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*To Professor Emeritus Felix Bergmann*† *(heterocyclic chemist and pharmacologist) now in his ninety-fifth year*

†Felix Bergmann was born in Frankfurt an der Oder in 1908 and graduated with doctorates in chemistry and medicine from Berlin in 1933. He then joined his brother Ernst at the Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, until he was elected in 1950 to the chair of Pharmacology within the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. During retirement, he has remained active in research until quite recently.

# **The Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds Introduction to the Series**

The chemistry of heterocyclic compounds is one of the most complex and intriguing branches of organic chemistry, of equal interest for its theoretical implications, for the diversity of its synthetic procedures, and for the physiological and industrial significance of heterocycles.

*The Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds*, has been published since 1950 under the initial editorship of Arnold Weissberger, and later, until his death in 1984, under the joint editorship of Arnold Weissberger and Edward C. Taylor. In 1997, Peter Wipf joined Prof. Taylor as editor. This series attempts to make the extraordinarily complex and diverse filed of heterocylic chemistry as organized and readily accessible as possible. Each volume has traditionally dealt with syntheses, reactions, properties, structure, physical chemistry, and utility of compounds belonging to a specific ring system or class (e.g., pyridines, thiophenes, pyrimidines, three-membered ring systems). This series has become the basic reference collection for information on heterocyclic compounds.

Many broader aspects of heterocyclic chemistry are recognized as disciplines of general significance that impinge on almost all aspects of modern organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry, and biochemistry, and for this reason we initiated several years ago a parallel series entitled General Heterocyclic Chemistry, which treated such topics as nuclear magnetic resonance, mass spectra, and photochemistry of heterocyclic compounds, the utility of heterocycles in organic synthesis, and the synthesis of heterocycles by means of 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reactions. These volumes were intended to be of interest to all organic, medicinal, and biochemically oriented chemists, as well as to those whose particular concern is heterocyclic chemistry. It has, however, become increasingly clear that the above distinction between the two series was unnecessary and somewhat confusing, and we have therefore elected to discontinue *General Heterocyclic Chemistry* and to publish all forthcoming volumes in this general area in *The Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds* series.

It is a major challenge to keep our coverage of this immense field up to date. One strategy is to publish Supplements or new Parts when merited by the amount of new material, as has been done, *Inter alia*, with pyridines, purines, pyrimidines, quinazolines and isoxazoles. This strategy was also the case recently with *Pyrazines*, (published in 2000) which had last been covered in this series in 1982. We acknowledge once again the extraordinary contributions of Dr. D. J. Brown, whose previous classics in heterocyclic chemistry in this series (*The Pyrimidines, The Pyrimidines Supplement I, The Pyrimidines Supplement II, Pteridines, Quinazolines Supplement I, The Pyrazines, Supplement I)* are now joined by the present exhaustive treatment of the last twenty years of pyrazine chemistry. We extend once again our congratulations and our thanks to Dr. Brown for a further outstanding contribution to the literature of heterocyclic chemistry.

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# **Preface**

This supplement seeks to build on the solid foundation established by Dr. G. B. Barlin's original volume, *The Pyrazines*, that appeared within this series in 1982. That original book presented the first comprehensive review of pyrazines, embracing a mass of important historical material as well as a modern systematic treatment of pyrazine chemistry. Not surprisingly, it stimulated a great deal of research in all aspects of the field, resulting in the need for a supplementary volume to cover literature published between 1979 and 2000, inclusive.

In undertaking this task, the present author thought it wise to make certain changes in format to conform with recent trends. Thus pyrazine *N*-oxides and reduced pyrazines are no longer separated out from regular pyrazine derivatives; primary syntheses are now divided between two chapters, one involving aliphatic or carbocyclic substrates and the other involving heterocyclic substrates; and the many classified tables of pyrazine derivatives are replaced by a single alphabetical table of simple pyrazines that aims to list *all* such pyrazines (including those in the earlier tables). In view of these and other necessary changes, the essential status of the present volume as a *supplement* has been maintained by many sectional cross-references (e.g., *H* 28) to pages in the original volume (*Hauptwerk*), where earlier relevant information may be found; such crossreferences are used also in the Table of Simple Pyrazines.

Chemical nomenclature used in this supplement follows current IUPAC recommendations [*Nomenclature of Organic Chemistry, Sections A–F, H* (eds. J. Rigaudy and S. P. Klesney, Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1970)] with one important exception: in order to keep "pyrazine" as the principal part of each name, those groups that would normally qualify as principal suffixes, but that are not attached directly to the nucleus, are rendered as prefixes. For example, 3-carboxymethyl-2  $(1H)$ -pyrazinone is used instead of 2-(3-oxo-3, 4-dihydropyrazin-2-yl) acetic acid. Secondary and tertiary amino groups are rendered as prefixes. Ring systems are named according to Chemical Abstracts Service recommendations [*Ring Systems Handbook* (eds. anon., American Chemical Society, Columbus OH, 1998 edition)]. Many trivial names for pyrazines are listed in Section 5.6. In preparing this supplement, the patent literature has been largely ignored in the belief that useful factual information therein usually appears subsequently in the regular literature.

I am greatly indebted to my good friend and author of the original volume, Dr. Gordon Barlin, for invaluable consultation and advice; to the Dean of the Research School of Chemistry, Professor Denis Evans, for the provision of postretirement facilities within the School; to the branch Librarian, Mrs Joan Smith, for continual assistance in library matters; and to my wife, Jan, for much needed encouragement and her mighty help during indexing, proofreading, and the like.

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# CHAPTER 1

# **Primary Syntheses from Aliphatic or Carbocyclic Synthons**

Primary synthetic routes to pyrazines or hydropyrazines from aliphatic or carbocyclic synthons are so numerous and diverse that any system of classification cannot be satisfactory in all respects. The approach adopted here is based on the ways in which the six ring atoms of pyrazine can be supplied by synthons, as indicated in the Contents headings.

In each subsection, any examples of syntheses that lead directly to pyrazines usually precede any that afford di-, tetra-, or hexahydropyrazines (piperazines) in that order. Examples of any pre-1978 syntheses in each broad category may be located from the cross-references (e.g., *H* 49) to appropriate subsections in Barlin's parent volume.1686 Less comprehensive reviews of primary syntheses in the pyrazine series have appeared in recent years.743, 1287, 1426, 1677

# **1.1. FROM A SINGLE SIX-ATOM SYNTHON**

Because of symmetry in the pyrazine ring, there are only two ways in which a pyrazine can be formed from a six-atom synthon: by completion of the  $N1-C2$ bond or the C2—C3 bond. In most examples, the synthon has been isolated but not necessarily characterized prior to ring closure.

# **1.1.1.** By Completion of the N1–C2 Bond

The cyclization of an  $N-C$ — $C-N-C$  synthon has been used widely to make pyrazines and hydropyrazines. Because the terminal nitrogen atom is usually an amino or related group, examples are classified according to the substituent (or unsaturation) at the terminal carbon atom of the synthon: The nature of the synthon naturally determines the degree of aromaticity in the product.

# 1.1.1.1. From Appropriate ω-Unsaturated Azaalkylamines (Η 358)

This unusual synthesis is exemplified by the cyclization of methyl [1-methyl-2- (prop-2-enylimino)propylideneamino]carbonate (**1**) to 2,3,5-trimethylpyrazine (2) in 63% yield by brief thermolysis in toluene at  $300^{\circ}C_{3}^{339}$  several analogues were prepared from comparable substrates.839, 1534



# 1.1.1.2. From Appropriate ω-Halogeno(azaalkylamines)

Such cyclizations are illustrated in the following examples:

1-(2-Chloroacetamido)-1-phenylacetone oxime (**3**) gave 5-methyl-6-phenyl-2 (1*H*)-pyrazinone (**5**) via the *N*-oxide (**4**) (NaOH, dioxane, 20°C, 20 h: 86%); several analogues of (**4**) and (**5**) were made similarly.544



Methyl 2-{2-[*N*-(2-bromoethyl)-*o*-nitrobenzenesulfonamido]propionamido}-2 phenylacetate (6) gave  $1-(\alpha$ -methoxycarbonylbenzyl)-3-methyl-4- $o$ -nitrobenzenesulfonyl-3.4.5.6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**7**) [1,8-diazabicyclo  $[5,4,0]$ undec-7-ene, tetrahydrofuran(THF):  $> 95\%$ ].<sup>1622</sup> Also other examples.863, 1493, 1772



1.1.1.3. From Appropriate α, ω-Diamino(azaalkanes)

This rare synthesis has been used to advantage in the conversion of *N*,*N*-bis (2-amino-1-methoxycarbonylvinyl)aniline (**8**) into dimethyl 1-phenyl-1,4-dihydro2,6-pyrazinedicarboxylate (**9**) (74%) by simply boiling in acetic acid for 20 min; analogues were made similarly. $810$  Related examples have been reported.<sup>1767</sup>



1.1.1.4. From Appropriate ω-Amino(azaalkanols) (Η 372)

This synthesis usually gives hydropyrazines but appropriate substituents in the substrate can ensure autooxidation to pyrazines, as illustrated in the first of the following examples:

2-Amino-3-(2,3-dihydroxypropylideneamino)maleonitrile (**10**) gave 5-methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (11) (HgCl<sub>2</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 25°C, 3 h: 60%).<sup>76</sup>



- 2-[2-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)acetamido]-3-hydroxypropionaldehyde hydrate (**12**) gave 6-hydroxymethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2 (1*H*)-pyrazinone (**13**) (Pd/C, MeOH, H<sub>2</sub>, 50 atm, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 96%).<sup>1061</sup>
- 2-(2-Aminoethylamino)ethanol gave piperazine (14) (Cu-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst, continuous flow, 200°C: 95%).<sup>1064</sup>

Also other examples.1330, 1641



1.1.1.5. From Appropriate ω-Amino(azaalkanals) (Η 49)

In this type of synthesis, the substrate's aldehydo group is usually present as an acetal and its amino group may sometimes form part of a terminal amido group. Such possibilities are illustrated in some of the following examples:

*N*-(2,2-Diethoxyethyl)oxamide (**15**) gave 2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**16**,  $R = H$ ) (AcOH, reflux: 68%);<sup>1562</sup> 5-methyl-2,3 (1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (16,  $R = Me$ ) was made somewhat similarly.<sup>812</sup>



Ethyl *N*-{1-[(*N*-(2,2-diethoxyethyl)-*N*-methylcarbamoyl]-2-phenylethyl}aminoformate (**17**) gave ethyl 2-benzyl-4-methyl-3-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrazinecarboxylate (**18**) [HCl, MeCN, 20°C, 1 h: yield unstated (?%)]; analogues likewise.<sup>248</sup>



2-{2-[*N*-(2,2-Dimethoxyethyl)-*N*-methylamino]ethylamino}pyridine (**19**) gave 1-methyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrazine (**20**) (3 M HCl, 80°C, 2 h:  $65\%$ ).<sup>1404</sup>

Also other examples.36, 122, 123, 339, 665, 822, 1095, 1774



# 1.1.1.6. From Appropriate ω-Amino(azaalkanones) (Η 64, 358)

In some of the following examples, the terminal amino group of the substrate is initially protected or even replaced by an azido group:

*N*-(1-Acetylethyl)-2-phthamimidopropionamide (**21**) gave 2,5,6-trimethyl-2(1*H*) -pyrazinone (22) (KOH- $H_2O$ , 20°C, 30 min; then AcOH  $\downarrow$ , pH 4–5, reflux, 10 h:  $65\%$ ); also homologues.<sup>1099</sup>



2-Azido-*N*-phenacyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (**23**) gave 1,5-diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (24) (Ph<sub>3</sub>P, PhMe, 20°C, 20 h: 35%; the evident oxidation was not aerial); analogues likewise.<sup>555</sup>



2-Amino- $N$ -(1-chloroacetyl-3-methylbutyl)butyramide (25,  $R = H$ ), prepared *in situ* as hydrochloride by treatment of its *N*-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl derivative (**25**,  $R = CO<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>t</sup>$  in HCl–dioxane, gave 3-ethyl-6-isobutyl-5-methyl-2(1*H*)pyrazinone (26) (MeOH, reflux, 2 h: 90%);<sup>389</sup> many analogues were made similarly.<sup>118, 121, 175, 389, 1452,</sup> 1491



*N*-(1-Acetyl-1-methylethyl)-2-azido-*N*-hydroxyacetamide (**27**) gave 1-hydroxy-5,6,6-trimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2 (1*H*)-pyrazinone (**28**) (Ph3P, THF, 20°C, 24 h: 79%).424

