo 3-substituted isoxazoles 4a-e. Ethyl arylazocyanoacetate (11a-e) reacts with hydroxylamine hydrochloride and sodium acetate to yield the amidoximes 12a-e, which could be readily cyclized into the 3-aminoisoxazoles 13a-e by the action of methanolic sodium methoxide. The behavior of 2 toward the action of thionyl chloride, benzaldehyde, and hydrazines is reported.

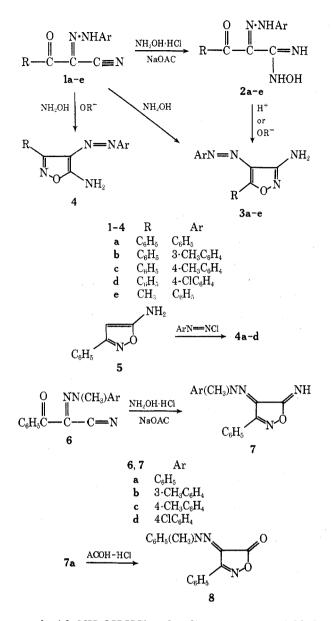
Although several recent papers have dealt with the synthesis and biological evaluation of 4-arylazo-5-isoxazolones, 1-3 4-arylazo-5-aminoisoxazoles have been neglected. We have now studied the reaction of some 2-arylhydrazono-3-oxonitriles with hydroxylamine as a source of aminoarylazoisoxazoles.

Treatment of the  $\beta$ -ketonitriles **1a-e** with NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl and sodium acetate in refluxing ethanol led to amidoximes 2a-e. Cyclization of these products with  $H_2SO_4$  or sodium ethoxide gave the 3-aminoisoxazoles 3a-e; these compounds were also obtained directly from the reaction of la-e with NH<sub>2</sub>OH in aqueous ethanol. The preferential attack of  $NH_2OH$  at the C=N group in these reactions is in contrast to other findings,<sup>4,5</sup> which indicate that the CO group in 1a-e is the more reactive electrophilic center in nonprotic media. The enhanced reactivity of the C=N group in the hydroxylamine reactions is attributed to protonation. Consistent with this view are the findings that at

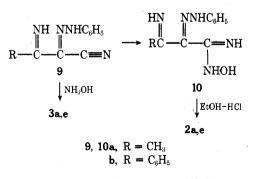
pH 11, no reaction with NH<sub>2</sub>OH occurred, and that in the presence of alkoxides, the 5-amino compounds 4a-e were formed in good yield. Compounds 4a-d were also obtained via action of arvldiazonium salts on 5-amino-3-phenylisoxazole (5). Although ethyl cyanoacetate derivatives have been shown to react with NH<sub>2</sub>OH to yield either 3- or 5aminoisoxazoles depending on reaction conditions,<sup>6</sup> 5-aminoisoxazoles or 5-isoxazolones are the only reported products from reaction of 3-oxonitriles with NH<sub>2</sub>OH under a variety of acidic and basic conditions.7-11

In contrast to the behavior of 1a-e, the methylarylhydrazones 6a-d reacted with NH2OH-HCl and sodium acetate in refluxing ethanol to yield the 5-imino-2-isoxazolines 7a-d. Compound 7a was converted into 4-methylphenylhydrazono-3-phenyl-2-isoxazolin-5-one (8) by the action of ACOH-HCl mixture.

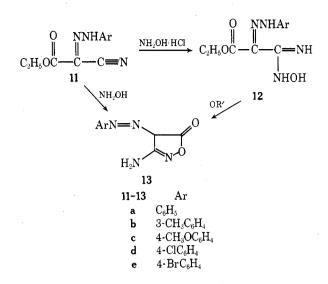
Similar to the behavior of 1a-e toward the action of NH<sub>2</sub>OH, the 2-phenylhydrazono-3-iminonitriles 9a,b



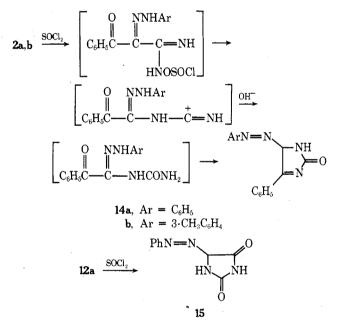
reacted with  $NH_2OH$ -HCl and sodium acetate to yield the amidoximes 10a,b. The latter derivatives could be converted into 2a,e by the action of ethanolic hydrochloric acid. On the other hand, 9a,b reacted with  $NH_2OH$  in aqueous ethanol to yield compounds 3a,e.



