(t), 26.3 (t); GC/MS (70 eV), m/e (relative intensity) 159.0 (2.3), 158.0 (molecular ion – [CO], 18.5), 145.1 (10.9), 144.1 (molecular ion – [H₂C=C=O], 100.0), 129.1 (79.2), 115.1 (39.1); high-resolution mass spectrometry, calcd for C₁₃H₁₄O M_r 186.1045, found M_r 186.1034.

2-Oxa-3-tetramethylenebicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-7-one (9b). A 117-mg (50% yield) portion of **9b** was obtained from 338 mg of **9a** as a pale yellow oil: IR (neat) 1786 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.10 (m, 1 H), 3.50 (m, 2 H), 2.44–0.92 (m, 11 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 212.1 (s), 96.5 (s), 93.7 (d), 50.0 (t), 42.3 (d), 39.4 (t, 2 C), 31.5 (t), 24.8 (t), 23.7 (t); GC/MS (70 eV), m/e (relative intensity) 139.00 (0.5), 138.10 (molecular ion – [CO], 5.1), 124.00 (molecular ion – [H₂C=C=O], 23.9), 120.10 (10.6), 109.10 (16.0), 95.00 (21.1), 81.00 (23.9), 67.00 (100.0), 55.00 (22.5), 41.00 (39.5), 39.00 (43.0); high-resolution mass spectrometry, calcd for C₁₀H₁₄O₂ M_r 166.0994, found M_r 166.0993.

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Cyclocondensation Reactions of 3-Amino-2-hydrazino-4(3*H*)-pyrimidinones.^{1,2} Formation of 1,2,4-Triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrimidines and Pyrimido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4,5]tetrazines

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3-Amino-2-hydrazino-4(3H)-pyrimidinones 1, derived from diaminoguanidine and β -keto esters,^{1,2} react readily with ortho esters in hot acetic acid or butanol to give 1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrimidin-7(8H)-ones 2. In acetic acid at room temperature, 1 reacts with ortho esters, dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal, and diethoxymethyl acetate to form 2 and 6H-pyrimido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4,5]tetrazin-6-ones 3. The latter ring system undergoes a thermal, acidcatalyzed, rearrangement to 2.

Adjacent amino and hydrazino functional groups in a heterocyclic system provide many opportunities for the elaboration of additional ring systems. This synthetic strategy provides a route to ring-fused systems containing nitrogen at the ring-junction when an N-amino group is utilized. We now wish to describe our results utilizing 3-amino-2-hydrazino-4(3H)-pyrimidinones 1, previously prepared^{1,2} in our laboratory from diaminoguanidine and substituted β -keto esters, as a route to 1,2,4-triazolo[4,3a]pyrimidin-7(8H)-ones 2 and 6H-pyrimido[1,2-b]-[1,2,4,5]tetrazin-6-ones 3, which can now be readily prepared with a variety of substituents.

Reaction of 1 with ortho esters may occur in three ways: reaction with the N-NH₂ group or the NHNH₂ group to give the corresponding imino ethers, cyclocondensation at N-1 to give a 1,2,4-triazole system, or cyclocondensation between the N-NH₂ and the NHNH₂ groups to afford a 1,4-dihydrotetrazine derivative. Reaction of 1 with ortho esters in boiling butanol overnight or glacial acetic acid for 30 min gave only one product, identified as an 8amino-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidin-7(8H)-one derivative 2, in 50-75% yields. When the refluxing in acetic acid continued overnight, the acetamido derivative 7 was obtained.

Although the ¹H NMR data (Table I) were consistent with the assigned structure, they could not be considered conclusive. The structure **2c** ($R_1 = R_3 = CH_3$, $R_2 = H$) was finally determined by a single-crystal X-ray analysis³



(supplementary material). Reaction of 1 with ortho esters, dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal, or diethoxymethyl acetate in glacial acetic acid at room temperature led to a mixture, readily separable by crystallization, of 2 and a second product 3 identified as a pyrimido[1,2-b][1,2,4,5]tetrazin-6-one derivative (supplementary material) (Scheme I). The NMR spectra of the ring-fused tetrazines 3 show two NH signals at δ 9.3–9.8 (Table II), and they

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Table I. Substituted 8-Amino-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidin-7(8H)-ones