Also other examples.416, 1031, 1101, 1386, 1628, 1743



1.1.1.7. From Appropriate ω-Amino(azaalkanoic) Acids

Such substrates have been used occasionally, as illustrated in the following examples:

*N*-Benzyl-*N*-[(*N*-*o*-methoxyphenylcarbamoyl)methyl]glycine (**29**) underwent dehydrative cyclization to 4-benzyl-6-hydroxy-1-*o*-methoxyphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)- pyrazinone (30) (1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole, THF,  $-30 \rightarrow 65^{\circ}$ C, 17 h: 83%; other reagents gave lower yields).<sup>487</sup>



- *N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-*N*-carboxymethylglycine (**31**) gave 4-carboxymethyl-3,4,5, 6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (32) (Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux: ?%).<sup>820</sup>
- Also the formation of bis(3,6-dioxopiperazin-2-ylmethyl)disulfide (**33**) <sup>1440</sup> and other examples.671, 1748, 1759, 1770



# 1.1.1.8. From Appropriate  $\omega$ -Amino (azaalkanoic) Esters (H 363, 369)

Such cyclizations have been used extensively, especially to prepare hydropyrazines. The amino group of the substrate may be replaced by an azido group or it may be used (especially for chiral syntheses) in a protected form: In the latter case, deprotection is usually done prior to cyclization albeit in a one-pot sequence; the ester group of the substrate may be replaced by a terminal lactonic grouping.<sup>813</sup> The following examples illustrate some such possibilities:

Ethyl *N*-(2-amino-3-methylbutyryl)glycinate  $(34, R = Pr<sup>i</sup>)$  gave 3-isopropyl-3, 6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (35,  $R = Pr^i$ ) (PhMe, reflux, 24 h: 79%);1351 similar procedures afforded the 3-isobutyl homologue (**35**,  $R = Bu^{i}$ )  $(71\%)^{193}$ and 3-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-3-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*) -pyrazinedione (36) (81%).<sup>188</sup>



Ethyl *N*-(2-azido-1-ethoxycarbonylethyl)-*N*-benzylglycinate (**37**) gave ethyl 1-benzyl-5-ethoxy-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (38) (Ph<sub>3</sub>P, PhMe, 100°C, 9 h: 58%).<sup>1468</sup>



Ethyl *N*-[2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)propionyl]glycinate (**39**) gave 3 methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**40**) (200°C, A, 30 min:  $> 95\%$ ; mechanism?);<sup>1616</sup> an homologous product, 3-isopropyl-3,6dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**41**) was made somewhat similarly but in two stages (Pd/C, MeOH- $CH_2Cl_2$ , H<sub>2</sub>, 24 h; then PhMe, reflux, 12 h:  $65\%$ ).<sup>50</sup>



Methyl *N*-(2-diallylamino-3-hydroxyhexyl)-2-isopropylglycinate (**42**) gave 6-(1 hydroxybutyl)-3-isopropyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (43)  $[(Ph_3P)_3]$ RhCl, MeCN—H<sub>2</sub>O, distillation (see original for details), 5 h:  $47\%$ ].<sup>404</sup> Also other examples.182, 189, 229, 703, 813, 843, 1347, 1465, 1495, 1498, 1535, 1750



# 1.1.1.9. From Appropriate  $\omega$ -Amino(azaalkanamides)

Such substrates are seldom used but *tert*-butyl {1-[1-(*N*-methoxy-*N*-methylcarbamoyl)-3-methylbutyl]carbamoyl -2-phenylethyl}aminoformate (**44**) gave 3-benzyl-6-isobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (45) (21%) by two deprotections (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>; and HCl-dioxane) and a final cyclization in acetonitrile during 13 h.<sup>1510</sup>



1.1.1.10. From Appropriate ω-Amino (azaalkanenitriles) (Η 49, 344)

These nitriles are usually employed to afford aromatic pyrazinamines but they can be used to produce hydropyrazinamines, chloropyrazinamines, or even pyrazines without an amino substituent. The following cyclizations illustrate some of these uses:

Methyl 2-cyano-*N*-(2-hydroxyimino-4-methylvaleryl)glycinate  $(46, R = Me)$ gave methyl 3-amino-5-isobutyl-6-oxo-1, 6-dihdyro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (47, R = Me) (AcOH, 70°C, 3 h:  $>32\%$ );<sup>337</sup> the ethyl ester (47,  $R = Et$ ) ( $>62\%$ ) was made similarly.<sup>848</sup>



Methyl  $2-(\beta$ -aminostyrylimino)-2-cyanoacetate (48) gave methyl 3-amino-5phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (49) (MeONa, MeOH—CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 15 min: 70%).941



 $\alpha$ -(Dicyanomethyleneamino)malononitrile (**50**) underwent addition of hydrogen chloride to afford the unisolated iminonitrile (**51**) and thence 3-amino-5 chloro-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(52)$  (HCl—AcMe, reflux, 10 min:  $43\%$ ).<sup>447</sup>



2,2-Iminodipropiononitrile (**53**) gave 6-hydroxy-3,5-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (54) (HCl/EtOH, 0°C, 12 h; then  $Na_2CO_3$ —H<sub>2</sub>O: 18%; by a yet unconfirmed mechanism).577

Also other examples.436, 747, 749, 1180, 1284



# **1.1.2. By Completion of the C2**-**C3 Bond**

Not unnaturally, the synthesis of a pyrazine or hydropyrazine from a single C—N—C—C—N—C synthon is rare. However, the cyclization of *N*,*N'*-dibenzylidene or *N*,*N*-diacyl derivatives of ethylenediamines has proven possible, as indicated in the following examples:

1,2-Bis (benzylideneamino)-1,2-diphenylethane (**55**) gave 2,3,5,6-tetraphenylpyrazine  $(57)$ , via the unisolated 2,3-dihydro derivative  $(56)$  (Na—Et<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 6 h; then O<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 10 min: 90%).<sup>138</sup>



2,3-Bis(benzylideneamino)-2-cyanoacrylamide (**58**) gave a separable mixture of 3 cyano-5,6-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro- (**59a**) and 3-cyano-5,6-diphenyl-1,6-dihydro-2 pyrazinecarboxamide (**59b**) ( $Me<sub>2</sub>SO$ ,  $80^{\circ}C$ , 10 min: 10 and 68%, respectively); oxidation of either product gave 3-cyano-5,6-diphenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (60) (MnO<sub>2</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 60°C, 12 h: 80%; or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, 55°C, 8 h: 30%); several substituted-phenyl derivatives were made likewise.752



1,2-Bis(benzylideneamino)ethane (**61**) afforded 2,3-diphenylpiperazine (**62**) (TsONEt<sub>4</sub>, MsOH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, Pb cathode, 0.5 amp: 95%); analogues likewise.<sup>845</sup>



1,2-Bis(*N*-methylbenzamido)ethane (**63**) gave 1,4-dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1,4, 5,6-tetrahydropyrazine (64) (Sm—SmI<sub>2</sub>, THF, 67<sup>o</sup>C, 3 h: 62%).<sup>463</sup>



# **1.2. FROM TWO SYNTHONS**

Most of the primary syntheses from aliphatic or carbocyclic substrates fall into this category, which is subdivided successively according to the number and the type of ring atoms supplied by each synthon.

#### **1.2.1. By Using a One-Atom and a Five-Atom Synthon**

The one-atom synthon may supply either N1 or C2 but nearly all known examples fall into the first of these subcategories.

*1.2.1.1. Where the One-Atom Synthon Supplies N1 (H 49)*

Such one-atom synthons are normally ammonia or a primary or secondary amine. The following examples are therefore classified according to the type of five-atom cosynthon used:

#### **With 1,5-Dialkylidene-3-azapentanes**

N-Ethyl-*N*,*N*-bis(3-methoxycarbonylallyl)amine (**65**) gave 1-ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-4-methylpiperazine (66) (MeNH<sub>2</sub>, MeOH,  $0 \rightarrow 25^{\circ}C$ , ? h: 69%); homologues likewisa.<sup>1494</sup>



#### **With 1,5-Dihalogeno-3-azapentanes**

Bis(2-chloroethyl)amine (**67**) and 2,5-dimethoxyaniline gave 1-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)piperazine (68) (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, reflux, 48 h:  $62\%$ ).  $610$ 



#### **With 5-Halogeno-3-azapentanyl Ketones or Aldehydes**

*N*-(1-Acetyl-1-methylethyl)-2-chloro-*N*-hydroxyacetamide (**69**) gave 1-hydroxy-5,6,6-trimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**70**) (NH<sub>4</sub>OH—EtOH—dioxane, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 3 days: 8%); likewise one homologue.<sup>424</sup> Aldehydes gave better results under reductive conditions.1768



#### **With 5-Halogeno-3-azapentanoic Acids or Esters**

2-(2-Bromopropionamido)-3-methylvaleric acid (**71**) gave 3-*sec*-butyl-6-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5 (1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**72**) (NH4OH, 20°C, 7 days, volatiles  $\uparrow$ ; PhOH, 145°C, 2 h: 73%).<sup>317</sup>



Ethyl 2-[2-chloro-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)acetamido]propionamide (**73**) gave 3 methyl-4-(1-phenylethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2,5 (1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**74**) (7 M NH<sub>3</sub>/EtOH, 20°C, 24 h: ?%).<sup>1349</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>890</sup>



#### **With 3-Aza-1,5-pentanediols**

- A neat mixture of diethanolamine hydrochloride and aniline hydrochloride gave 1-phenylpiperazine (**75**) (microwave irradiation, Dean–Stark, 12 min: 50%);1197 also related examples.<sup>1066, 1197</sup>
- Diethanolamine and *m*-(trifluoromethylthio)aniline gave 1-[*m*-(trifluoromethylthio)phenyl]piperazine (**76**) (HCl gas  $\downarrow$ , ~190°C, 1 h; then 240°C, 90 min: 33%); analogues likewise.592

Also other examples. 814, 894

*Note:* It seems relevant that aqueous solutions of *N*-methyldiethanolamine (**77**), employed to remove H2S from hydrocarbon gases, gradually accumulate *inter alia* 1,4-dimethyl-, 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-, and 1,4-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine.1583



#### **With 3-Aza-1,5-pentanediyl Diketones**

- 1-Isovaleryl-*N*-phenacylformamide (**78**) gave 3-isobutyl-5-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (79) (AcONH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 3.5 h: 67%).<sup>311, 632</sup>
- N,*N*-Diphenacyl-*p*-toluidine and *p*-toluidine gave 2,6-diphenyl-1,4-di-*p*-tolyl-1, 4-dihydropyrazine (80) (TsOH, PhMe, reflux, Dean–Stark H<sub>2</sub>O removal, 5 h:  $35\%$ ).<sup>31</sup>

Also other procedures.<sup>1627, 1760</sup>



#### **With 3-Aza-5-oxopentanoic Acids or Esters**

Benzyl 4-methyl-2-(*N*-methyl-1-propionylformamido)valerate (**81**) gave 3-ethylidene-6-isobutyl-1-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**82**) (AcONH<sub>4</sub>, AcOH---PhMe, heat:  $> 73\%$ ; this and related products were prepared on a solid resin support).<sup>1621</sup>

Also other examples under conventional conditions.<sup>1757</sup>



#### **With 3-Aza-1, 5-pentanedioic Acids or Derivatives**

Bis(carboxymethyl)amine  $(84, R = H)$  gave 4-formyl-6-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone (83,  $Q = CHO$ ) [HCO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>4</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO—PhMe, Dean–Stark H<sub>2</sub>O removal,  $150-170^{\circ}$ C (bath?), 4 h: 58%], and thence 6-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (83,  $Q = H$ ) (HCl, EtOH, reflux, 3 h:  $98\%$ , as hydrochloride).<sup>441</sup>

Tris(carboxymethyl)amine (nitrilotriacetic acid:  $84$ ,  $R = CH_2CO<sub>2</sub>H$ ) gave 6-hydroxy-1-methyl-4-(methylcarbamoyl)methyl-3,4-dihydro-2 (1*H*)-pyrazinone (**85**) (HCHNHMe, 150–160°C, ? h: 59%).1470

Also other examples.274, 487, 1041



#### **With 3-Aza-5-dialkylaminopentanenitriles**

-(3,3-Dimethoxy-2-pyrrolidinoprop-2-enylimino)malononitrile (**86**) gave 3 amino-5-dimethoxymethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**87**) (NH3/MeOH, 20°C, 45 min: 85%).767



 $\alpha$ -( $\alpha$ -Methyl- $\beta$ -morpholinostyrylimino)malononitrile (88) gave 3-imino-4,6-dimethyl-5-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (89) (MeNH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH-CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 $\degree$ C, 12 h: 97%); analogues likewise.<sup>942</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1419</sup>



*1.2.1.2. Where the One-Atom Synthon Supplies C2*

This type of cyclization appears to have been used recently with only one substrate, as illustrated in the following examples:

3-Amino-2-benzylideneamino-3-methoxyacrylonitrile (**91**) and 2-methoxypropene gave 3-methoxy-5,5-dimethyl-6-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (90) (pyridinium. TsOH, PhMe,  $N_2$ , reflux, 48 h:  $82\%$ );<sup>857</sup> substrate (**91**) and triethyl orthoformate likewise gave 3-methoxy-6-phenyl-2 pyrazinecarbonitrile (**92**) in 91% yield.857

The same substrate (**91**) and triethyl orthoacetate, however, gave a separable mixture of 5-ethoxy-3-methoxy-5-methyl-6-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**93**) and 3-methoxy-5-methyl-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**94**) (likewise: 35 and 43%, respectively); the dihydro product (**93**) gave its aromatic counterpart (**94**) quantitatively by loss of ethanol on treatment with pyridine or triethylamine.857



**1.2.2. By Using a Two-Atom and a Four-Atom Synthon**

The two-atom synthon may supply Nl  $+$  C2 or C2  $+$  C3 but most of these syntheses fall into the latter category. When both synthons are unsymmetrical, two products are possible.

