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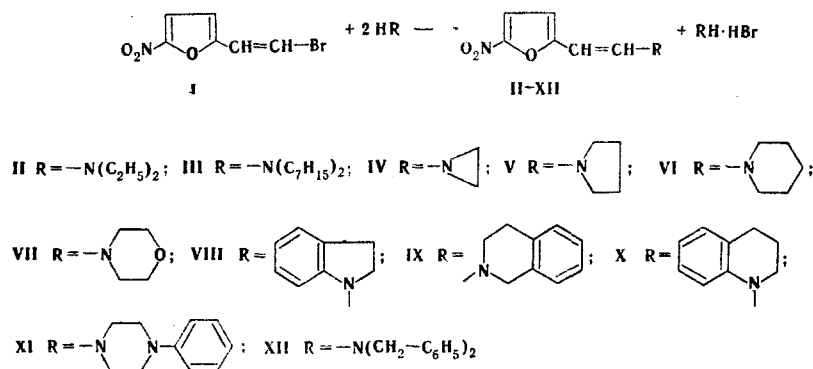
## ENAMINES OF THE 5-NITROFURAN SERIES

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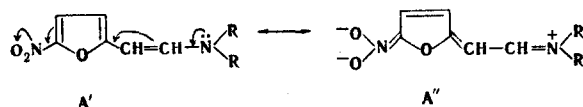
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New enamines and quaternary salts of 5-nitro-2-vinylfuran were obtained by reaction of 1-bromo-2-(5'-nitro-2'-furyl)ethylene with secondary and tertiary amines. The trans conformation of the investigated compounds was established by means of their IR, UV, and PMR spectra and dipole moments.

1-Bromo-2-(5'-nitro-2'-furyl)ethylene (I) has recently become an accessible compound [1]. We have investigated its reaction with secondary alkyl- and cycloalkylamines to give intensely colored enamines II-XII:



The reaction proceeds readily at room temperature in anhydrous benzene, acetone, or alcohol, and II-XII are obtained in 50-90% yields (Table 1). The appearance of an intense band of  $\pi-\pi^*$  transitions at 490-510 nm in the UV spectra (Table 2) constitutes evidence for the presence of conjugation and a planar structure for the enamines; such a large bathochromic shift of this band as compared with the spectrum of I (342 nm) is evidently associated with the considerable contribution of limiting structure A'', which develops as a result of direct polar conjugation [2]:



The planar structures of the II-XII molecules and the presence in them of a high degree of conjugation are also confirmed by the decrease in the  $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$  band in their spectra to 1620-1630 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Table 2) [3].

In the synthesis of the enamines we started with the cis isomer of I. However, a study of the PMR spectra showed (Table 3) that in all cases we were able to isolate primarily the trans isomers of the enamines, as evidenced by the spin-spin coupling constants of the H<sub>A</sub> and H<sub>B</sub> ethylene protons. In the case of II the trans configuration was also confirmed by the good agreement between the dipole moment found experimentally and the value calculated for the

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TABLE 1. Enamines of the 5-Nitrofuran Series