							¹ H	I NMR measu	rements (δ)	
compd	R_1	R_2	R_3	yield, %	mp, °C	formula ^c	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	NH ₂
2a	CH ₃	н	Н	47ª	263-266 dec	C ₆ H ₇ N ₅ O	CH ₃ (2.5)	H (6.2)	H (8.92)	(5.7)
2b	CH_3	CH_3	Н	67 ^b	276-278	$C_7H_9N_5O$	CH ₃ (2.5)	CH ₃ (2.0)	H (8.96)	(5.77)
2c	CH_3	н	CH_3	56 ^b	275–278 dec	$C_7H_9N_5O$	CH ₃ (2.66)	H (6.1)	CH ₃ (2.55)	(5.65)
2d	CH_3	Н	C ₆ H ₅	29 ^b	210 dec	$C_{12}H_{11}N_5O$	$CH_{3}(2.0)$	H (6.2)	Ph (7.6;m)	(7.81)
2e	$C_6 H_5$	н	НŮ	31ª	260-266	$C_{11}H_9N_5O$	Ph (7.7; m)	H (6.43)	H (8.76)	(5.86)

^a Prepared with ortho ester in acetic acid at room temperature. ^b Prepared with ortho ester in butanol at reflux. ^c Satisfactory analyses were reported.

Table II. Substituted 1,4-Dihydro-6H-pyrimido[1,2-b]-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-6-ones



			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·			¹ H	I NMR measu	irements (δ)	
compd	\mathbf{R}_1	R_2	R_3	yield, %	mp, °C	formula	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	NH
3a	CH ₃	н	н	23ª	215-220 dec	C ₆ H ₇ N ₅ O	CH ₃ (2.06)	H (5.86)	H (6.97) (7.01)	(9.51, 9.75)
3b	CH_3	CH_3	н	15 ^b	255–258 dec	C ₇ H ₉ N ₅ O	CH ₃ (2.06)	CH ₃ (1.86)	H (7.0)	(9.48, 9.56)
3c	CH ₃	Н	CH_3	51°	239-241	$C_7H_9N_5O$	$CH_{3}(2.06)$	H (5.78)	CH ₃ (1.9)	(9.3, 9.6)
3d	C_6H_5	н	CH_3	31ª	220-224 dec	$C_{12}H_{11}N_5O$	Ph (7.5, 8.0; m)	H (6.5)	CH ₃ (1.94)	(9.45, 9.78)
3e	C ₆ H ₅	Н	Н	30ª	200 dec	C ₁₁ H ₉ N₅O	Ph (7.7, 7.9; m)	H (7.05)	H (6.58)	(9.8)

^a Prepared with ortho ester in acetic acid at room temperature. ^b Prepared with dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal in acetic acid at room temperature. ^cSatisfactory analyses were reported.

Table III. Schiff Bases of 8-Amino-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidin-7(8H)-ones



							¹ H NMR measurements (δ)					
compd	R_1	R_2	R_3	yield, %	mp, °C	formulaª	R_1	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	CH3	CH ₂
6a 6b 6c	$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{CH}_3\\\mathrm{CH}_3\\\mathrm{C}_6\mathrm{H}_5\end{array}$	H H H	H CH ₃ H	70 71 88	200-204 188-190 148-150	$\begin{array}{c} C_9 H_{11} N_8 O_2 \\ C_{11} H_{15} N_8 O_2 \\ C_{14} H_{13} N_5 O_2 \end{array}$	CH ₃ (2.5) CH ₃ (2.7) Ph (7.7; m)	H (6.2) H (6.15) H (6.42)	H (8.5) CH ₃ (2.63) H (8.6)	H (8.86) CH ₃ (1.75) H (8.77)	(1.4; t) (1.4; t) (1.44; t)	(4.4; q) (4.4; q) (4.45; q)

^aSatisfactory analyses were reported.

are lacking the N-NH₂ signal at δ 5.6–5.9 (Table I) which is characteristic of product 2. The yields of the ring-fused tetrazines 3 (R₃ = H) varied from 15–55% when triethyl orthoformate was used as the cyclocondensation agent. With dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal yields of 3 were slightly less (10–42%), and with diethoxymethyl acetate the yields were 15–20%.

Refluxing of 3 in acetic acid overnight resulted in isomerization to 2 in 52% yield, isolated as crystalline acetamido derivative 7 ($R_1 = CH_3$, $R_2 = R_3 = H$). When 3 was refluxed in butanol overnight, no isomerization occurred. Although 1,2- and 1,4-dihydrotetrazines undergo ready acid-catalyzed isomerization to 4-amino-1,2,4-triazoles,⁴ this is the first recorded example of such an isomerization of a ring-fused tetrazine derivative to a ring-fused 1,2,4-triazole.

The mechanism of this isomerization may be rationalized in terms of an intermediate 1,5-dipolar species 5 obtained from 3 by initial protonation at N-4 in 3 followed

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^aSatisfactory analyses were reported.