# *1.2.2.1.* Where the Two-Atom Synthon Supplies  $NI + C2$

This category appears to be represented in recent literature only by a single esoteric type of cyclocondensation, as illustrated with the following example:

2-Benzamidopropionic acid (**95**) underwent unsymmetrical self-condensation and aminolysis to give 1-benzoyl-2,5-dimethyl-6-methylimino-3-phenyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**97**), possibly via intermediate (**96**) (MeNH<sub>2</sub>-POCl<sub>3</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 5 h: 43%); several analogues were made similarly.<sup>1098</sup>

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& \overset{NH}{\longleftarrow} & \underset{P_1}{\bigcirc O_2H} & \overset{MeNH_2 - POCI_3}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{Me}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{N}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{D}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{Me}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{N}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{BZ}{\longleftarrow} \\
& \overset{P_1}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{P_2}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{N}{\longleftarrow} & \overset{N}{\long
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*1.2.2.2. Where the Two-Atom Synthon Supplies C2 C3 (H 28, 35, 62, 63, 348, 358)*

This category of synthesis has been used extensively. Since there is little variation in the  $N-C$ — $C$ — $N$  synthon (usually ethylenediamine, 2-aminoacetamide, oxamide, cyanogen, or a derivative thereof), these syntheses are classified according to the two-atom  $(C-C)$  synthon, which does vary considerably. The following examples, with occasional explanatory notes, illustrate possibilities that have been reported in recent literature:

#### **With Prop-2-ynols**

Ethylenediamine (**98**) and 1-methylprop-2-ynol (**99**) gave 2,3-dimethyl-5,6-dihydropyrazine  $(100)$  [Hg(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 7 h: 51%); homologues likewise.<sup>210</sup>



#### **With -Methylene Ketones**

Bis(*p*-tolylimino)ethane (**101**) and acetylacetone (**102**) gave 2-acetyl-3-methyl-1,4-di-*p*-tolyl-1,4-dihydropyrazine (**103**) (neat EtONa, 145°C, 3 h: 68%); also analogues likewise.141



#### **With Acrylic Acids or Esters**

1,2-Diamino-2-methylpropane (**104**) and diethyl maleate (**105**) gave 3-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-6,6-dimethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**106**) (Pr*<sup>i</sup>* OH, 60°C, 6 h: 53%; structure confirmed by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and no isomer could be detected); also analogues likewise.722



# **With 1,2-Dihalogenoethanes, Chloroacetyl Chloride, Oxalyl Chloride, and so on**

1,2-Bis(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)ethane (**107**) and methyl 2,3-dibromopropionate (**108**) gave methyl 1,4-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-2-piperazinecarboxylate (**109**) (NaH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 59%).<sup>418</sup>



Ethylenediamine and octafluoro-2,3-epoxybutane (**110**) gave 2,3-bistrifluoromethyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrazinol (111) (MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 20°C, 2–5 h:  $20\%$ ); also analogues.<sup>1105</sup>



1,2-Diamino-1,2-diphenylethane (**112**) and 1,2-dichloro-1,2-bis (*p*-tolylimino) ethane (**113**) gave 2,3-diphenyl-5,6-di-*p*-toluidino-2,3-dihydropyrazine (**114**)  $(Et<sub>3</sub>N, PhMe, 20<sup>o</sup>C, until thin-layer chromatography (TLC) shows no$ dichloro synthon:  $80\%$ ); also analogues.<sup>979</sup>



*N*-(2-Benzylaminoethyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (**115**) and chloroacetyl chloride (**116**) gave 1-benzyl-4-cyclohexylformyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone (117) (NaOH, PhCH<sub>2</sub>Et<sub>3</sub>NCl, H<sub>2</sub>O—PhH, 20  $\rightarrow$  55°C, 2 h: 80%;433 Bu*<sup>t</sup>* OK, Bu*<sup>t</sup>* OH, 20°C, 40 min: 65%); 58 also analogues by both procedures.58, 433



- 2,3-Di-*p*-toluidinoacrylonitrile (118,  $Q = H$ ,  $R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>$ Me-*p*) and oxalyl chloride (**119**) gave 5,6-dioxo-1,4-di-*p*-tolyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(120, Q = H, R = C_6H_4Me$ -*p*) CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20°C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, >2 h: 65%); also analogues.<sup>296</sup>
- 2,3-Diaminomaleonitrile (118,  $Q = CN$ ,  $R = H$ ) and oxalyl chloride (119) gave 5,6-dioxo-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (120,  $Q = CN$ ,  $R =$ H) (dioxane,  $0 \rightarrow 50^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 90%).<sup>1390</sup>



*N*,*N*-Diethyloxamide (**121**) and oxalyl chloride gave 1,4-diethyl-5,6-dihydro-2,3,5,6(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinetetrone (**122**) (neat, 120°C, sealed, 4 h: ?%); also homologues similarly.796

Also other examples.480, 482, 825, 1622, 1647



*Note:* In the foregoing syntheses, acyl halides react at their halogeno entity to afford pyrazinones; however, sometimes they appear to react at their carbonyl entity (at least with primary amino cosynthons) to afford halogenopyrazines (see examples later in this subsection).

#### **With 2**-**Halogenoacetaldehydes**

- *Note:* The only available examples in this subcategory employ a complicated one-pot procedure that has been used effectively to make several related products: a mechanism has been suggested.<sup>1533</sup>
- 2-Benzylaminoethylamine (**123**), 2-chloroacetaldehyde, *tert*-butyl isocyanate, and formic acid gave 4-benzyl-*N*-*tert*-butyl-1-formyl-2-piperazinecarboxamide  $(124)$  (MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 23<sup>°</sup>C, 3 days: 60%).<sup>1533</sup>



#### With  $\alpha$ -Halogeno Ketones

Ethylenediamine and 3-bromo-2-octanone (**125**) gave 2-methyl-3-pentyl-1,4,5,6 tetrahydropyrazine (**126**) (EtOH,  $20^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 3 h: 47%).<sup>1103</sup>

Also other examples.718, 1394



#### **With 2**-**Halogenoacetic Acids or Derivatives**

*Note:* Most of the available examples in this subcategory involve the somewhat specialized condensation of  $\alpha$ -aminonitriles (as four-atom synthons) with oxalyl chloride, operating not as a dihalogenoethane derivative (as exemplified previously) but as an  $\alpha$ -chloro carboxylic acid derivative.

1,2-Bis(benzylamino)ethane (127) and diethyl  $\alpha$ -bromomalonate (128) gave ethyl 1,4-dibenzyl-3-oxo-2-piperazinecarboxylate  $(129)$  (MeCN, N<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 6 h:  $75\%$ );<sup>644</sup> also analogous examples.<sup>149</sup>



2-Methylaminoacetonitrile hydrobromide  $(130, X = Br)$  and an excess of oxalyl bromide (131,  $X = Br$ ) gave 3,5-dibromo-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**132**,  $X = Br$ ) ( $C_6H_3Cl_2$ -*o*, 20  $\rightarrow$  80°C, 5 h: 49%); the dichloro analogue  $(132, X = C)$  was made similarly from  $(130, X = C)$  and  $(131, X = C)$  in 55% yield and two possible mechanisms have been suggested.1309 The reaction has been used to make many analogous products.<sup>1309, 1381, 1496, 1672</sup>



#### **With 1,2**-**Ethanediols or Related Synthons**

Ethylenediamine undergoes vapor-phase cyclocondensation with 1,2-ethanediol (**133**,  $R = H$ ) or 1,2-propanediol (**133**,  $R = Me$ ) over heavy metal catalysts at  $400-500\degree$ C to afford pyrazine (135, R = H) or 2-methylpyrazine (135,  $R = Me$ ), respectively, via intermediates (134).<sup>155, 438, 1038, 1167, 1191, 1203, 1207, 1229, 1258</sup>



2,3-Diiminosuccinonitrile (**136**) with 1,2-dimethoxyethylene (**137**) gave 5,6 dimethoxy-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**138**) (MeCN,  $10 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 7 h: 76%), and hence 2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (139) (thermally or on silica gel);789 the same diimine (**136**) with 1-diethylaminopropyne (**140**) gave directly 5-diethylamino-6-methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**141**) (THF,  $-70 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C: 62%).<sup>789</sup>



- 1,2-Bis(tosylamino)ethane (**142**) and 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyloxy)-2-butene  $(143)$  gave 1,4-ditosyl-2-vinylpiperazine  $(144)$  [Pd catalyst, P(OPr)<sub>3</sub>, THF—CHCl<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 69%); also analogues.<sup>829</sup>
- Ethylenediamine undergoes catalytic self-condensation (with loss of  $2 \text{ NH}_3$ ) to give piperazine and subsequently (by dehydrogenation)pyrazine  $(Pt - Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)$ , 400°C:  $\sim$ 38% pyrazine).<sup>438</sup>



#### **With 2**-**Hydroxyacetaldehydes**

1,2-Dianilinoethane (**145**) and mandelaldehyde (2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetaldehyde: **146**) gave 1,2,4-triphenyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrazine (**147**) (TsOH, PhMe, reflux, Dean–Stark H<sub>2</sub>O removal, 6 h:  $70\%$ ).<sup>701</sup>


#### **With 2**-**Hydroxyacetic Acid Derivatives**

2-Amino-2-methyl-1-propylaminopropane (**148**) and acetone cyanohydrin (2 hydroxy-2-methylpropionoitrile: **149**) gave 3,3,5,5-tetramethyl-1-propyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**150**,  $X = 0$ ), presumably via the imine  $(150, X = NH)$  (PhCH<sub>2</sub>Et<sub>3</sub>NCl, NaOH, CHCl<sub>3</sub>—H<sub>2</sub>O, 5°C, >5 h: 70%); also analogues.187



## **With Ethanedial (Glyoxal)**

2,3-Diamino-3-phenylthioacrylonitrile (**151**) and glyoxal (**152**) gave 3-phenylthio-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (153) (TsOH, H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, reflux, 5 h: 77%).1507



-Aminomalonamide (**154**) and glyoxal gave 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (155) (OHCCHO.NaHSO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 80 $\degree$ C, 3 h; then NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 84%; note requirement for oxidation);<sup>598, cf 1119</sup> likewise,  $\alpha, \beta$ -diaminosuccinic acid gave  $2,3$ -pyrazinedicarboxylic acid (OHCCHO, NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, air  $\downarrow$ , 50°  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 3.5 h: 70%).<sup>143</sup>



2-Amino-*N*-hydroxyacetamide (**156**) and glyoxal gave 1-hydroxy-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (**157**) (NaOH, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O,  $-30 \rightarrow 45^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 85%);<sup>1382</sup> an analogous cyclocondensation gave the isomeric 2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide (159) from 2-hydroxyaminoacetamide (158), made *in situ* (OHCCHO, H<sub>2</sub>O,  $N_2$ , 5°C, 20 min: 91%). 97, cf. 88



2,3-Bis(hydroxyamino)-2,3-dimethylbutane (**160**) and glyoxal gave 2,2,3,3 tetramethyl-2,3-dihydropyrazine  $1,4$ -dioxide  $(161)$   $(H<sub>2</sub>O$ —EtOH, reflux, 10 min: 83%; naturally not subject to facile oxidation).<sup>702</sup>

Also other examples.1, 86, 237, 414, 466, 483, 588, 988, 1108



# **With Monoalkyl**- **or Monoarylglyoxals or Schiff Bases**

2,3-Diaminomaleonitrile (**162**) and methylglyoxal (**163**) gave 5-methyl-2,3 pyrazinedicarbonitrile (164) (EtOH, reflux, 3 h: 61%).<sup>1599</sup> 1,2-Diaminopropane (**165**) and phenylglyoxal gave a separable mixture of 2-methyl-5 phenyl- (**166**) and 2-methyl-6-phenylpyrazine (**167**) (EtOH,  $5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 2 h; then KOH, reflux, 9 h: 21 and 19%, respectively).<sup>1307, cf. 80</sup>



Ethylenediamine (**168**) and 5-methyl-3-phenylimino-2-hexanone (**169**) (liberated *in situ*) gave 2-isobutyl-3-methylpyrazine (**170**) (Me NCHO, 80°C, 24 h; then NaOH/MeOH, O<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 60°C, 3 h: >64%).<sup>753, 754</sup>



Ethylenediamine and phenyl-or thien-2-ylglyoxal gave the respective unisolated dihydropyrazines (172,  $R = Ph$  or thien-2-yl). The first was oxidized to 2phenylpyrazine (171) (KOH, H<sub>2</sub>O, 95°C, 5 h in air: 34%);<sup>1290</sup> the second was reduced to 2-(thien-2-yl)piperazine  $(173)$  (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, 18 h: 52%).<sup>601</sup>



*Note:* The following examples employ a 2-aminoacetamide as the  $N-C-C-N$ synthon with an alkyl- or arylglyoxal as the  $C-C$  synthon. In every case only one product was isolated, usually that arising from condensation of the free amino group with the ketonic carbonyl and the amidic amino group with the aldehydic carbonyl.