Conflicting results have been reported<sup>12-14</sup> for the reaction of ethyl arylazocyanoacetate (11) with hydroxylamine. As a part of the present investigation it was thought worthwhile to establish the behavior of 11a-e toward NH<sub>2</sub>OH. Thus, treatment of 11a-e with NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl and sodium acetates using the experimental procedure described by Bianchi<sup>14</sup> led to the formation of the amidoximes 12a-e in good yields. Cyclization of 12a-e by alkoxides afforded



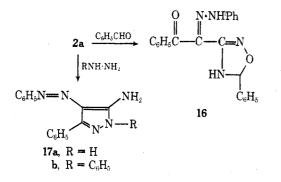
13a-d. The latter compounds were obtained directly from reaction of 11a-e with NH<sub>2</sub>OH in aqueous ethanol. Treatment of **2a,b** with thionyl chloride, in benzene solution, resulted in their rearrangement into the 2-imidazolin-2-one derivatives 14a,b. Similarly, the amidoxime 12a rearranged into 4-phenylazohydantoin (15) by the action of the reagent.



The formation of 14a,b and 15 via rearrangement of 2a,b and 12a with thionyl chloride may be assumed to proceed by the rearrangement of the latter compounds into a urea derivative which then cyclizes into the corresponding imidazoline derivatives 14a,b and 15. This is similar to the reported Tiemann rearrangement of amidoximes with sulfonyl halides to give ureas.<sup>15</sup> An alternative to this mechanism may be the cyclization of the amidoximes 2a,b and 12a into the corresponding 2-aminoisoxazole derivative, which then rearranges into the final product via a mechanism similar to that considered recently by Nishiwaki et al.<sup>16</sup> for the rearrangement of 5-aminoisoxazoles into 3-imidazolin-2-ones. The latter possibility was however readily ruled out, since 3a,b and 12a were recovered almost unreacted when treated with thionyl chloride in benzene solution under the experimental conditions used to affect rearrangement of 2a,b and 12a.

When amidoximes are treated with aromatic aldehydes they are converted into 4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazole derivatives.<sup>17</sup> Thus, when 2a was treated with benzaldehyde in the presence of piperidine, the 1,2,4-oxadizole derivative 16 was formed.

Compound 2a reacted with hydrazine hydrate and with phenylhydrazine to yield the aminopyrazole derivatives 17a,b.



## **Experimental Section**

All melting points are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded (KBr) on a Perkin-Elmer Model 337 spectrophotometer. Satisfactory analytical data ( $\pm 0.3\%$  for C, H, N) were presented for all compounds in Tables I–IV.

Reaction of 1a-e, 9a,b, and 11a-e with Hydroxylamine Hydrochloride and Sodium Acetate. General Procedure. To a suspension of the compound (0.1 mol) in ethanol (100 ml) a solution of NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (0.1 mol) in 30 ml of water and 10 g of anhydrous sodium acetate were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 hr and then poured onto water. The solid product, so formed, was collected by filtration and crystallized from the proper solvent. The amidoxime derivatives **2a-e**, **10a,b** and **12a-e** are listed in Table I.

Compounds **2a-e** showed ir bands at 1600–1610 ( $\nu$  C=N), 1620–1625 ( $\delta$  NH<sub>2</sub>), 1630–1640 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\nu$  CO), 3265–3280 and 3340–3350 ( $\nu$  NH<sub>2</sub>), and 3470–3475 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\nu$  OH).

Compounds 10a,b showed ir bands at 1625–1630 ( $\nu$  C==N), 1640–1645 ( $\delta$  NH<sub>2</sub>), 3300 and 3400–3410 ( $\nu$  NH<sub>2</sub>), and 3450 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\nu$  OH).

Compounds 12a-e showed ir bands at 1605–1610 ( $\nu$  C=N), 1625–1640 ( $\delta$  NH<sub>2</sub>), 1690–1695 (ester CO), 3270–3275 and 3350–3355 ( $\nu$  NH<sub>2</sub>), and 3475–3480 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\nu$  OH).

3-Amino-4-arylazo 5-Substituted Isoxazoles (3a-e). A. From 1a-e or 9a,b and hydroxylamine. To a solution of the appropriate compound (0.1 mol) in ethanol (100 ml) was added an aqueous solution of NH<sub>2</sub>OH (prepared by dissolving 0.1 mol of NH<sub>2</sub>OH-HCl in 20 ml of water and neutralizing the resulting solution by addition of 0.1 equiv of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>). The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 4 hr, cooled, poured onto water, acidified with acetic acid, and left to stand. The solid product, so formed, was collected by filtration and crystallized from ethanol. The isoxazole derivatives 3a-e are listed in Table II.