| Compound | Reaction time, h; temp., °C | mp, °C  | $R_f$ | Found, % |     |      | Empirical formula      | Calculated, % |     |      | Yield, % |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|----------|-----|------|------------------------|---------------|-----|------|----------|
|          |                             |         |       | C        | H   | N    |                        | C             | H   | N    |          |
| II       | 30                          | 63—65   | 0,18  | 57,1     | 6,7 | 13,3 | $C_{10}H_{14}N_2O_3$   | 57,3          | 6,8 | 13,0 | 90       |
| III      | 20—30                       | 68—71   | 0,28  | 68,5     | 9,8 | 7,9  | $C_{20}H_{31}N_2O_3$   | 68,7          | 9,9 | 7,8  | 49       |
| IV       | 100                         | 71—73   | 0,13  | 53,3     | 4,4 | 15,5 | $C_8H_8N_2O_3$         | 53,5          | 4,3 | 15,2 | 65       |
| V        | 20—30                       | 86—88   | 0,07  | 57,6     | 5,8 | 13,4 | $C_{10}H_{12}N_2O_3$   | 57,2          | 5,9 | 13,5 | 80       |
| VI       | 30                          | 77—78   | 0,10  | 59,4     | 6,3 | 12,6 | $C_{11}H_{14}N_2O_3$   | 59,0          | 6,4 | 12,8 | 70—80    |
| VII      | 20—30                       | 129—130 | 0,16  | 53,5     | 5,3 | 12,5 | $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_4$   | 53,0          | 5,5 | 12,2 | 80       |
| VIII     | 50                          | 150—152 | 0,18  | 66,3     | 5,2 | 10,3 | $C_{15}H_{14}N_2O_3$   | 66,7          | 5,4 | 10,8 | 75       |
| IX       | 100                         | 103—106 | 0,46  | 66,3     | 5,2 | 10,3 | $C_{15}H_{14}N_2O_3$   | 66,7          | 5,3 | 10,6 | 55       |
| X        | 80                          | 145—147 | 0,37  | 65,6     | 4,7 | 10,9 | $C_{14}H_{12}N_2O_3$   | 65,7          | 4,9 | 10,6 | 55       |
| XI       | 100                         | 165     | 0,10  | 64,2     | 5,7 | 14,0 | $C_{16}H_{17}N_3O_3$   | 64,0          | 5,8 | 13,9 | 75       |
| XII      | 50                          | 151—152 | 0,47  | 71,8     | 5,4 | 8,4  | $C_{20}H_{18}N_2O_3$   | 71,9          | 5,5 | 8,2  | 87       |
| XIII     | 20—30                       | 217—219 | 0,15* | 44,4     | 3,0 | 9,4  | $C_{11}H_9N_2O_3Br$    | 43,8          | 3,2 | 9,3  | 65—75    |
| XIV      | 100                         | 278—279 | 0,06* | 51,9     | 3,2 | 8,0  | $C_{15}H_{13}N_2O_3Br$ | 51,9          | 3,4 | 8,3  | 65—75    |
| XV       | 80                          | 257—260 | 0,08* | 41,7     | 4,8 | 9,9  | $C_{10}H_{14}N_2O_3Br$ | 41,4          | 4,7 | 8,1  | 15—20    |
|          | 70                          |         |       |          |     |      |                        |               |     |      |          |

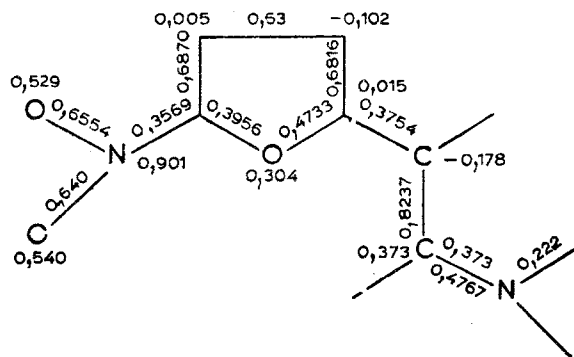
\*Ethanol.

trans form (8.729 D,  $\mu_x = 5.133$  D, and  $\mu_y = 7.060$  D) (Table 3).

In order to predict the reactivities of the synthesized enamines we calculated the  $\pi$ -electron structures, bond orders, and energies of the molecules by means of the Pariser-Parr-Pople (PPP) method within the Dewar  $\sigma(\pi_i)$  approximation. The interelectron interaction integrals were calculated from the Mataga-Nishimoto formula, and the resonance integrals were brought into self-consistency with the bond orders from the formula

$$B_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij} \times P_{ij}.$$

By reaction of I with N-heteroaromatic bases (pyridine, quinoline, and isoquinoline)



Molecular diagram of 1-diethylamino-2-(5-nitro-2-furyl)ethylene

and aliphatic tertiary amines we obtained the corresponding stable water-soluble quaternary salts XIII-XV (Table 1):