¹ H NMR measurements (δ)							
compd	R ₁	R_2	R ₃	NH ₂	NH		
8a	CH ₃ (2.14)	H (5.76)	COCH ₃ (1.94)	(5.45)	(9.0, 9.85)		
8b	CH ₃ (2.05)	$CH_3CH_2(1.0; t)$ (2.35; q)	$p-CH_{3}C_{6}H_{4}CO$ (2.4; s) (7.3-7.8; q)	(5.5)	(8.9, 10.3)		
8c	CH ₃ (2.0)	H (5.7)	$p-CH_{3}C_{6}H_{4}CO$ (2.36; s) (7.3, 7.85; a)	(5.45)	(9.15, 10.36)		
8 d	$p-ClC_{6}H_{4}$ (7.5-8.05; q)	H (6.45)	COCH ₃ (1.96)	(5.5)	(9.25, 9.9)		
8e	$p-\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$ (7.45–7.85; q)	H (6.3)	$p-CH_3C_6H_4SO_2$ (2.1, s) (7.05-7.65; g)	(5.5)	(9.4, 9.9)		



	¹ H NMR measurements (δ)							
compd	R ₁	R_2	NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	N=CH	NH ₂	NH		
9a	CH ₃ (2.2)	$\begin{array}{c} CH_{3}CH_{2}(1.0; t) \\ (2.35; q) \end{array}$	(7.95–8.35; q)	(8.55)	(5.55)	(11.14)		
9b	C_6H_5 (7.5–8.05; m)	H (6.56)	(7.95-8.35; q)	(8.70)	(5.6)	(11.38)		
9c	$p-ClC_6H_4$ (7.55–8.15; q)	H (6.6)	(7.95-8.35; q)	(8.70)	(5.65)	(11.4)		

by generation of nitrile imine 4. This nitrile imine undergoes ready electrocyclization to 2. The primary amino function of the hydrazino substituent of 1 was found to be more reactive than the N-NH₂ group. As indicated earlier, refluxing of 1 with ortho esters in butanol overnight yielded 2. In the absence of solvent, however, and when excess of the ortho ester was used, the triazolo [4,3-a] pyrimidinones 6, in which the amino group had been converted into an imino ether, was obtained (Table III). Heating of 6 in acetic acid gave 2. Other electrophilic reagents reacted with the hydrazino group of 1 in preference to the N-NH₂ group. Thus, sulfonyl chlorides in pyridine at room temperature gave the corresponding sulfonamides 8 ($R_3 = SO_2R_4$) (Table IV). Acyl halides under analogous conditions (or acetic anhydride) gave the corresponding amides 8 ($R_3 = COR_4$) and with *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde the corresponding benzal derivative 9 was obtained. NMR spectra of products 8 and 9 showed the characteristic N-NH₂ signal at δ 5.5–5.7 (Tables V and VI).



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The structure 8a was confirmed by nuclear Overhauser difference spectroscopy.⁵ Oxidative ring closure of 9 with *N*-bromosuccinimide gave 3 ($R_3 = C_6H_4$ -*p*-NO₂). These reactions suggest that in the formation of the ring-fused tetrazine 3 from 1, initial reaction with the ortho ester occurs at the primary amino function of the hydrazine group to give an initial imino ether which then forms a nitrilium salt 10. Cyclization of the *N*-NH₂ group onto the nitrilium salt to give 3 is a favored 6-endo dig process.⁶

Experimental Section

All melting points were taken on a Mel-Temp apparatus. Samples for elemental analysis were dried for 1–24 h under high vacuum. The ¹H NMR measurements were obtained on a Varian Model FT-80 spectrometer and chemical shift values are reported in δ downfield from tetramethylsilane internal standard. All spectra were taken in deuteriated dimethyl sulfoxide.

Crystallography. The colorless needlelike crystals of 2c were obtained from the 1-butanol reaction solution and 3d was recrystallized from tetrahydrofuran in pale needlelike crystals. Preliminary examination and data collection were performed with Cu K α radiation on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 computer controlled κ axis diffractometer equipped with a graphite crystal, incident beam monochromator. The structure 3d consists of two crystallographyically independent (yet chemically identical) molecules. Both structures were solved by direct methods; all calculations were performed on a PDP-11/60 based TEXRAY⁷ system (supplementary material).

General Procedures for the Synthesis of 8-Amino-1,2,4triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidin-7(8H)-ones (2). Method A. A suspension of 3-amino-2-hydrazino-5,6-dimethyl-4(3H)-pyrimidinone (1; $R_1 = R_2 = CH_3$) (1.94 g) in butanol (60 mL) and triethyl orthoformate (20 mL) was refluxed overnight and the resulting suspension cooled to room temperature. The crystalline product 2b was collected, washed with butanol, and dried to give 1.37 g (67%) of colorless needles, mp 276-278 °C.