Compounds **3a-e** showed ir bands at 1616-1630 ( $\delta$  NH<sub>2</sub>), 3350-3365, and 3420-3450 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\nu$  NH<sub>2</sub>).

**B. From 2a-e and Concentrated Sulfuric Acid.** Concentrated sulfuric acid (2 ml, 98%) was added to each of **2a-e** (3 g). The reaction mixture was kept at room temperature for 2 hr and then poured onto ice-cold water. The solid product, so formed, was collected by filtration, crystallized from ethanol, and identified (melting point, mixture melting point, and ir) as **3a-e**.

C. From 2a-e and Methanolic Sodium Methoxide. To a sodium methoxide solution (prepared from 1.0 g of sodium metal and 80 ml of methanol), 5 g of each of 12a-e was added. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 1 hr, left to cool, poured over water, and acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The solid product, so formed, was collected by filtration and identified (melting point and mixture melting point) as 3a-e.

Reaction of 1a-e with Hydroxylamine at pH 11. Compounds 1a-e were recovered almost unaffected after being refluxed with an equivalent amount of NH<sub>2</sub>OH in ethanolic solution the pH of which was adjusted to 11.

5-Amino 3-Substituted 4-Arylazoisoxazoles (4a-e). A. From 1a-e and Hydroxylamine. To a suspension of each of 1a-e (0.1 mol) in ethanol (50 ml), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.1 mol) and methanolic sodium methoxide (prepared from 5 g of sodium metal and 100 ml of ethanol) were added. The reaction mixture

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Table I				
List of the Amidoxime Derivatives				
2a-e, 10a, b, and 12a-e				

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Compd	Yield, %	solventa	Mp, °C	Formula
2a	90	a	156	$C_{15}H_{14}O_2N_4$
2b	95	a	165	$C_{16}H_{16}O_2N_4$
2c	85	a	169	$C_{16}H_{16}O_2N_4$
2d	80	a	166	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Cl
2e	85	b	180	$C_{10}H_{12}O_2N_4$
10a	78	c	191	$C_{10}H_{13}ON_5$
10b	75	с	126	$C_{15}H_{15}ON_5$
12a	70	đ	198	$C_{11}H_{14}O_{3}N_{4}$
12b	82	d	200	$C_{12}H_{16}O_{3}N_{4}$
12c	85	d	222	$C_{12}H_{16}O_4N_4$
12d	80	с	192	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>13</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Cl
12e	80	с	200	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>13</sub> O <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Br

<sup>a</sup> a, ethanol; b, dioxane; c, 2-propanol; d, dioxane-2-propanol (1:1).

Table II List of 4-Arylazo-3-amino 5-Substituted Isoxazoles 3a-e and 13a-e

Compd	Yield, %	Mp,°C	Formula
3a	90	186	$C_{15}H_{12}ON_4$
3b	92	150	$C_{16}H_{14}ON_4$
3c	95	194	$C_{16}H_{14}ON_4$
3đ	89	225	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ON <sub>4</sub> Cl
3e	89	171	$C_{10}H_{10}ON_4$
13a	80	208	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub>
13b	85	245	$C_{10}H_{10}O_{2}N_{4}$
13c	85	228	$C_{10}H_{10}O_{3}N_{4}$
13d	80	210	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Cl
13e	90	260	$C_9H_7O_2N_4Br$

was refluxed for 12 hr and then evaporated in vacuo. The remaining solid product was dissolved in water and neutralized by addition of acetic acid. The resulting solid product was collected by filtration and crystallized from ethanol. The isoxazole derivatives 4a-e, listed in Table III, were further purified by crystallization from ethanol.

Compounds 4a-e showed ir bands at 1615-1620 ( $\delta$  NH<sub>2</sub>) and 3330-3340 and 3420-3430 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\nu$  NH<sub>2</sub>).

**B.** From 5-Amino-3-phenylisoxazole and Aryldiazonium Salts. A solution of 5 (14.6 g) in acetic acid (100 ml) was treated with a solution of 5 g of anhydrous sodium acetate in 35 ml of water and then with the appropriate aryldiazonium salt (prepared from 0.1 mol of the amine and the corresponding quantity of sodium nitrite). The reaction mixture was left at room temperature for 1 hr and the solid product, so formed, was collected by filtration, crystallized, and identified (melting point and mixture melting point) as 4a-e.

5-Ketimino-4-methylarylhydrazono-3-phenyl-2-isoxazolines (7a-d). Each of 6a-d was treated with NH<sub>2</sub>OH-HCl and anhydrous sodium acetate using the same experimental procedure previously described for the reaction of 1a-e with the same reagents. The resulting reaction solution was poured onto water and the resulting solid products were collected by filtration and crystallized from ethanol. The 5-imino-2-isoxazoline derivatives 7a-d are listed in Table IV.