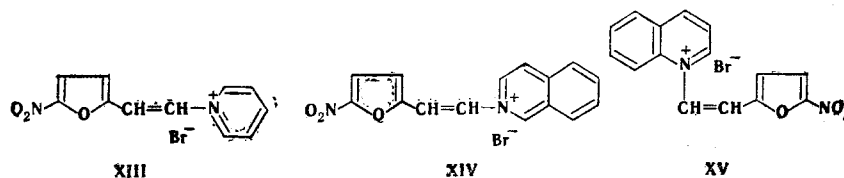


TABLE 2. Electronic and IR Spectra of Enamines II-XV

| Compound | UV spectra            |               | IR spectra, cm <sup>-1</sup> |                   |                |               |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
|          | $\lambda_{\max}$ , nm | lg $\epsilon$ | $\nu_{C=C}$                  | $\nu_{as}^{NO_2}$ | $\nu_s^{NO_2}$ | $\nu_{CH=CH}$ |
| II       | 280                   | 4,26          | 1632                         | 1510              | 1358           | 955           |
|          | 511                   | 4,52          |                              |                   |                |               |
| III      | 273                   | 4,20          | 1632                         | 1530              | 1350           | 950           |
|          | 509                   | 4,44          |                              |                   |                |               |
| IV       | 270                   | 4,30          | 1630                         | 1532              | 1348           | 954           |
|          | 497                   | 4,40          |                              |                   |                |               |
| V        | 280                   | 3,90          | 1630                         | 1530              | 1360           | 955           |
|          | 510                   | 4,08          |                              |                   |                |               |
| VI       | 280                   | 4,41          | 1630                         | 1505              | 1350           | 948           |
|          | 510                   | 4,64          |                              |                   |                |               |
| VII      | 277                   | 4,04          | 1633                         | 1505              | 1350           | 948           |
|          | 495                   | 4,20          |                              |                   |                |               |
| VIII     | 279                   | 4,10          | 1635                         | 1530              | 1350           | 945           |
|          | 505                   | 4,19          |                              |                   |                |               |
| IX       | 298                   | 4,45          | 1635                         | 1520              | 1355           | 945           |
|          | 313                   | 4,43          |                              |                   |                |               |
|          | 497                   | 4,63          |                              |                   |                |               |
| X        | 298                   | 4,36          | 1645                         | 1525              | 1340           | 955           |
|          | 324                   | 4,34          |                              |                   |                |               |
|          | 508                   | 4,47          |                              |                   |                |               |
| XI       | 249                   | 4,35          | 1638                         | 1505              | 1338           | 955           |
|          | 277                   | 4,38          |                              |                   |                |               |
|          | 500                   | 4,47          |                              |                   |                |               |
| XII      | 278                   | 4,23          | 1632                         | 1515              | 1338           | 958           |
|          | 499                   | 4,35          |                              |                   |                |               |
| XIII     | 225                   | 4,10          | 1630                         | 1532              | 1348           | 962           |
|          | 261                   | 3,80          |                              |                   |                |               |
|          | 345                   | 4,10          |                              |                   |                |               |
| XIV      | 218                   | 4,05          | 1640                         | 1525              | 1350           | 962           |
|          | 238                   | 4,02          |                              |                   |                |               |
|          | 345                   | 4,20          |                              |                   |                |               |
| XV       |                       |               | 1635                         | 1535              | 1350           | 962           |

TABLE 3. PMR Spectra and Dipole Moments of Enamines of the 5-Nitrofuran Series

| Compound | $\delta$ , ppm |                | $J_{3,4}$ , Hz | $\delta$ , ppm |                | $J_{AB}$ , Hz | DM, D |
|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
|          | H <sub>3</sub> | H <sub>4</sub> |                | H <sub>A</sub> | H <sub>B</sub> |               |       |
| II       | 6,13           | 7,26           | 4              | 7,35           | 5,10           | 14            | 7,71  |
| VI       | 6,12           | 7,38           | 4              | 7,27           | 5,22           | 14            | 7,70  |
| VII      | 6,20           | 7,41           | 4              | 7,28           | 5,32           | 14            | 6,02  |
| VIII     | 6,21           | 7,33           | 4              | 7,46           | 5,25           | 14            | 7,98  |
| IX       | 6,28           | 7,29           | 4              | 7,90           | 5,61           | 14            | 6,76  |
| X        | 6,29           | 7,27           | 4              | 7,92           | 5,46           | 14            | 6,10  |
| XII      | 6,02           | 7,25           | 4              | 7,70           | 5,18           | 14            | 7,21  |