2-Aminoacetamide (**174**) and phenylglyoxal gave 5-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone  $(175, R = Ph)$  (NaOH, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O,  $-30 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 18 h: 67%);<sup>734</sup>

likewise, *p*-bromophenylglyoxal gave 5-*p*-bromophenyl-2(1*H*)- pyrazinone  $(175, R = C_6H_4Br-p)$   $(57\%)$ ,<sup>735</sup> furan-2-ylglyoxal gave 5-(furan-2-yl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (175, R = furan-2-yl) (28%),<sup>1271</sup> and analogous cyclocondensations gave 3-(2-methylthioethyl) -5-phenyl-  $(41\%)$ ,  $3^{15}$  3-allyl-5phenyl-(36%),<sup>311</sup> and 1-benzyloxy-5-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (53%).<sup>346</sup>

Exceptionally, 2-aminoacetamide  $(174)$  and methylglyoxal NaHSO<sub>3</sub> complex gave 6-methyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone (176) (H<sub>2</sub>O, pH 8, 70°C, 2 h: 32%).<sup>1461</sup>

Also other miscellaneous examples.<sup>88, 162, 314, 524, 758, 835, 1015, 1125, 1264, 1746, 1753</sup>



## **With Dialkyl**-**, Alkyl Aryl**-**, or Diarylglyoxals**

2,3-Diaminomaleonitrile (**178**) and 1-phenyl-6-(triisopropylsilyl)-hexa-1,5 diyne-3,4-dione (PhC=CCOCOC=CSiPr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>3</sub>) gave 5- phenylethynyl-6-(triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**177**) (AcOH, 20°C, 5 min: 72%)403 the same diamine (**178**) and 3,3,3-trifluoro-1-*p*-tolyl-1,2 propanedione (F3CCOCOC6H4Me-*p*) gave 5-*p*-tolyl-6-trifluoromethyl-2, 3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**179**) (no details: 74%);807 and the same diamine (**178**) with  $p, p'$ -bis(bromomethyl)benzil ( $p$ -BrH<sub>2</sub>CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>COCOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br- $p$ ) gave 5,6-bis[*p*-(bromomethyl)phenyl]-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**180**)  $(ACOH, reflux, 4 h: 67\%)$ .<sup>1502</sup>



Ethylenediamine and  $p$ ,  $p'$ -dimethoxybenzil gave 2,3-bis( $p$ -methoxyphenyl)-5,6dihydropyrazine (181) (EtOH,  $20^{\circ} \rightarrow$  reflux, 30 min: 88%)<sup>1065, cf. 1582</sup> and thence 2,3-bis(p-methoxyphenyl)pyrazine (182) (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, AcMe: 93%;<sup>1582</sup>) neat S, 140°C, 30 min: 87%);1365 several dihydro and aromatic analogues were made similarly.561, 852, 1272, 1376, 1582



- Ethylenediamine and diacetyl gave 2,3-dimethyl-5,6-dihydropyrazine (**183**)  $(Et<sub>2</sub>O, 5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C, 15 \text{ h}: 67\%)$ ; homologues likewise.<sup>1282, cf. 473</sup> However, when KOH was included in the condensation medium, the main product was the tricyclic spiro entity (**184**), formed by a rational mechanism and confirmed in structure by X-ray analysis. $120$
- 3-Hydroxyamino-2-butanone oxime (**185**) and diacetyl (**186**) gave 2,3,5,6 tetramethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide (187) (MeOH, 20°C, 8 h: 72%).<sup>423</sup> Variations in the substitution pattern of synthon (**185**) led to dihydro- or even tetrahydropyrazine oxides.414, 437, 1163
- 2-Amino-*N*-(benzyloxy)acetamide (188,  $R = H$ ) and diacetyl gave 1-benzyloxy-5,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (189, R = H) (5 M NaOH,  $-30 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 53%);1085 likewise, methyl 4-amino-4-(*N*-benzyloxycarbamoyl)butyrate  $(188, R = CH_2CH_2CO_2Me)$  gave 1-benzyloxy-3-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)-5,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (189,  $R = CH_2CH_2CO_2Me$ ) (MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, pH 8,  $-30 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: 43%).<sup>897</sup>



Ethyl 2-amidino-2-aminoacetate (**190**) and diacetyl gave ethyl 3-amino-5, 6-dimethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (191) (AcONa, H<sub>2</sub>O, 10<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h: 61%).<sup>1</sup> Also other examples.101, 153, 653, 971, 976, 984, 996, 1202, 1291, 1305, 1332, 1560, 1624, 1654



# **With Glyoxylic, Pyruvic, or Similar Acids**

2-Amino-2-phenylacetamide (**192**) and ethyl benzoylformate (**193**) gave 5-hydroxy-3,6-diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**194**) (EtONa, EtOH, reflux, 5 h: 19%).1386



Ethylenediamine and benzoyl cyanide (**195**) gave 3-phenyl-2-pyrazinamine  $(196)$  (PhH,  $20^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 4 h: 60%).<sup>216</sup>



1,2-Diamino-2-methylpropane (**197**) and ethyl pyruvate gave a separable mixture of 3,5,5-trimethyl- (**198**) and 3,6,6-trimethyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (199) (PhMe,  $N_2$ , reflux, Dean–Stark H<sub>2</sub>O removal, 12 h: 40 and  $\sim$ 10%, respectively, after separation).<sup>779, 780</sup>



- 2,3-Diamino-2,3-dimethylbutane (200) and diethyl  $\alpha$ -oxomalonate (201) gave ethyl 5,5,6,6-tetramethyl-3-oxo-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**202**) (EtOH,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 45 h; then reflux, 7.5 h: 83%).<sup>455</sup>
- Also other examples.956, 1269, 1752



## **With Oxalic Acid Derivatives**

2-Amino-3-phenylpropionamide (**203**) and diethyl oxalate (**204**) gave 5-benzyl-6-hydroxy-2,3(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**205**) (EtOH, reflux, 10 min; then Me- $ONa/MeOH$ , reflux, 20 min:  $60\%$ ); likewise the phenyl homologue  $(61\%)$ . 969



Cyanogen (**206**) and oxalyl dibromide (2 mol) gave 2,3,5,6-tetrabromopyrazine (**209**) [HBr gas, Bu<sub>4</sub>NCl, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, sealed,  $70 \rightarrow 140^{\circ}$ C, 3 days: 73%; the mechanism was said to involve the intermediates (**207** and **208**)].922



1,2-Bis(methylamino)ethane (**210**) and diethyl oxalate gave 1,4-dimethyl-5, 6-dihydro-2,3(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (211) (Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h: 90%);<sup>895, 1471</sup> also the 1,4-didecyl homologue.<sup>895</sup> Also other examples.<sup>1049, 1423, 1450, 1578</sup>



#### **With Oxalonitrile Dioxide (Cyanogen Dioxide)**

1,2-Dianilinoethane (**212**) and oxalonitrile dioxide (**213**) gave 2,3-bis(hydroxyimino)-1,4-diphenylpiperazine (214).<sup>975</sup>



# **1.2.3. By Using Two Three**-**Atom Synthons**

The three-atom synthons can supply either  $(N1 + C2 + C3$  and  $N4 + C5 +$ C6) (215) or  $(N1 + C2 + C6$  and  $C3 + N4 + C5$ ) (216) but most known examples fall within the first of these categories. Moreover, in each category, the two synthons may be the same or different. This type of cyclocondensation is therefore divided into four subsections along the foregoing lines.

# *1.2.3.1.* Where Identical Synthons Provide  $NI + C2 + C3$  and *N4* + *C5* + *C6* (*H* 11, 344, 355, 366, 372)

This listing is a major subcategory of condensations, not only from a synthetic point of view, but also in respect of the occurrence of many alkylpyrazines in foodstuffs by the self-condensation of natural  $\alpha$ -aminoacids from protein with subsequent elaboration (*H*4). The following synthetic examples illustrate the types of  $N$ — $C$ — $C$  synthons that may be used.

# **Using Alkenylamines, Alkynylamines, or Related Azides**

Ethyl (allylamino) formate (**217**) gave diethyl 2,5-dimethyl-1,4-piperazinedicarboxylate (218) [Hg(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 24 h: 98%].<sup>1368</sup>



1,1-Dimethylprop-2-ynylamine (**219**) gave 2,2,3,5,5,6-hexamethyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(221)$ , probably via the aminoketone  $(220)$  (red HgO,  $28\%$  H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>,  $70 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 32%; structure confirmed by X-ray analysis).<sup>790, 1479</sup> Also other examples.24, 145, 207



## **Using 2-Aminoethanol or 2-Arylthioethylamines**

2-Aminoethanol (222) gave pyrazine (223) [2CuO.Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 320°C: 31%; note dehydrogenation]; also analogous reactions.<sup>440</sup>

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\text{HOCH}_{2}\text{CH}_{2}\text{NH}_{2} \xrightarrow[(-2 \text{ H}_{2}\text{O}, -3 \text{ H}_{2})]{2 \text{ CuO} \cdot \text{Cr}_{2}\text{O}_{3}} \begin{bmatrix} N \atop N \atop N \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n(222) (223)

2,3-Diamino-3-phenylthioacrylonitrile (**224**) gave 3,6-diamino-2,5-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**225**) by oxidative coupling.1629

Also related self-condensations.<sup>518</sup>



#### Using  $\alpha$ -Aminoalkanals

2-Amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose (**226**) gave 2,5-bis(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroxybutyl) pyrazine (227) ( $H_2O$ , 37°C, air: "major product").<sup>1169</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1109</sup>



# **Using -Aminoalkanones**

- 3-Amino-2-butanone (**228**) gave 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine (**230**) via the unisolated dihydropyrazine (229) (AcONa, MeOH, air  $\downarrow$ , 60°C, 1 h: 73%); homologues likewise.<sup>901</sup>
- Ethyl 2-acetyl-2-aminoacetate hydrochloride (**231**) gave diethyl 3,6-dimethyl-2,5-pyrazinedicarboxylate (232) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, EtOH, air, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 6 h: 90%).<sup>39</sup>



5-Aminolevulinic acid hydrobromide (**233**) gave 2,5-bis(2-carboxyethyl)pyrazine (**235**) (Et<sub>2</sub>N, 3-Å molecularsieve, air  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 3 days: 50%);<sup>542</sup> the intermediate 3,6-dihydro derivative  $(234)$  could be isolated as its HgCl<sub>2</sub> complex.<sup>244</sup>



*N*-Phenacyl-*p*-toluidine (**236**) has been reported to give 2,5-diphenyl-1,6-di-*p*tolyl-1,2-dihydropyrazine  $(238)$  (neat, N<sub>2</sub>, 140°C, 16 h: 18%), probably by rearrangement of the isolable intermediate, 2,5-diphenyl-1,4-di-*p*-tolyl-1, 4-dihydropyrazine (**237**).31

