

## 710. Cyclic Amidines. Part XI.<sup>1</sup> Rearrangements of Quinazoline Ethers.

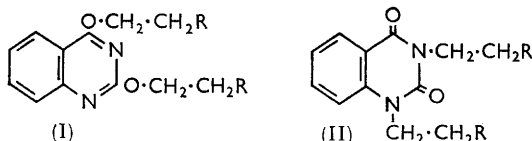
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Certain basic ethers of 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline have been shown to undergo a thermal rearrangement not hitherto recognised. Evidence has been obtained for a cyclic mechanism for the formally similar rearrangements shown to occur with 2-chloro-4-chloroalkoxyquinazolines on distillation, and with analogous 4-hydroxyalkyl ethers when these were treated with thionyl chloride.

3-Substituted 3,4-dihydro-2-hydroxy-4-oxoquinazolines have been prepared from methyl *o*-ethoxycarbonylamino benzoate and an amine.

QUATERNARY salts of 2,4-di(alkylaminoalkoxy)quinazolines were required for testing as muscle relaxants. Rearrangements observed in syntheses of these and related ethers are now recorded.

2,4-Dichloroquinazoline and sodium 2-diethylaminoethoxide furnished an oil which was evidently 2,4-bis-(2-diethylaminoethoxy)quinazoline (I; R = NEt<sub>2</sub>) since, as its dimethiodide, it was readily hydrolysed to 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline. The isomer obtained on distillation of this ditertiary base was assigned the structure (II; R = NEt<sub>2</sub>),



since it was stable to boiling hydrobromic acid and afforded a different dimethiodide (II; R = NEt<sub>2</sub>Me)I. Similar results were obtained with the corresponding dimethylamino-derivatives; in one experiment, the distilled ditertiary base gave a mixture of the two dimethiodides, separable by fractional crystallisation.

In previous investigations<sup>2,3</sup> of these compounds, the isomerisation of the ditertiary bases was not observed, but products described as ethers were apparently identical with the foregoing 1,3-disubstituted quinazolines. Similar thermal isomerisations have been reported for certain 4-alkoxyquinazolines,<sup>4</sup> but not for 2,4-dialkoxyquinazolines.<sup>5</sup>

The reactivity of both chlorine atoms in 2,4-dichloroquinazoline was insufficient for the production of a bisquaternary ether from a 2-hydroxyethyltrialkylammonium iodide; only one ether link was formed.

Examination of further possible routes to these quaternary compounds disclosed a second type of rearrangement. The product from 2,4-dichloroquinazoline, ethylene chlorohydrin, and potassium carbonate was presumed to be 2-chloro-4-2'-chloroethoxyquinazoline (III; R = R' = Cl) because of the known difference in reactivity of the chlorine atoms in 2,4-dichloroquinazoline,<sup>6</sup> and since it afforded 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline on hydrolysis. On distillation, the ether (III; R = R' = Cl) rearranged to its isomer (IV; R = R' = Cl), converted by hydrolysis into the 2-hydroxyquinazoline derivative (IV; R = OH, R' = Cl). The structure of the last compound was unequivocally established by a direct synthesis; it was produced by interaction of thionyl chloride and

<sup>1</sup> Part X, preceding paper.

<sup>2</sup> Donleavy and Kise, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1935, **57**, 753.

<sup>3</sup> Hohmann, *Univ. Microfilms*, Publ. No. 6519, 1953.

<sup>4</sup> Bogert and Seil, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1907, **29**, 517.

<sup>5</sup> Abt, *J. prakt. Chem.*, 1889, **39**, 140.

<sup>6</sup> Lange and Sheibley, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1931, **53**, 3867; 1933, **55**, 1188; Curd, Landquist, and Rose, *J.*, 1947, 775.

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<sup>8</sup> Gabriel and Neumann, *Ber.*, 1892, **25**, 2383; Wislicenus and Korber, *ibid.*, 1902, **35**, 164.