A feature common to all of the indicated compounds is the presence in the molecule of a 5-nitro-2-furan fragment, which is responsible for the bactericidal action of compounds of this sort; this enabled us to obtain from them bactericidal preparations with a broad spectrum of activity that have a number of additional valuable properties, information regarding which will be reported separately.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The PMR spectra of solutions of the compounds in  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$  were measured with a Tesla PPR spectrometer (60 MHz) with hexamethyldisiloxane as the internal standard. The mass spectra were recorded with an MS-902 apparatus (Jynni AEI). The dipole moments in benzene were determined. The measured concentrations of the solutions ranged from 0.0005 to 0.003 mole fraction. The IR spectra were recorded with a UR-20 spectrometer. The UV spectra of ethanol solutions of the compounds ( $5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ – $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M) were recorded with a Specord UV-vis spectrophotometer. Chromatography was carried out on a loose thin layer of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (activity II) with elution by benzene–chloroform (1:1).

1-Diethylamino-2-(5'-nitro-2'-furyl)ethylene (II). A 1.46 g (0.02 mole) sample of diethylamine was added to a solution of 2.18 g (0.01 mole) of 1-bromo-2-(5'-nitro-2'-furyl)ethylene (I) in 50 ml of absolute acetone (benzene), and the resulting solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 1–2 days. The precipitated diethylamine hydrobromide was separated, the filtrate was vacuum evaporated, and the residue was crystallized twice from heptane to give 1.9 g (40%) of red-violet crystals of II with mp 63–65°C.

The characteristics and yields of enamines II–XII are presented in Table 1. In some cases the enamines were purified by reprecipitation from benzene solution by the addition of ether.

1-(5'-Nitro-2'-vinylfuryl)pyridinium Bromide (XIII). A solution of 2.18 g (0.01 mole) of I in 20 ml of pyridine was refluxed for 20 h, after which the excess pyridine was removed in vacuo, and ethanol was added to the residue. The solution was refluxed with activated charcoal, ether was added, and the resulting precipitate was separated to give 2.5 g (85%) of yellow-white crystals with mp 217°C (from alcohol).

Quaternary salts XIV and XV are similarly obtained (Table 1).

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## SYNTHESIS OF $\beta$ -(4,5-DIHALOFURYL)ACRYLIC AND -PROPIOLIC ACIDS

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Reaction of 4,5-dihalofurfurals with acetaldehyde and with carbethoxybromomethylene-phosphorane gave, respectively, 4,5-dihalofurylacroleins and  $\beta$ -(4,5-dihalo-2-furyl)- $\alpha$ -bromoacrylic acid esters. The latter were converted to 4,5-dihalo-2-furylpropiolic acids by the action of alkali.

It is known that unsaturated furan-2-carboxylic acids have antimicrobial and fungistatic activity [1, 2]. In this connection it seemed of interest to accomplish the synthesis of unsaturated 4,5-dihalofurancarboxylic acids from 4,5-dihalofurfurals. Some  $\beta$ -(4,5-dihalofuryl)-2-acrylic acids have been previously obtained via the Wittig reaction [3]. The synthesis of these acids by condensation of 4,5-dihalofurfurals with acetaldehyde and subsequent oxidation of the resulting furylacroleins to furylacrylic acids seemed to be a promising method.

We established that the reaction of 4,5-dibromo- and 4-bromo-5-iodofurfurals (Ia,b) with acetaldehyde in the presence of sodium hydroxide gives the rather stable 4,5-dibromo-