Also other examples.23, 26, 399, 580, 870, 1275, 1441, 1586



## Using  $\alpha$ -Hydroxyimino- or  $\alpha$ -Hydrazonoalkanones

*Note:* Reduction of such an oxime gives the corresponding aminoketone that spontaneously self-condenses under appropriate conditions to afford a hydropyrazine, and thence a pyrazine, The use of analogous hydrazones has not been developed satisfactorily yet.479, 1170

-Hydroxyiminoacetone (**239**) gave 2,5-dimethylpyrazine (**241**) via the dihydropyrazine (240) [SnCl<sub>2</sub>, HCl; then NaOH,  $(NH_4)_{25}O_8$ , 20°C, 2 h: 56% (one pot) $]^{425}$ 



Methyl 2-hydroxyimino-3-oxobutyrate (**242**) gave dimethyl 3,6-dimethyl-2, 5-pyrazinedicarboxylate (243) (TiCl<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—MeOH, AcONa, pH 7, A, 20°C, 3 h; then air  $\downarrow$  until white: 30%).<sup>300</sup>



2-(2-Hydroxyimino-3-oxobutyramido)-6-methylpyridine gave 3, 6-dimethyl-*N*, *N*-bis(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2,5-pyrazinedicarboxamide (**244**) (Pd/C, HCl/ EtOH,  $H_2$ , 20 $\degree$ C, 2 h, oxidation during workup: 43%).<sup>1568</sup>



3,4-Bis(hydroxyimino)hexane (diethylglyoxime: **245**) gave 2,3,5,6-tetraethylpyrazine (**246**) (Zn, 4 M NaOH, 95°C, 1 h: 57%; mechanism unsure).1000

Also other examples.7, 541, 557, 830



#### **Using -(Substituted Amino)alkanones**

*N*-Phenacyl-2,4-thiazolidinedione (**247**) gave 2,5-diphenylpyrazine (**248**), presumably by dideacylation of the substrate followed by self-condensation (MeNH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O – MeOH, reflux, 4 h:  $60\%$ ); also an analogue likewise.<sup>930</sup>

Also other examples.1505



#### **Using -Azidoalkanones**

Phenacyl azide (**249**) gave 2,5-diphenylpyrazine (**250**) (Pd/C, EtOH, trace AcOH, H<sub>2</sub>, 3 atm, 24 h:  $> 85\%$ ;<sup>1352</sup> or Ph<sub>3</sub>P, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 12 h: ?%);<sup>1363</sup> also 2,5-di-*tert*-butylpyrazine and homologues (by the foregoing reductive route with a final air  $\downarrow$ , 12 h: ?%).<sup>1352</sup>

Also other examples.1288



## **Using -Aminoalkanoic Acids**

Phenylalanine  $(251, R = H)$  gave  $3.6$ -dibenzyl-3.6-dihydro-2.5(1*H*, 4*H*)pyrazinedione (252, R = H) (HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, reflux, 24 h: 80%);<sup>1028</sup> 3-(*o*hydroxyphenyl)alanine (251,  $R = OH$ ) gave 3,6-bis( $o$ -hydroxy-benzyl)-3, 6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (252) (HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, reflux, 18 h:  $20\%$ ).<sup>16</sup>

Also other examples.1472, 1631



#### **Using -Aminoalkanoic Esters or Related Substrates**

Dimethyl aspartate (**253**) gave 3,6-bis(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2, 5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (254) (NH<sub>3</sub>/CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 65<sup>o</sup>C, sealed,5 days: 25%).<sup>1535</sup>



Bis(methoxycarbonylmethyl)amine (**255**) gave 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (256) (Et<sub>3</sub>B or Ph<sub>3</sub>HSi, PhMe, reflux, 48 h:  $54\%$ ); also analogues.<sup>347</sup>



Sodium  $\alpha$ -butoxycarbonyl- $\alpha$ -nitromethanesulfonate (257) gave 3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (260) [Pd/C, EtOH—H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 24 h: 60%; the mechanism involved disproportionation of the initial amino intermediate (258) into disodium  $\alpha$ -amino- $\alpha$ -butoxycarbonylmethanedisulfonate (259) (isolated in 72% yield) and butyl glycinate, which self-condensed spontaneously to give the product  $(260)$ <sup>1111</sup>

Also other examples.21, 204, 464, 512, 539



*1.2.3.2. Where Different Synthons Provide*  $NI + C2 + C3$  *and*  $N4 + C5 + C6$  (*H* 59, 64)

Two different types of  $N$ —C—C synthon can be combined in many ways to afford pyrazines. However, only about a dozen such combinations have been employed recently, as illustrated in the following examples:

# Using an Alk-1-envlamine and an  $\alpha$ -Hydroxyiminoalkanoic Ester

Ethyl 2-cyano-2-(tosyloxyimino)acetate (**261**) and diethyl 3-amino-4-cyanopent-2-enedioate (262) gave ethyl 6-cyano-3-( $\alpha$ -cyano- $\alpha$ -ethoxycarbonylmethyl)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (263) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN, 20°C, 2 days: 70%);<sup>1315</sup> also analogues.<sup>301, 1315</sup>



# **Using an -Aminoalkanal and an -Hydroxyiminoalkanal**

2-Hydroxyiminopropionaldehyde dimethyl acetal (**264**) and ethyl 2-formamido-2-formylacetate (**265**) gave ethyl 5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (266) (HCl/AcMe, reflux: ?%).<sup>1167</sup>



# **Using an -Aminoalkanal and an -Aminoalkanone**

3-Aminopyruvic acid (**267**) and 2-amino-2-formylacetic acid (**268**) gave 2, 6-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid (**269**) (no details).1586



## **Using an -Aminoalkanone and an -Aminoalkanoic Ester**

3-Amino-3-methyl-2-butanone (**270**) and ethyl glycinate (**271**) gave 5,6, 6-trimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (272) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, PhH, reflux, 5 days: 64%).790



# **Using an -Aminoalkanoic Acid and an -Aminoalkanoic Ester**

*N*-Benzyloxycarbonylleucine (**273**) and ethyl glycinate (**274**) gave 3-isobutyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (275) [(EtO)<sub>2</sub>POCN, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 4 h; crude product, HCO<sub>2</sub>H, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 21 h: 92%].<sup>45, cf. 517</sup> Also other examples.371, 522, 652, 837



## Using an  $\alpha$ -Aminoalkanenitrile and an  $\alpha$ -Hydroxyiminoalkanone

*Note:* This type of synthesis has been used extensively to furnish a variety of aminopyrazine N-oxides that may be deoxygenated to the corresponding aminopyrazines

2-Amino-3-phenylpropiononitrile  $(276)$  and  $\alpha$ -hydroxyiminoacetone  $(277)$ ,  $R = Me$ ) gave 3-benzyl-5-methyl-2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide (278,  $R = Me$ ) [MeN(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 4 h:  $63\%$ ];<sup>883</sup> the same nitrile (276) and  $\alpha$ -hydroxyiminoacetophenone (277, R = Ph) gave 3-benzyl-5-phenyl-2pyrazinamine 1-oxide (278, R = Ph) (TiCl<sub>4</sub>, pyridine, N<sub>2</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  82°C, 3 h: 33%);73 broadly similar procedures gave 3-benzyl-5-*p*-methoxyphenyl-2 pyrazinamine 1-oxide (278,  $R = C_6H_4OMe$ - $p$ <sup>397</sup> and other such analogues.397, 585, 586



 $\alpha$ -Aminomalononitrile (279) (as TsOH salt) and  $\alpha$ -hydroxyimino- $\alpha'$ ,  $\alpha'$ dimethoxyacetone  $[280, R = CH(OMe)_2]$  gave 3-amino-6-dimethoxymethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitril 4-oxide  $[281, R = CH(OMe)_2]$  (MeOH, 5<sup>o</sup>C, until homogeneous:  $57\%$ ;<sup>767</sup> the same nitrile (279) and 2-[2-(hydroxyimino)acetyl]furan  $(280, R = \text{furan-2-yl})$  gave 3-amino-6-(furan-2-yl)-2pyrazinecarbonitrile 4-oxide  $(281, R = \text{furan-2-yl})$  (PrOH, 20°C, 8 h: 68%);<sup>1530</sup> the same nitrile (279) and  $\alpha$ -hydroxyiminoacetophenone (280,  $R = Ph$ ) gave 3-amino-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile 4-oxide (281,  $R = Ph$ ) (TsOH, Pr<sup>i</sup>OH, 20°C, 5 h: 82%; the added TsOH proved essential

for a good yield);<sup>1524</sup> and use of other appropriate oximes afforded ethyl 6-amino-3-chloromethyl-5-cyano-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 1-oxide  $(53\%)$ ,<sup>773</sup> 3-amino-5,6-diphenyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile 1-oxide  $(28\%)$ ,<sup>258</sup> and the like. $759$ 

Also other examples.587, 728, 772, 960, 1335, 1339, 1517



## Using an α-Aminoalkanenitrile and an α-Hydroxyiminoalkanoic Acid

Ethyl 2-amino-2-cyanoacetate (**282**) and 2-hydroxyimino-4-methylvaleric acid (**283**) gave ethyl 3-amino-5-isobutyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide  $(284)$  (*N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide:  $?%$ ).<sup>1259</sup>



#### Using an  $\alpha$ -Methylenealkanamide and an  $\alpha$ -Hydroxyiminoalkanenitrile

2-Cyano(thioacetamide) (**285**) and 2-cyano-2-(tosyloxyimino)acetamide (**286**,  $R = \text{CONH}_2$ ) gave 3-amino-6-cyano-5-thioxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (287) (pyridine—Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 12 h: 85%);<sup>1401</sup> the same thioamide (285) and  $\alpha$ -(tosyloxyimino)malononitrile (286, R = CN) likewise gave 3-amino-5thioxo-4,5-dihydro-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(287, R = CN)$  (90%).<sup>1401</sup>



*1.2.3.3.* Where the Synthons Provide  $NI + C2 + C6$  and  $C3 + N4 + C5$ 

In comparison with the foregoing types, this synthesis (whether from identical or differing synthons) has scarcely been used, probably because it involves the

formation of two  $C$ —C bonds rather than two  $C$ —N bonds. The paucity of examples that follow indicates its present state of neglect, despite some potential utility.

*N*-Benzylidene-*N*-(diphenylmethyl)amine *N*-oxide (**288**) gave 2,2,3,3,5,6-hexaphenyl-2,3-dihydropyrazine  $(290)$  via the isomeric anions  $(289)$  (LiPh, Et<sub>2</sub>O, A,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 10 min:  $30\%$ ).<sup>1112</sup>



*N*-[1-Chloro-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethy)ethyl]-*N*-(dimethylaminomethylene) amine (**291**) gave 2,3-bisdimethylamino-5,5,6,6-tetrakis (trifluoromethyl)-5,6 dihydropyrazine (292) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 50%; structure confirmed by X-ray analysis).1323



 $N-\{\alpha$ -Chloro- $\alpha$ -[bis(trifluoromethyl)amino]methylene}- $N-\{\alpha,\alpha$ -dichloro- $\alpha$ -[bis-(trifluoromethyl)amino]methyl}amine (**293**) gave 2,3,5,6-tetraks[bis(trifluoromethyl)amino] pyrazine (294) (Ph<sub>3</sub>P, 120°C, 6 h: 6% as a distillate/sublimate; a mechanism was suggested).<sup>1321</sup>



- *N*-Benzyl-*N*,*N*-bis(tosylmethyl)amine gave 1,4-dibenzylpiperazine (SmI<sub>2</sub>, THF—(Me<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>PO, 5 min; Et<sub>2</sub>CO  $\downarrow$ : ~65%; minimal detail).<sup>1620</sup>
- *Note:* One postulated cyclocondensation with dissimilar  $C-N-C$  synthons to give a pyrazine has been reported without details.<sup>1129</sup>

# **1.3. FROM THREE SYNTHONS (***H* **25)**

Of all the possibilities for producing a pyrazine ring from three synthons, only one type of cyclocondensation has emerged from the present survey: it involves the reaction of a  $C$ — $C$  synthon with two identical N— $C$  synthons, as indicated in the following examples:

Benzil (**295**) and (di-*p*-tolylmethyl)amine (**296**) gave 2,3-diphenyl-5,6-di-*p*tolylpyrazine  $(297)$  (neat ZnCl<sub>2</sub>, 180 $^{\circ}$ C, 5 h: 12%; presumably with loss of  $2H<sub>2</sub>O$  and 2 PhMe but the mechanism remains unclarified).<sup>134</sup>



Benzil (**298**) and benzylamine (**299**) gave a separable mixture of three products including  $2,3,5,6$ -tetraphenylpyrazine  $(300)$  (N<sub>2</sub>, 150°C, 30 min: ?%; mechanism not studied).1364



2-Butanone (**301**) and nitroethane (**302**) gave 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine (**303**) (Zn, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, H<sub>2</sub>O, 85°C, 30 min: 30%; minimal details).<sup>875</sup>



# **1.4. FROM FOUR OR MORE SYNTHONS**

Of the several ways to combine four synthons to build the pyrazine ring, only three appear to have been used recently:  $(Nl + C2-C3 + N4 + C5-C6)$ ,  $(NI-C2 + C3-N4 + C5 + C6)$ , and  $(NI-C2 + C3 + N4-C5 + C6)$ . No examples for the use of five or six synthons have been reported.