I, 39.4.  $C_{22}H_{38}I_2N_4O_2$  requires C, 41.0; H, 5.9; I, 39.4%). Hohmann<sup>3</sup> cites m. p. 247—248° for the dimethiodide said to be this compound. This dimethiodide when boiled for 1 hr. with concentrated hydrochloric acid gave 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline, m. p. and mixed m. p. 350°.

The foregoing oil distilled as 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,3-bis-2'-diethylaminoethyl-2,4-dioxoquinazoline (II; R = NEt<sub>2</sub>) (13.6 g., 75%), b. p. 227°/1.5 mm. (Found: C, 66.4; H, 9.1; N, 15.6.  $C_{26}H_{32}N_4O_2$  requires C, 66.6; H, 9.0; N, 15.5%); Hohmann<sup>3</sup> records b. p. 225—226°/4 mm., and Donleavy and Kise<sup>2</sup> record b. p. 209—210°/5 mm. for the compound said to be the diether. Its *dipicrate* separated from 2-ethoxyethanol as prisms, m. p. 212° (decomp.) (Found: C, 46.9; H, 4.9; N, 16.8.  $C_{32}H_{38}N_{10}O_{16}$  requires C, 46.9; H, 4.7; N, 17.1%). The same *dipicrate*, m. p. and mixed m. p. 212° (decomp.), was prepared from the distilled ditertiary base which had been boiled for 4 hr. with hydrobromic acid (47.5%). The *dimethiodide* of the distilled ditertiary base crystallised from methanol as needles, m. p. 254—255° (decomp.) (Found: C, 41.2; H, 5.8; N, 8.2.  $C_{22}H_{38}I_2N_4O_2$  requires C, 41.0; H, 5.9; N, 8.7%).

2,4-Dichloroquinazoline and sodium 2-dimethylaminoethoxide, when treated as in the above experiment, afforded an oil whose *dimethiodide* (I; R = NMe<sub>2</sub>I) crystallised as prisms (from methanol), m. p. 242° (decomp.) [Hohmann<sup>3</sup> gives m. p. 299—301°] (Found: C, 36.6; H, 5.3.  $C_{18}H_{30}I_2N_4O_2$  requires C, 36.7; H, 5.1%); on acid hydrolysis, this dimethiodide afforded 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline, m. p. and mixed m. p. 350°.

The foregoing oil (9.3 g., 62%) distilled mainly as 1,3-bis-2'-dimethylaminoethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxoquinazoline (II; R = NMe<sub>2</sub>) at 202°/1 mm. (lit.,<sup>3</sup> b. p. 234—236°/9 mm.) (Found: C, 62.8; H, 7.8; N, 18.2.  $C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_2$  requires C, 63.1; H, 8.0; N, 18.4%). This distillate (3 g.) in ethanol (25 ml.) furnished with methyl iodide (3.2 g.), after 1 hr. at room temperature, a solid (5.5 g.) which, by fractional crystallisation from aqueous ethanol, was separated into the same dimethiodide, m. p. and mixed m. p. 242° (decomp.) (Found: C, 36.3; H, 5.3; I, 44.0. Calc. for  $C_{18}H_{30}I_2N_4O_2$ : C, 36.7; H, 5.1; I, 43.1%), and 1,3-bis-2'-dimethylaminoethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxoquinazoline *dimethiodide*, prisms, m. p. 305° (decomp.) (Found: C, 36.8; H, 4.8; I, 44.8; N, 9.6.  $C_{18}H_{30}I_2N_4O_2$  requires C, 36.7; H, 5.1; I, 43.1; N, 9.5%).

In other experiments the distillate behaved as a single compound. It furnished a single *dipicrate*, which crystallised from glacial acetic acid as prisms, m. p. 213—214° (Found: C, 44.4; H, 4.0.  $C_{28}H_{30}N_{10}O_{16}$  requires C, 44.1; H, 4.0%), and a *dihydrobromide* as hygroscopic prisms (from acetonitrile), m. p. 124° (effervescence) (Found, on dried material: Br, 34.0.  $C_{16}H_{26}Br_2N_4O_2$  requires Br, 34.3%). On being boiled for 4 hr. with hydrobromic acid (47.5%), the distilled oil furnished the same dihydrobromide, m. p. and mixed m. p. 124° (effervescence).