Method B. A solution of 1 ($R_1 = R_2 = CH_3$) (1.3 g; 0.0077 mol) and triethyl orthoformate (1.3 mL; 0.0077 mol) in glacial acetic acid (30 mL) was refluxed for 30 min and then kept at room temperature overnight. The solution was evaporated to dryness and the residue was recrystallized from methanol to give 1.04 g (76%) of **2b** as colorless needles, mp 276-278 °C.

General Procedures for the Synthesis of 1,4-Dihydro-6*H*-pyrimido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4,5]tetrazin-6-ones (3). Method A. A solution of 3-amino-2-hydrazino-6-methyl-4(3*H*)-pyrimidinone 1 ($R_1 = CH_3$, $R_2 = H$) (1.55 g; 0.01 mol) and triethyl orthoformate (1.48 g; 0.01 mol) in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) was kept at room temperature for 1 h. The crystalline precipitate was collected, washed with acetic acid and ether, and dried to give 0.37 g (23%) of **3a**: mp 215-220 °C. Dilution of the filtrate with ether gave 0.78 g (47%) of **2a**, mp 263-266 °C.

Method B. A solution of 1 ($R_1 = CH_3$, $R_2 = H$) (4.6 g; 0.03 mol) and dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (3.5 g; 0.03 mol) in glacial acetic acid (30 mL) was kept at room temperature for 3 h. The crystalline precipitate was collected, washed with acetic acid and ether, and dried to give 0.49 g (10%) of **3a**: mp 215–220 °C. The filtrate was diluted with ether to give 2.19 g (45%) of **2a** as colorless crystals, mp 263–266 °C.

Method C. A solution of 1 ($R_1 = CH_3$, $R_2 = H$) (3.1 g; 0.02 mol) and diethoxymethyl acetate (3.24 g; 0.02 mol) in glacial acetic

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acid (20 mL was kept at room temperature for 1 h. The crystalline precipitate was collected, washed with acetic acid, ether and dried to give 0.5 g (15%) of **3a**, mp 215–220 °C. The filtrate was diluted with ether to give 1.5 g (45%) of **2a** as colorless crystals, mp 263–266 °C.

N-(3,5-Dimethyl-7-oxo-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-a]pyrimidin-8-(7H)-yl)ethanimidic Acid Ethyl Ester (6b). A suspension of 1 (R₁ = CH₃, R₂ = H) (1.82 g; 0.012 mol) in triethyl orthoacetate (60 mL) was refluxed overnight and the resulting solution cooled to room temperature. The crystalline precipitate was collected and dried to give 2.13 g (71%) of 6b, mp 188-190 °C.

2'-(1-Amino-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-6-oxo-2-pyrimidinyl)acetohydrazide (8a). Acetic anhydride (1.88 mL; 0.02 mol) was added to a suspension of 1 ($R_1 = CH_3$, $R_2 = H$) (3.1 g; 0.02 mol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (200 mL). The resulting solution was kept at room temperature overnight. The precipitated product was collected, washed with tetrahydrofuran, and dried to give 3.5 g (89%) of 8a, mp 226-228 °C.

2'-(1-Amino-5-ethyl-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-6-oxo-2-pyrimidinyl)-4-methylbenzohydrazide (8b). p-Toluoyl chloride (1.32 mL; 0.01 mol) was added to a suspension of 1 ($R_1 = CH_3$, $R_2 = CH_3CH_2$) (1.83 g; 0.01 mol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran containing triethylamine (1.4 mL; 0.01 mol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was slurried in water (30 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to give 2.96 g (98%) of 8b, mp 228-230 °C.

2-[1-Amino-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-6-oxo-2-pyrimidinyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (8e). D-Toluenesulfonyl chloride (0.572 g; 0.0003 mol) was added to a suspension of 1 ($R_1 = p$ -ClC₆H₄, $R_2 = H$) (0.755 g; 0.003 mol) in anhydrous pyridine (15 mL). The resulting solution was kept at room temperature overnight and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was slurred in water and filtered to give 1.2 g (89%) of 8e, mp 235 °C dec. 4-Nitrobenzaldehyde (1-Amino-5-ethyl-6-oxo-4-methyl-2(1H)-pyrimidinyl)hydrazone (9a). p-Nitrobenzaldehyde (0.825 g; 0.0055 mol) was added to the suspension of 1 ($R_1 = CH_3$; $R_2 = CH_3CH_2$) (1 g; 0.0055 mol) in ethanol (100 mL) containing a catalytic amount (3 drops) of acetic acid. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and the orange suspension filtered to give 1.46 g (85%) of 9a, mp 245 °C dec.

Isomerization of 3a. A suspension of **3a** (1 g) in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) was refluxed overnight and cooled to room temperature. The solution was evaporated to an oily residue. The oil was diluted with methanol (10 mL), and ether was added until crystals precipitated out and collected by filtration to give **7a** (52%), which is the acetyl derivative of **2a**.

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