# **1.4.1.** Where Synthons Provide NI, C2 + C3, N4, C5 + C6 (*H* 18, 20)

Since Nl and N4 are always provided by ammonia or an amine, examples in this small but significant category are classified according to the nature of the  $C - C$ synthons (which are identical in all examples reported recently).

## **Using -Diketones**

Bis(benzofuran-2-yl)glyoxal (**304**) and ammonium chloride gave 2,3,5,6 tetrakis(benzofuran-2-yl)pyrazine (305) (MeOH, sealed, 210°C, 2 h: ?%).<sup>546</sup>



#### **Using -Hydroxyketones**

- 4-Hydroxy-3-hexanone (propionoin: **306**,  $R = Et$ ) and ammonium acetate gave 2,3,5,6-tetraethylpyrazine (307,  $R = Et$ ) (neat, reflux, 16 h: 50%; presumably an aerial oxidation was involved);1000 4-hydroxy-2,5-dimethyl-3-hexanone (306,  $R = Pr<sup>i</sup>$ ) likewise gave 2,3,5,6-tetraisopropylpyrazine (307,  $R = Pr<sup>i</sup>$ )  $(44\%)$ <sup>1000</sup>
- Benzoin (306,  $R = Ph$ ) and ammonium acetate gave 2,3,5,6-tetraphenylpyrazine  $(307, R = Ph)$  (neat,  $120^{\circ}$ C, 24 h:  $\sim$  30% after separation from a byproduct);1120, cf. 934 2,3,5,6-tetrakis (2,2-bipyridin-6-yl)pyrazine (30%) was made somewhat similarly and its structure was confirmed by X-ray analysis.540
- *Note:* The formation of alkyl- and hydroxyalkylpyrazines from glucose or glyceraldehyde and ammonium hydroxide at  $\sim$ 150°C has been studied.<sup>1425</sup>



#### Using *α*-Halogenoketones

Phenacyl bromide (**308**) and ammonia gave a separable mixture of 2,5- (**309**) and 2,6-diphenylpyrazine  $(310)$  [NH<sub>4</sub>OH (or NH<sub>3</sub> ?), 100 $^{\circ}$ C, 90 min: 40 and  $30\%$ , respectively];<sup>131</sup> replacement of ammonia by ethoxycarbonylhydrazine  $(H<sub>2</sub>NNHCO<sub>2</sub>Et)$  gave mainly 2,5-diphenylpyrazine (309) (Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 5 h: 50%; mechanism complicated) and analogues were made similarly.131



## **Using -Dibromoalkanes**

1,2-Dibromoethane (**311**) and neopentylamine gave 1,4-dineopentylpiperazine (312) (MeOH- $H_2O$ , reflux, 40 h; then NaOH  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 12 h: 13%).<sup>266</sup>



# **1.4.2.** Where Synthons Provide NI +  $C2$ ,  $C3$  + N4,  $C5$ ,  $C6$

The only examples of these cyclocondensations employ four identical synthons in each case: Mechanisms have been postulated but remain unconfirmed for the following examples:

Acetonitrile (313,  $R = Me$ ) gave 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine (314,  $R = Me$ ) (TiCl<sub>4</sub>, Zn, THF, A,  $20^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 1 h; then substrate  $\downarrow$  reflux, 4 h: 44%); appropriate nitriles (313) likewise gave tetraethyl- $(314, R = Et)$  (63%), tetrabenzyl- (314,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) (46%), and other homologous pyrazines.<sup>223</sup>



2-Aminomethylpyridine (**315**) gave 2,3,5,6-tetra(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine (**316**)  $(CoCl<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 95<sup>o</sup>C, 3 h: 48\%).$ <sup>267</sup>



# **1.4.3.** Where Synthons Provide NI + C2, C3, N4 + C5, C6

This rare combination is represented by only one type of example. Thus -tosylaminomalononitrile (**317**) and benzaldehyde (**318**), in methanolic sodium acetate at  $20-25^{\circ}$ C for 20 h, gave 3, 6-diphenyl-2,2,5,5-piperazinetetracarbonitrile (**319**) as the major product (48% yield);834 several *para*-substituted phenyl and other analogs were made similarly, most in comparable yields.<sup>834</sup>



# **1.5. APPENDIX: GLANCE INDEX TO TYPICAL PYRAZINE DERIVATIVES AVAILABLE FROM ALIPHATIC OR CARBOCYCLIC SYNTHONS**

This glance index may assist in the choice of a primary synthesis for a required type of pyrazine derivative. In using the index, it should be borne in mind that products broadly analogous to those formulated can often be obtained by minor changes to the synthon (s) employed: for example, by change, addition, or deletion of alkyl or aryl groups; by interchange of halogeno substituents; by modification or interchange of acid, ester, amide, nitrile, or similar groups; by interchange of oxo, thioxo, selenoxo, or imino groups; by interchange of alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, arylthio, or related groups; and so on.

Section Typical Products 1.1.1.1 N Me. Me







1.1.1.4



1.1.1.5



1.1.1.6



1.1.1.7













1.2.2.2



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1.2.3.1















1.4.2 N N Me Me Me Me



# CHAPTER 2

# **Primary Syntheses from Other Heterocyclic Systems**

The primary synthesis of pyrazines from other heterocyclic systems has a body of literature that is quite modest by comparison with those for pyridazines<sup>1687</sup> and pyrimidines.1688 Earlier information on such syntheses has been summarized in Barlin's original book<sup>1686</sup> and some more recent data have been reviewed thoughtfully from time to time. $1677, 1689$ 

The present treatment of post-1978 literature is divided according to the nature of the heterocyclic substrate (monocyclic, bicyclic, tricyclic, or spiro); each of these broad categories is then subdivided alphabetically, with reduced substrates included with their aromatic counterparts. Cyclic anhydrides, cyclic imides, lactones, and the like are classified as the appropriate heterocyclic derivatives. A glance index to the main product types is appended as Section 2.5.

# **2.1. PYRAZINES FROM OTHER HETEROMONOCYCLIC SYSTEMS (***H* **53)**

Such syntheses can occur by ring expansion, ring contraction, rearrangement, ring fission (with or without subsequent elaboration), fragmentation with subsequent elaboration, or combination with a second synthon followed by other reactions.

# **2.1.1. Azepines as Substrates (***H* **53)**

Catalytic hydrogenation of 2-nitromethylenehexahydro-1H-azepine  $(1, R = H)$ over palladized charcoal in acidic methanol afforded 2,5-bis(5-aminopentyl)pyrazine  $(2, R = H)$  (67%, as hydrochloride) by reduction of the nitro group, 1,2-fission, and self-condensation of the unsaturated product;<sup>145, 467</sup> the 1-methylated substrate  $(1, 1)$  $R = Me$ ) likewise gave 2,5-bis(5-methylaminopentyl)pyrazine  $(2, R = Me)$  but only in 10% yield.<sup>145</sup>



**2.1.2. Azetes as Substrates**

Treatment of the  $\beta$ -lactam, 3,3-dimethoxy-1-p-methoxyphenyl-4-pmethoxyphenyliminomethyl-2-azetidinone  $(3, R = H)$ , with stannous chloride in dichloromethane for 20 h gave 1,4-bis( *p*-methoxyphenyl)-2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (5, R = H) in 95% yield by ring expansion via the acetal  $(4)$ ;<sup>874</sup> the 4-methylated substrate  $(3, R = Me)$  likewise gave 1,4-bis(*p*-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dimethyl-2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**5**, R = Me) (99%).<sup>874, cf. 1740</sup>



**2.1.3. Azirines as Substrates (***H* **22**, **344**, **352)**

This type of synthesis has been investigated extensively. It can occur by several general routes that are illustrated in the following examples:

#### **By Ring Fission and Dimerization**

- 3-Dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-azirine (**6**) gave 2,5-bis(dimethylamino)-3,3, 6,6-tetramethyl-3,6-dihydropyrazine (7) [PhCH(NO<sub>2</sub>)CO<sub>2</sub>Me, MeCN, reflux, 6 h:  $85\%$ ; it is not clear whether the nitroester plays any role].<sup>948</sup>
- Methyl 3,3-diethoxycarbonyl-1-methyl-2-azididinecarboxylate gave dimethyl 3,3,6,6-tetraethoxycarbonyl-1,4-dimethyl-2,5-piperazinedicarboxylate (**8**) as an inseparable 4:6 mixture of diastereoisomers (PhH,  $N_2$ , reflux, 60 h:  $\frac{2}{\%}$ ).<sup>950</sup>



2,2-Dimethyl-3-phenyl-2*H*-azirine (**9**) and ammonia gave 3,3,6,6-tetramethyl- $2,5$ -diphenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrazinamine  $(11, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  [NH<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 20°C, 30 min: 73%; the mechanism appears to involve condensation of the NH<sub>3</sub> adduct (10) with original substrate  $(9)$ ];<sup>408</sup> the same substrate (9) and 2-chloroethanethiol likewise gave 2- (2-chloroethylthio)-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-2,5-diphenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrazine  $(11, R = \text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl})$   $(13\%)$  by an analogous route. $422$ 

Also other examples.<sup>159</sup>



## **By Ring Fission and Oxidative Dimerization**

*Note:* Oxidation may occur by addition of an oxidant, loss of hydrogen halide, and so on, or incidentally during work up; ineffective dehydrogenation, especially by the last mentioned method, may perhaps account for some of the poor yields reported.

2,3-Diphenyl-2*H*-azirine  $(12, R = Ph)$  gave 2,3,5,6-tetraphenylpyrazine  $(13,$  $R = Ph$ ) [Mo(CO)<sub>6</sub>, PhH, N<sub>2</sub>, 50°C, 3 days: 18%];<sup>937, 1414</sup> likewise, 3-phenyl-2*H*-azirine (12,  $R = H$ ) gave 2,5-diphenylpyrazine (13,  $R = H$ ) in poor yield;1333 and 2,2-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2*H*-azirine (**9**) gave 2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-3,6-diphenyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**14**) (5 days: 25%).937, 1414



- 3-Phenyl-2H-azirine  $(12, R = H)$  gave a separable mixture including 2,5diphenylpyrazine (13, R = H) (O=C=NSO<sub>2</sub>Cl, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78°C, 40 min: 9% after separation;<sup>1174</sup> the yield was improved to 24% by isolation of an intermediate).<sup>1178</sup>
- 2-Methyl-3-phenyl-2*H*-azirine  $(12, R = Me)$  gave 2,5-dimethyl-3,6diphenylpyrazine (13, R = Me) [Bu'OOH, PhH, PhCH<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>3</sub>NOH, MeOH, 20°C, 24 h: 9%;<sup>249</sup> HF/pyridine (70:30; Olah's reagent), THF,  $-20 \rightarrow 20$ °C, N<sub>2</sub>, 2 h: 81%;<sup>358, 1416</sup> HF/pyridine, PhH,  $5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 54%].<sup>764</sup>

2-Benzoyl-3-phenylaziridine (**15**) gave a separable mixture of 2,5-dibenzoyl-3,6 diphenylpyrazine (**16**) and 2,5-diphenylpyrazine (**17**) (*hv*, PhH, 45 h: 11 and 8%, respectively; rational mechanisms were suggested).<sup>903</sup>

Also other examples.554, 1416, 1422



## **By Rearrangement**

1-Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-2-isobutylaziridine (**18**) gave 1-ethyl-5-isobutyl-3,4,5,6 tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**20**) by rearrangement of the isolable intermediate, 1-(*N*-ethoxycarbamoylmethyl)-2-isobutylaziridine (19) (excess EtNH<sub>2</sub>,  $BF_3.Et_2O, -15 \rightarrow 19^{\circ}C$ , sealed, 3 days: 76%); two homologues were made similarly.<sup>578</sup>