Diethyl-2-hydroxyethylmethylammonium iodide had m. p. 269° (decomp.); Emde and Runne<sup>9</sup> record m. p. 249°. Its *picrate* crystallised from ethanol as needles, m. p. 239—241° (Found: C, 43.4; H, 5.5.  $C_{13}H_{20}N_4O_8$  requires C, 43.3; H, 5.6%).

2-(2-Chloro-4-quinazolinylloxy)ethyldiethylmethylammonium Iodide (III; R = Cl, R' = NMeEt<sub>2</sub>I).—The solid obtained by boiling together 2,4-dichloroquinazoline (1.95 g.), diethyl-2-hydroxyethylmethylammonium iodide (5 g.) and triethylamine (2 g.) in acetone (100 ml.) for 5 days furnished this ether (2.2 g., 52%) as prisms, m. p. 200° (decomp.) (from ethanol) (Found: C, 42.7; H, 4.8; N, 9.7.  $C_{16}H_{21}ClIN_3O$  requires C, 42.7; H, 5.0; N, 10.0%).

2-Chloro-4-2'-hydroxyethoxyquinazoline (III; R = Cl, R' = OH).—2,4-Dichloroquinazoline (25 g.) and ethylene glycol (15.5 g.) were boiled in acetone (350 ml.) for 4 hr. with potassium carbonate (35 g.). The acetone-soluble *ether* (III; R = Cl, R' = OH) (24.6 g., 87%), precipitated by water, crystallised from benzene as needles, m. p. 125° (Found: C, 53.7; H, 3.8; N, 12.5.  $C_{10}H_9ClN_2O_2$  requires C, 53.5; H, 4.0; N, 12.5%). 1,2-Di-(2-chloro-4-quinazolinylloxy)-ethane (1.6 g.), needles, m. p. 208°, from 2-ethoxyethanol, was the acetone-insoluble product [Found: C, 56.2; H, 3.3; N, 14.1%; M (Rast), 356.  $C_{18}H_{12}Cl_2N_4O_2$  requires C, 55.8; H, 3.1; N, 14.5%; M, 387].

2-Chloro-4-2'-chloroethoxyquinazoline (III; R = R' = Cl).—A solution of 2,4-dichloroquinazoline (25 g.) and ethylene chlorohydrin (20 g.) in acetone (350 ml.) was boiled for 5 hr. with potassium carbonate (35 g.), filtered, evaporated, and diluted with water. The precipitated *ether* (25.4 g., 84%) crystallised from light petroleum as plates, m. p. 101—103° (Found: C, 49.8; H, 3.6; N, 11.1.  $C_{10}H_8Cl_2N_2O$  requires C, 49.4; H, 3.3; N, 11.5%). When boiled with concentrated hydrochloric acid for 1 hr., this compound gave 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline, m. p. and mixed m. p. 349°.

<sup>9</sup> Emde and Runne, *Arch. Pharm.*, 1911, **249**, 371.

2-Chloro-3-2'-chloroethyl-3,4-dihydro-4-oxoquinazoline (IV;  $R = R' = Cl$ ).—(i) 2-Chloro-4-2'-chloroethoxyquinazoline when distilled at  $166^{\circ}/1.1$  mm. yielded the isomeric 3-2'-chloroethyl derivative which crystallised from light petroleum as needles, m. p.  $91-92^{\circ}$  (Found: C, 49.5; H, 3.6; Cl, 29.4; N, 11.3.  $C_{10}H_8Cl_2N_2O$  requires C, 49.4; H, 3.3; Cl, 29.2; N, 11.5%). This compound, when boiled for 30 min. with concentrated hydrochloric acid, gave the 2-hydroxyquinazoline (IV;  $R = OH$ ,  $R' = Cl$ ), m. p.  $195.5-196^{\circ}$ , not depressed by an unambiguously synthesised specimen (see below) (Found: C, 53.1; H, 4.4; Cl, 16.3; N, 12.2.  $C_{10}H_9ClN_2O_2$  requires C, 53.5; H, 4.4; Cl, 15.8; N, 12.5%).