Compounds 7a-d showed ir bands at 1610–1620 ( $\nu$  C=N) and 3400–3410 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $\nu$  NH).

4-Methylphenylhydrazono-3-phenyl-2-isoxazolin-5-one (8). A suspension of 7a (5 g) in acetic acid (90 ml) and hydrochloric acid (10 ml, 30%) was refluxed for 1 hr and then evaporated in vacuo. The remaining solid product was identified (melting point and mixture melting point) as the known  $8.^{18}$ 

Hydrolysis of 10a, b with Ethanolic Hydrochloric Acid. To a suspension of each of 10a, b (5 g) in ethanol (80 ml) was added 20 ml of hydrochloric acid (30%). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 10 min and then left to cool. The solid product, so formed, was

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Table III
List of 5-Amino-4-arylazo 3-Substituted
Isoxazole Derivatives (4a-e)

Compd	Yield, %	Mp, <sup>°</sup> C	Formula
4a	60	141	$C_{15}H_{12}ON_4$
4b	65	151	$C_{16}H_{14}ON_4$
4c	58	144	$C_{16}H_{14}ON_4$
4d	57	172	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ON <sub>4</sub> Cl
4e	50	166	$C_{10}H_{10}ON_4$

Table IV List of 5-Ketimino-4-methylarylhydrazono-3-phenyl-2-isoxazolines (7a-d)

Yield, %	Mp,°C	Formula
68	136	$C_{16}H_{14}ON_4$
70	164	$C_{17}H_{16}ON_4$
70	198	$C_{17}H_{16}ON_4$
67	154	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ON <sub>4</sub> Cl
	68 70 70	68 136 70 164 70 198

collected by filtration and identified (melting point and mixture melting point) as 2a and 2e, respectively.

3-Amino-4-arylazo-2-isoxazolin-5-ones (13a-e). A. From 11a-e and Hydroxylamine. The experimental conditions described previously for the synthesis of 3a-e from 1a-e and hydroxylamine were adopted. The reaction products 13a-e are listed in Table II.

Compounds 13a-e showed ir bands at 1625-1635 ( $\delta$  NH<sub>2</sub>), 1690-1695 (CO), and 3350-3360 and 3415-3420 cm<sup>-1</sup> (v NH<sub>2</sub>).

B. From 12a-e and Methanolic Sodium Methoxide. The experimental conditions previously used to effect cyclization of 2a-e into 3a-e by the action of sodium methoxide were adopted and the reaction products were identified (melting point and mixture melting point) as 13a-e.

4-Arylazo-3-imidazolin-2-one (14a,b). To a solution of each of 2a,b (5 g) in dry benzene (100 ml), thionyl chloride (10 ml) was added. The reaction mixture was kept for 2 hr at room temperature and then poured onto ice-cooled water. The benzene layer was then separated, dried, and evaporated. The resulting solid products, 14a,b, were crystallized from ethanol.

14a: red crystals, mp 200°, ir 1615 (C=N), 1680 (C=O), and 3430 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NH).

Anal. Calcd for C16H14ON4: C, 69.05; H, 5.07; N, 20.13. Found: C, 68.97; H, 5.00; N, 20.20.

4-Phenylazohydantoin (15). Compound 12a was treated with benzene and thionyl chloride using the same experimental procedure previously adopted for synthesis of 14a,b from 2a,b. The reaction product was purified by crystallization from acetic acid and identified (melting point, mixture melting point, and ir) as the known 15.19

Reactions of 2a. A. With Benzaldehyde. To a mixture of 2a (2 g) and benzaldehyde (1 ml ) 1 drop of piperidine was added. The reaction mixture was heated at 100° (bath temperature) for 4 hr,

then triturated with ethanol and left to stand. The crystals that separated were collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol to yield 1.5 g of 16: mp 100°; ir 1660 (CO) and 3340 and 3420  $cm^{-1}$  ( $\nu$  NH groups).

Anal. Calcd for C22H18O2N4: C, 71.33; H, 4.90; N, 15.13. Found: C, 71.50; H, 4.61; N, 15.00.

B. With Hydrazines. A mixture of 2a (2 g) and hydrazine hydrate (1 ml, 98%) or phenylhydrazine (1.5 ml) was heated at 100° (bath temperature) for 3 hr. The reaction mixture was then treated with dilute hydrochloric acid to remove the excess hydrazine and the resulting solid product was collected by filtration, crystallized, and identified (melting point and mixture melting point) as 16a in case of 2a and hydrazine hydrate and 16b in case of 2a and phenylhydrazine.

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