#### **By Condensation with a Second Synthon**

- 2-Methyl-3-phenyl-2*H*-azirine  $(21, R = Me)$  and ethyl glycinate hydrochloride gave 6-methyl-5-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (22, R = Me) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN, reflux, 48 h: 43%; oxidation by air during work up);1432 2,3-diphenyl-2*H*-azirine  $(21, R = Ph)$  likewise gave 5,6-diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (22, R = Ph)  $(90\%)$ <sup>1432</sup>
- 3-Dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-azirine (**23**) and methyl 2-amino-3-phenylpropionate gave 3-benzyl-5-dimethylamino-6,6-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-





Aziridine, as its Ni complex (**25**), and acrylonitrile gave 1,4-bis(2-cyanoethyl)piperazine (26) (EtOH, reflux,  $2 h$ :  $> 60\%$ , initially as dihydrobromide). $1345$ 



3-Dimethylamino-2,2-dimethyl-2*H*-azirine (27) and 4-isopropyl-2-trifluoromethyl-5-oxazolinone (**28**) gave 5-dimethylamino-3-isopropyl-6,6-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (29) (MeCN, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 1 h: 60%; a rational mechanism was suggested);<sup>944</sup> analogues, like 3-allyl-5-dimethylamino-6,6-dimethyl-3-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone  $(44\%)$ <sup>958</sup> were made similarly.944, 958



**2.1.4. Azocines as Substrates**

In a manner analogous to the corresponding azepine (Section 2.1.1), 2-nitromethyleneoctahydroazocine (**30**) gave 2,5-bis(6-aminohexyl)pyrazine (**31**) in 58% yield as hydrochloride.145, 467



**2.1.5 1,2-Diazepines as Substrates**

Treatment of 1,3-diphenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-1,2-diazepine (**32**) with polyphosphoric acid at 110°C for a few minutes gave three products, of which one proved to be 2,5-bis(3-anilinopropyl)-3,6-diphenylpyrazine (**33**) (10% yield after separation);<sup>37</sup> a rational mechanism involving N—N fission and subsequent dimerization has been proposed. $37$  No other examples appear to have been reported.



**2.1.6. 1, 4-Diazepines as Substrates**

Flash pyrolysis of 5,7-diphenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-1,4-diazepine  $(34, R = H)$  at 700°C in a vacuum afforded 2-phenylpyrazine (**35**) in 21% yield, after separation from a pyrimidine; the methyl substrate  $(34, R = Me)$  also gave a small yield of the same product (**35**); and 6-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-1,4-diazepine gave some unsubstituted pyrazine.176, 1698



**2.1.7. Furans as Substrates (***H* **53)**

5-Phenyl-2,3-dihydro-2,3-furandione (36) reacted with  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha'$ -diaminomaleonitrile in refluxing dioxane during 1 h to give 5-oxo-6-phenacyl-4,5-dihydro-2,3 pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**37**) in 68% yield; several *p*-substituted-phenacyl analogues were made similarly in comparable yields.<sup>935</sup>



**2.1.8. Imidazoles as Substrates (***H* **53)**

Imidazoles have proved to be quite useful as substrates for the preparation of pyrazines. Various routes are illustrated in the following examples:

# **By Rearrangement**

 $1-\left[\alpha\text{-Methoxycarbonyl-}\alpha\text{-(phenylhydrozono)}\right]$ methylimidazolium chloride (**38**) gave 4-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenylhydrazono-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1 pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**40**) by rearrangement of the isolable intermediate ylide (39) (NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O-EtOH, 20°C, 12 h: 55%);<sup>2</sup> likewise, 4-amino-5-carbamoyl-3-diphenylmethyl-1-phenacylimidazolium bromide gave 3-[*N*- (diphenylmethyl)amidino]-6-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**41**) (NaOH, MeOH, reflux, 10 h: 65%).<sup>151</sup>



 $2-(\alpha)$ -Diazo- $\alpha$ -ethoxycarbonylmethyl)-1,3-diphenylimidazolidine (42, R = Et) gave among other products ethyl 1,4-diphenyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2 pyrazinecarboxylate  $(43, R = Et)$   $(2$ -methylnaphthalene,  $160^{\circ}C$ , 90 min:  $40\%$ );<sup>478</sup> the substrate methyl ester (42, R = Me) gave methyl 1,4-diphenyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(43, R = Me)$  by irradiation  $(hv,$ Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 11% after separation from other products).<sup>478</sup>

Also other examples.164, 466



## **By Fragmentation and Recombination**

1,2,2-Trimethyl-4,5-diphenyl-3-imidazoline (**44**) gave 2,3,5,6-tetraphenylpyrazine (**45**) (2 M HCl, 25°C, 8 days: 8%; mechanism not studied).19



## **By Dimerization and Subsequent Reactions**

4-(2-Ethoxycarbonylethyl-2-isopropyl-3-imidazoline (**46**) gave a separable mixture of  $2,5$ -bis(2-ethoxycarbonylethyl)pyrazine  $(48, Q = H)$  and its 3-isopropyl derivative  $(48, Q = Pr^i)$  [trace TsOH, xylene, reflux, 1 h: 21 and 38%, respectively; postulated mechanism: formation of dimer (**47**) and loss of Pr*<sup>i</sup>* C (=NH)H to give a dihydropyrazine that in part undergoes oxidation to product  $(48, R = H)$  and in part adds one of the foregoing fragments with subsequent oxidation to product  $(48, R = Pr<sup>i</sup>)$ <sup>542</sup>



# **By Condensation with a Second Synthon**

- 1,3-Dimethyl-2-phenylimidazolidine (**49**) gave 1,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,4,5,6 tetrahydropyrazine (50) {Et<sub>2</sub>MeSiH, [RhCl(CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, CO, PhH, 50 atm, 140<sup>o</sup>C, 4 days: 51%}; when the Ph substituent was replaced by an alkyl group, no such reaction occurred. $1403$
- 2-Methylimidazole (**51**) with chloroform in the vapor phase gave, among other products, 2-chloro-3-methylpyrazine  $(52)$   $(550^{\circ}C,$  flow system:  $\sim$ 17%);<sup>11</sup> other such reactions with imidazole, methylimidazoles, and methylimidazo-



lines also gave pyrazines but the procedures are probably of little preparative value.<sup>11, 12, 1230</sup>



# **2.1.9. Isoxazoles as Substrates (***H* **53)**

Although not widely used, at least three procedures have been employed to convert isoxazoles into pyrazines, as illustrated in the following examples:

3-Phenyl-5-isoxazolol (53) gave 2,5-diphenylpyrazine (54)  $(h\nu$ , MeOH,  $\sim$  5°C, 7 h: 67%; oxidation during work up).449



- 4-(*C*-Acetylformamido)-4-isopropyl-3-methyl-4,5-dihydro-5-isoxazolone (**55**) gave 6-isopropyl-3,5-dimethyl-2 (1 *H*)-pyrazinone (**56**) [Lindlar catalyst  $(Pd/CaCO<sub>3</sub>/trace Pb)$ , H<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, 20 $°C$ , 10 h: 90%]; also several homologues likewise and in comparable yields.<sup>227</sup>
- 4-Amino-4,5-dihydro-3 (2*H*)-isoxazolone (**57**) gave 3,6-bis(aminooxymethyl)- 3,6-dihydro-2,5 (1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (58) (AcOH—EtOH, reflux, 45 min: 55%).700





**2.1.10. Oxazoles as Substrates (***H* **53)**

There are several recent reports of this transformation but only that affording 1-arylpyrazines appears to be of practical utility, as illustrated in the following examples:

2-*p*-Methoxyphenyl-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-5-oxazolone (**59**) gave, among other separable products, 2,3-bis( *p*-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-diphenylpyrazine (**60**) (2,5-diphenyl-2*H*-tetrazole, PhOMe, reflux, 5 h: 31%; the formation of this byproduct did not involve the tetrazole, of which an equivalent amount was recovered).325



3-(2-Anilinoethyl)-2-oxazolidinone hydrochloride (**61**) gave 1-phenylpiperazine hydrochloride (63) directly (neat,  $N_2$ , 170°C,  $\sim$ 4 h: 88%) or via *N*-(2-anilinoethyl)-*N*-(2-bromoethyl)amine (62) [AcOH-30% HBr,  $20^{\circ}$ C, <4 days; crude ( $62$ ), EtOH, reflux,  $\leq 4$  days:  $85\%$ ]; other 1-aryl- and 1-alkylpiperazines were made by both methods.<sup>1493</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1439</sup>



**2.1.11. Oxirenes as Substrates**

Such epoxides naturally require a nitrogenous cosynthon to afford pyrazines. Such a rarely used condensation is illustrated by the reaction of octafluoro-2,

3-epoxybutane [2,3-difluoro-2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)oxirane: **64**] with ethylenediamine in bis(2-methoxyethyl) ether at 20°C during 90 min to give 2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-2-pyrazinol (65) in 20% yield.<sup>936</sup>



# **2.1.12. Pyridazines as Substrates (***H* **53)**

Earlier work on the photolytic or thermal rearrangement of polyhalogenated pyridazines to corresponding pyrazines has been continued, $14, 161, 774, 1690$  but the fascinating results offer little of preparative value. It has been reported that 300-nm irradiation of 3,4,5,6-tetra-*tert*-butylpyridazine (**66**) gave a quantitative yield of the Dewar isomer (3,4,5,6-tetra-*tert*-butyl-1,2-diazabicyclo [2.2.0]hexa-2,5-diene: **67**] that subsequently afforded 2,3,5,6-tetra-*tert*-butylpyrazine (**68**) in 18% yield on 254-nm irradiation.<sup>1464</sup>



# **2.1.13. Pyridines as Substrates**

Thermolytic conversions of aromatic pyridines into pyrazines have been reported, albeit in minute yield. Thus vacuum pyrolysis of 4-dichloroamino-2,3,5,6 tetrafluoropyridine (**69**) at 550°C gave at least 12 products in which 2,3,5,6 tetrafluoropyrazine  $(70)$  could be identified;<sup>1320</sup> and flow thermolysis of 4-azido-2,3,5,6-tetrafluoropyridine in nitrogen at  $\sim 300^{\circ}$ C gave 1,2-difluoro-1,2bis(3,5,6-trifluoropyrazin-2-yl)ethylene  $(71)$ , isolated in 0.1% yield.<sup>1322</sup>



Hydrogenation of 2-nitromethylenepiperidine (**72**) gave 2,5-bis(4-aminobutyl) pyrazine (**73**) in only 8% yield (cf. Sections 2.1.1, 2.1.4, 2.1.14).145, 467



## **2.1.14. Pyrroles as Substrates**

Pyrrole derivatives are of little use as substrates for making pyrazines. However, treatment of 2,3,4,5-tetraphenylpyrrole (**74**) with potassium in THF for 6 h gave, among other products,  $2,3,5,6$ -tetraphenylpyrazine (75) in 7% yield;<sup>564</sup> 3-amino-2,5-pyrrolidinedione (**76**) in phosphate buffer of pH 7.1 at 20°C for 2 days gave 3,6-bis(carbamoylmethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (77) in  $\sim$ 10% yield;<sup>21</sup> and hydrogenation of 2-nitromethylenepyrrolidine gave  $2,5$ -bis(3-aminopropyl)pyrazine  $(26\%)$  (cf. Section 2.1.3).<sup>145, 467</sup>



**2.1.15. 1,2,5-Selenadiazoles as Substrates**

The sole example of this transformation involved treatment of 3,4-diphenyl-1,2,5-selenadiazole (**78**) with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate in benzene at 150°C (sealed) for 20 h to afford dimethyl 5,6-diphenyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylate (**79**) in 16% yield.<sup>1084</sup>


#### **2.1.16. 1**,**2**,**5-Thiadiazoles as Substrates**

Like their selena analogues (Section 2.1.15), these thiadiazoles have been neglected as substrates for pyrazines. However, 4-*p*-anisidino-2-(3-ethoxycarbonylacetonyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,2,5-thiadiazol-3-one 1-oxide (**80**) afforded 3-*p*-anisidino-5-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-2(1*H* )-pyrazinone (**81**) in 30% yield by standing with *N*, *N*-diethyl-*N*-isopropylamine at 20<sup>o</sup>C for 3 days.<sup>289</sup>



#### **2.1.17. Thiirenes as Substrates**

Although thiirenes have not been used recently to make pyrazines, the ring-reduced 2-chloromethylthiirane (**82**) reacted with 1,2-bis(methylamino)ethane in refluxing toluene to furnish 2-mercaptomethyl-1,4-dimethylpiperazine (**83**) as the major product.<sup>1655</sup>



# **2.2. PYRAZINES FROM HETEROBICYCLIC SYSTEMS (***H* **37, 38, 53, 348)**

Most such heterobicyclic substrates are fused pyrazines from which the second ring must be removed completely or in part by oxidation, hydrolysis, or some other means to afford the desired monocyclic pyrazine derivatives. However, some such bicyclic substrates do not already incorporate a pyrazine ring, so that more profound processes (like rearrangement, ring expansion, or use of a cosynthon) must be employed to furnish pyrazines.