(ii) 2-Chloro-4-2'-hydroxyethoxyquinazoline (1 g.) was boiled for 30 min. with thionyl chloride (10 ml.) and poured on ice. The precipitate was the same 3-2'-chloroethyl derivative, m. p. and mixed m. p.  $91-92^{\circ}$ .

Methyl o-ethoxycarbonylaminobenzoate.—A mixture of methyl anthranilate (30.2 g.) and ethyl chloroformate (21.7 g.), after the initial exothermic reaction, was heated on a steam-bath for 15 hr. and distilled at  $172^{\circ}/14$  mm., m. p.  $62^{\circ}$  (yield 43 g., 97%). Heller<sup>10</sup> gives m. p.  $62^{\circ}$ .

3,4-Dihydro-2-hydroxy-3-2'-hydroxyethyl-4-oxoquinazoline (IV;  $R = R' = OH$ ).—Methyl o-ethoxycarbonylaminobenzoate (11.2 g.) and ethanolamine (6.2 g.) were heated together at  $160^{\circ}$  for 40 min. The paste resulting furnished the quinazoline (7.4 g., 72%) when digested with chloroform; it crystallised as prisms, m. p.  $253.5-254^{\circ}$ , from aqueous acetic acid (Found: C, 58.6; H, 5.0; N, 13.5.  $C_{10}H_{10}N_2O_3$  requires C, 58.3; H, 4.9; N, 13.6%). With 1 mol. of ethanolamine the yield was 54%.

3-2'-Chloroethyl-3,4-dihydro-2-hydroxy-4-oxoquinazoline (IV;  $R = OH$ ,  $R' = Cl$ ) was quantitatively produced when the foregoing alcohol was refluxed with thionyl chloride for 30 min., and crystallised from methanol as plates, m. p. and mixed m. p.  $195.5-196^{\circ}$ .

2-Chloro-4-3'-hydroxypropoxyquinazoline (III;  $R = Cl$ ,  $R' = CH_2 \cdot OH$ ), prepared from trimethylene glycol and 2,4-dichloroquinazoline, crystallised from benzene-light petroleum as prisms, m. p.  $99-100^{\circ}$  (Found: C, 55.4; H, 4.4; N, 11.6.  $C_{11}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$  requires C, 55.4; H, 4.6; N, 11.7%), and gave 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline when boiled for 2 hr. with concentrated hydrochloric acid.

2-Chloro-3-3'-chloropropyl-3,4-dihydro-4-oxoquinazoline (IV;  $R = Cl$ ,  $R' = CH_2Cl$ ) was obtained (28%) by interaction of the foregoing hydroxy-ether and thionyl chloride; it crystallised from light petroleum as needles, m. p.  $114.5-115^{\circ}$  (Found: C, 51.2; H, 4.1; N, 10.7.  $C_{11}H_{10}Cl_2N_2O$  requires C, 51.4; H, 3.9; N, 10.9%). Hydrolysis (0.5 g.) with boiling concentrated hydrochloric acid furnished the corresponding 2-hydroxyquinazoline (IV;  $R = OH$ ,  $R' = CH_2Cl$ ) (0.4 g.) which formed plates, m. p.  $176-177^{\circ}$ , from ethanol (Found: C, 55.4; H, 4.7; N, 11.7.  $C_{11}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$  requires C, 55.4; H, 4.6; N, 11.7%).

1,3-Di-(2-chloroethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxoquinazoline (II;  $R = Cl$ ).—2,4-Di-(2-hydroxyethoxy)quinazoline<sup>7</sup> (3 g.) was boiled with thionyl chloride (20 ml.) for 45 min. An ethanol solution of the residue obtained on removal of the excess of thionyl chloride *in vacuo* deposited the 1,3-di-(2-chloroethyl) derivative as prisms, m. p.  $127-128^{\circ}$  (Found: C, 50.6; H, 4.4; Cl, 25.1; N, 9.9.  $C_{12}H_{12}Cl_2N_2O_2$  requires C, 50.2; H, 4.2; Cl, 24.7; N, 9.8%). This compound was inert to boiling hydrobromic acid (47.5%).

2-Anilino-4-2'-hydroxyethoxyquinazoline (III;  $R = NHPh$ ,  $R' = OH$ ).—(i) 2-Anilino-4-ethoxyquinazoline<sup>11</sup> (5.3 g.) was kept for 42 hr. in ethylene glycol (60 ml.) containing sodium (0.46 g.). The material precipitated by the addition of water afforded the hydroxyethyl ether (2.2 g., 39%) as prisms, m. p.  $116-116.5^{\circ}$  (from propan-2-ol) (Found: C, 68.8; H, 5.7; N, 14.7.  $C_{16}H_{16}N_2O_2$  requires C, 68.3; H, 5.4; N, 14.9%). Its picrate, prisms from ethanol, had m. p.  $188-188.5^{\circ}$  (Found: N, 16.2.  $C_{22}H_{18}N_6O_9$  requires N, 16.5%). When the reaction was performed in boiling ethylene glycol, the product was 2-anilino-4-hydroxyquinazoline.

(ii) 2-Chloro-4-2'-hydroxyethoxyquinazoline (III;  $R = Cl$ ,  $R' = OH$ ) (4.5 g.) and aniline (1.9 g.), when boiled in ethanol (30 ml.) for 1 hr., furnished the hydrochloride (6 g., 94%) which crystallised from methanol as prisms, m. p.  $187^{\circ}$  (Found: C, 60.3; H, 5.2.  $C_{16}H_{16}ClN_2O_2$  requires C, 60.5; H, 5.1%). The liberated base had m. p. and mixed m. p.  $116-117^{\circ}$ .

2-Anilino-4-2'-chloroethoxyquinazoline (III;  $R = NHPh$ ,  $R' = Cl$ ). The foregoing hydrochloride (2 g.) was boiled in thionyl chloride (15 ml.) for 15 min. and the solution was evaporated under reduced pressure. Crystallisation of the residue from methanol gave the chloroethoxyhydrochloride (1.6 g., 76%), m. p.  $169-170^{\circ}$  (effervescence) (Found: C, 54.7; H, 4.6; N, 11.7.

<sup>10</sup> Heller, *Ber.*, 1918, **51**, 424; Heller and Lauth, *J. prakt. Chem.*, 1928, **113**, 226.

<sup>11</sup> Lange and Sheibley, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1932, **54**, 1994.

$C_{16}H_{15}Cl_2N_3O \cdot H_2O$  requires C, 54.2; H, 4.8; N, 11.9%). Its *picrate* separated as prisms, m. p. 196–197° (decomp.), from glacial acetic acid (Found: C, 49.9; H, 3.1.  $C_{22}H_{17}ClN_6O_8$  requires C, 50.0; H, 3.2%). This hydrochloride, on hydrolysis, yielded 2-anilino-4-hydroxyquinazoline, m. p. and mixed <sup>11</sup> m. p. 261°, characterised as its acetyl derivative, m. p. and mixed <sup>1</sup> m. p. 202–204°.

4-Benzoyloxy-2-chloroquinazoline (6.6 g., 98%) was obtained when 2,4-dichloroquinazoline (5 g.) was added during 15 min. to sodium (0.58 g.) in benzyl alcohol (50 ml.) at below 10°, and the mixture was kept for 2 hr., evaporated, and treated with water. It formed prisms (from light petroleum), m. p. 95–97°, b. p. 202°/1.5 mm. (Found: C, 66.6; H, 4.1; N, 10.3.  $C_{15}H_{11}ClN_2O$  requires C, 66.5; H, 4.1; N, 10.4%). The distilled material furnished 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline, m. p. and mixed m. p. 350°, when boiled for 1 hr. with concentrated hydrochloric acid.

4-Allyloxy-2-chloroquinazoline, prepared analogously from sodium allyloxide, crystallised from light petroleum as laths, m. p. 76.5–77°, b. p. 220°/54 mm. (Found: C, 60.1; H, 4.4; N, 12.1.  $C_{11}H_9ClN_2O$  requires C, 59.9; H, 4.1; N, 12.7%). The distilled compound was later hydrolysed to 2,4-dihydroxyquinazoline.

2-Chloro-4-2'-chloropropoxyquinazoline (V; R = Cl).—2,4-Dichloroquinazoline (10 g.), 2-chloropropan-1-ol <sup>12</sup> (9.5 g.), potassium carbonate (14 g.), and acetone (140 ml.) were boiled together for 5½ hr. The filtered suspension on evaporation *in vacuo* gave an oil which partly solidified. By recrystallisation of the solid from light petroleum below room temperature the *quinazoline ether* (4.7 g.) was obtained as prisms, m. p. 64° (Found: C, 51.3; H, 4.1; N, 10.6.  $C_{11}H_{10}Cl_2N_2O$  requires C, 51.4; H, 3.9; N, 10.9%).

2-Chloro-3-(2-chloro-1-methylethyl)-3,4-dihydro-4-oxoquinazoline (VI; R = Cl) was formed when the foregoing ether was heated at 200° for 5 min., then distilled at 130°/0.1 mm., and crystallised from light petroleum as prisms, m. p. 98° (Found: C, 51.4; H, 3.9; N, 10.9.  $C_{11}H_{10}Cl_2N_2O$  requires C, 51.4; H, 3.9; N, 10.9%). On acid-hydrolysis, it afforded the corresponding 2-hydroxyquinazoline (VI; R = OH), m. p. 183–184°, undepressed by an unambiguously synthesised specimen (see below) (Found: C, 55.2; H, 4.5; N, 11.9.  $C_{11}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$  requires C, 55.4; H, 4.6; N, 11.7%).

3,4-Dihydro-2-hydroxy-3-(2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-4-oxoquinazoline.—Methyl *o*-ethoxycarbonylaminobenzoate (11.2 g.) and 2-aminopropan-1-ol <sup>13</sup> (7.5 g.), heated together at 140° for 75 min., gave a gum from which the *quinazoline* was extracted with benzene (4 × 20 ml.) (0.75 g.) and with ethyl acetate (20 ml.) (1.75 g.); it formed prisms, m. p. 214.5°, from aqueous ethanol (Found: C, 59.7; H, 5.6; N, 13.0.  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_3$  requires C, 60.0; H, 5.5; N, 12.7%).

3-(2-Chloro-1-methylethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2-hydroxy-4-oxoquinazoline (VI; R = OH) was formed quantitatively from the foregoing alcohol and thionyl chloride, and crystallised from methanol as prisms, m. p. and mixed m. p. 182–183°.

3,4-Dihydro-2-hydroxy-3-2'-hydroxypropyl-4-oxoquinazoline (VII; R = OH).—(i) Heating methyl *o*-ethoxycarbonylaminobenzoate and 1-aminopropan-2-ol (2 mol.) at 160° for 75 min. afforded this *quinazoline* (50%) which formed prisms, m. p. 205–206°, from ethanol (Found: C, 59.8; H, 5.4; N, 12.4.  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_3$  requires C, 60.0; H, 5.5; N, 12.7%).

(ii) 2,4-Dihydroxyquinazoline (8.1 g.) in 50% aqueous ethanol (150 ml.) containing sodium (1.2 g.) was boiled with 1-chloropropan-2-ol (4.7 g.) for 4 hr. The solid (0.8 g.) obtained on filtration and concentration of the suspension yielded the same compound, having m. p. and mixed m. p. 205–206° on crystallisation first from water and then from ethyl acetate.

3-2'-Chloropropyl-3,4-dihydro-2-hydroxy-4-oxoquinazoline (VII; R = Cl) was prepared (94%) by refluxing the foregoing alcohol with thionyl chloride and crystallised from ethanol as plates, m. p. 205.5–206°, depressed to 190° by the original alcohol (Found: C, 55.1; H, 4.7; N, 11.7.  $C_{11}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$  requires C, 55.4; H, 4.6; N, 11.7%).

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