The various syntheses are classified simply according to the bicyclic substrate systems in alphabetical order.

#### **2.2.1. 1,2-Diazabicyclo[2.2.0]hexanes as Substrates**

The photolytic rearrangement of 3,4,5,6-tetra-*tert*-butyl-1,2-diazabicyclo[2.2.0] hexa-2,5-diene into 2,3,5,6-tetra-*tert*-butylpyrazine has been covered in Section 2.1.12.

#### **2.2.2. 2,4-Diazabicyclo[3.1.0]hexanes as Substrates (***H* **53)**

The only reported example of this synthesis involved the treatment of 1,5-dimethyl-2,4-diazabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-3-one (**84**) with aqueous barium hydroxide at 140°C (sealed) for 60 h, followed by an acidic work up, to give 2,2,3,5,5,6-hexamethyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**85**) in 42% yield, presumably via the cyclopropane derivative shown.<sup>1190</sup>



**2.2.3. 2,3-Dioxa-5,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octanes as Substrates**

One such epidioxypiperazinedione has been reduced to a regular pyrazine. Thus 1,4-dibenzyl-2,3-dioxa-5,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-6,8-dione (**86**) underwent reduction by sodium borohydride in ethanol at 20°C during 1 h to afford 3,6 dibenzyl-3,6-dihydroxy-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (86a) in  $\sim 65\%$ yield, confirmed in structure by dehydration to 3,6-dibenzylidene-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione  $(86b)$ <sup>5</sup>





The furan ring of such substrates may be opened by reduction or hydrolytic processes to afford pyrazines, as illustrated in the following examples:

7-Bromo-6-phenylfuro[2,3-*b*]pyrazine (**87**) gave 3-phenylethynyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (88) (BuLi, THF $-C_6H_{14}$ , -60°C, 30 min: 70%).<sup>484</sup>



Ethyl 2,3-dichloro-6-methylfuro[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-7-carboxylate (**89**) gave 5,6 dichloro-3-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone (90) (NH<sub>4</sub>OH, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, EtOH-THF, 50°C, 12 h: 29%).<sup>1308</sup>



## **2.2.5. Imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyrazines as Substrates**

The sole recent example of this synthesis involved treatment of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-3(7*H*)-one (**91**) briefly with warm alkaline hydrogen peroxide (Radziszewski's reagent) to afford 2-benzamidopyrazine (**92**).738



## **2.2.6. Indoles as Substrates**

A number of partly reduced arylpyrazines has been made from *N*-acetyl-5-arylisatins (1-acetyl-5-aryl-2,3-indolinediones), as illustrated in the following examples:

*N*-Acetylisatin (93,  $R = H$ ) was converted into a solution of the ketoester (94,  $R = H$ ) (EtOH, reflux, 3 h) and thence with ethylenediamine into 3- $o$ -acetamidophenyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (95, R = H) (5  $\rightarrow$  20 $\degree$ C,  $\sim$ 1 h: 85%

overall); 3-(2-acetamido-5-bromophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**95**,  $R = Br$ ) (88%) and other derivatives were made similarly.<sup>1054</sup>



*N*-Acetylisatin (**97**) with 1,2-diamino-2-methylpropane gave either 3-*o*-acetamidophenyl-5,5-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**96**) (two-stage process as in the foregoing examples: 74%) or its 6,6-dimethyl isomer (**98**) (THF, 5°C, 3 h; then  $20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h:  $60\%$ ); other pairs of isomers were made similarly.<sup>1054</sup>



# **2.2.7. Isoxazolo[2,3-a]pyrazines as Substrates**

The only examples of this synthesis employed isoxazolopyrazine substrates that were themselves made from pyrazines. Thus 1-benzyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H* )-pyrazinone 4-oxide (**99**) underwent addition by ethynylbenzene to give 5-benzyl-2 phenyl-6,7-dihydro-3*aH*-isoxazolo[2,3-*a*]pyrazin-4(5*H* )-one (**100**) (60%), which subsequently underwent ring cleavage by molybdenum hexacarbonyl in wet acetonitrile to afford 1-benzyl-3-phenacyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H* )-pyrazinone (**101**) in 54% yield; several analogues were made similarly.<sup>1539</sup>



#### **2.2.8. Isoxazolo[4,5-b]pyrazines as Substrates**

Like the foregoing isomeric substrates (Section 2.2.7), these isoxazolopyrazines were frequently made from pyrazines. Thus 3-(*N*-hydroxyamidino)-2(1*H* )-pyrazinone (**102**) was converted in two stages into isoxazolo[4,5-*b*]pyrazin-3-amine (**103**), which on vigorous treatment with acetic anhydride afforded 2-acetoxy-3-(5 methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)pyrazine (**104**) in 78% yield; the same substrate (**103**) in hot formic acid for 5 min gave mainly  $3-(1,2,4-\alpha x)$  and  $3-(1,4-\alpha x)$  and  $3$ none (**105**) (50%) but if heating was prolonged for 3 h only 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2 pyrazinecarbonitrile (**106**) was obtained, presumably via the oxadiazolopyrazine  $(105)$ .<sup>1115</sup>



**2.2.9. Pteridines as Substrates (***H* **38)**

Although pteridines can be made from pyrazines, it is usually much easier to prepare them from  $4.5$ -pyrimidinediamines or the like.<sup>1689</sup> Since many pteridines can be easily degraded to pyrazines, this process offers a practical primary synthetic route to a variety of pyrazine derivatives. However, in comparison with more than 150 examples cited by Barlin from pre-1978 literature,1686 recent use of the method has been modest. Typical examples follow:

#### **By Alkaline Hydrolytic Fission**

7-Methyl-2,4(1*H*, 3*H*)-pteridinedione (**107**) gave 3-amino-5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**108**) (4M NaOH, reflux, 20 h: 30%).<sup>693</sup>



2-Amino-6-*p*-[(1,3-dicarboxypropyl)carbamoyl]anilinomethyl-4(3*H*)-pteridinone (folic acid: **109**) gave 3-amino-6-*p*-carboxyanilinomethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (110) (2.5 M KOH, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 96 h: 87%).<sup>769</sup>



1,3-Dimethyl-6-thioxo-5,6-dihydro-2,4(1*H*,3*H*)-pteridinedione (**111**) gave bis(5 methylamino-6-methylcarbamoylpyrazin-2-yl) disulfide (**112**) (1 M NaOH, 20°C, 12 h; then I + KI + NaHCO<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 10 min: 69%).<sup>940, cf. 943</sup> Also other examples. $28, 713, 732$ 



# **By Aminolytic Fission**

6,7-Di(thien-2-yl)-2,4(1*H*, 3*H*)-pteridinedione (**113**) gave 3-amino-5,6-di(thien- $2-yl$ -2-pyrazinecarboxamide (114, R = H) (NH<sub>4</sub>OH, 150°C, sealed, 26 h: 65%) or 3-amino-*N*-butyl-5,6-di(thien-2-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**114**,  $R = Bu$ ) (BuNH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 150°C, sealed, 16 h: 84%).<sup>699</sup>



4-Pteridinamine 3-oxide  $(115, R = H)$  gave 3- $(hydrazonometryl)$ amino-2pyrazinecarboxamide oxime  $(116, R = H) (H_2NNH_2.H_2O, MeOH, 20°C, 4 h:$ 85%); the 2-phenylated substrate (115,  $R = Ph$ ) likewise gave 3-( $\alpha$ -hydrazonobenzyl)amino-2-pyrazinecarboxamide oxime  $(116, R = Ph)$   $(20^{\circ}C, 2 h;$ then reflux, 30 min:  $66\%$ ).<sup>353</sup>



7-Phenylpteridine (**117**) gave 3-ethyliminomethyl-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinamine (**119**) (neat EtNH<sub>2</sub>,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 78%; via the adduct (**118**)] or a separable mixture of 4-ethylamino-7-phenylpteridine (**120**) and 3-amino-5-phenyl-2 pyrazinecarbaldehyde  $(121)$  [neat EtNH<sub>2</sub>, KMnO<sub>4</sub> (1 mol), 17<sup>o</sup>C, 5 h: 26 and 38%, respectively, after separation; the second, presumably via the Schiff base (**119**)]; the aldehyde (**121**) was oxidized further to 3-amino-5-phenyl-2 pyrazinecarboxylic acid (122) (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 1 h: 28%).<sup>1385</sup>



#### **By Reductive Fission**

6-(2-Hydroxyethyl-1,3-dimethyl-2,4(1*H*, 3*H*)-pteridinedione gave 6-(2-hydroxyethyl)-*N*-methyl-3-methylamino-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (NaBH<sub>4</sub> NaOH,  $H<sub>2</sub>O$ , 20 $°C$ , 1 h: 73%).<sup>1765</sup>

# **2.2.10. Pyrazino[2,3-***d***][1,3]oxazines as Substrates (H 38]**

Only one recent example of this synthesis has been reported. 2-Methyl-4*H*pyrazino $[2,3-d][1,3]$ oxazin-4-one (123) and methylhydrazine at  $5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C during 1 h afforded 3-acetamido-*N*-methyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (124) in 45% yield.<sup>1265</sup>



#### **2.2.11. Pyrazino[2,3-e][1,3,4]thiadiazines as Substrates**

This synthesis is also represented by only one example. 3-Ethoxycarbonylamino-1*H*-pyrazino[2,3-*e*][1,3,4]thiadiazine (**125**) in methanolic hydrogen chloride under reflux during 2 h furnished 3-(4-ethoxycarbonylsemicarbazido)-2(1*H*) pyrazinethione (**126**) in 32% yield.284



#### **2.2.12. Quinoxalines as Substrates (***H* **37)**

The oxidation of quinoxalines to pyrazine derivatives has been used for almost a century. Some typical examples from recent literature follow:

Quinoxaline (127) gave 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid (128) [KMnO<sub>4</sub> (6 mol), H<sub>2</sub>O, 95°C, 3 h: 71%;<sup>947</sup> other oxidative procedures were reported<sup>840, 846, 1057,</sup> <sup>1215</sup> to give up to 79% yield], and hence 2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**129**) by thermal decarboxylation (sublimation at 210°C/4 mmHg: 81%).<sup>846, cf. 1057</sup>



2,3-Dimethylquinoxaline (130,  $Q = R = Me$ ) gave the dicarboxylic acid (131,  $Q = R = Me$ ) [KMnO<sub>4</sub> (3 mol), KOH, H<sub>2</sub>O: crude product], which was didecarboxylated to give 2,3-dimethylpyrazine  $(132, Q = R = Me)$  (AcOH, 200°C, autoclave, 1 h: 46% overall);543 2-butyl-3-methylquinoxaline (**130**,  $Q = Bu$ ,  $R = Me$ ) gave 2-butyl-3-methylpyrazine (132,  $Q = Bu$ ,  $R = Me$ ) (similarly: 21%) or 2-methylpyrazine (132,  $Q = H$ ,  $R = Me$ ) [similarly but  $KMnO<sub>4</sub>$  (10 mol): 55%; presumably by additional oxidation of the Bu group to give the (uncharacterized) tricarboxylic acid  $(131, Q = CO<sub>2</sub>H, R = Me)$ and tridecarboxylation].543



- 2-Chloro-  $(130, Q = C1, R = H)$  or 2,3-dichloroquinoxaline  $(130, Q = R = C1)$ gave 5-chloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid  $(131, Q = Cl, R = H)$  (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 95°C 3 h: 70%, as hydrochloride)<sup>947</sup> or 5,6-dichloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid  $(131, Q = R = Cl)$  (likewise: 73% as hydrochloride or  $41-49%$ as base),  $462, 947$  respectively.
- 2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-Quinoxalinedione (**133**) gave 5,6-dihydro-2,3,5,6(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinetetrone (134)  $[Co(OAc)_2, AcOH, O_3 \downarrow$ , (4 mol), 20°C: 45%]; 2,3-dichloroquinoxaline (**135**) gave the same product (**134**) (similarly: 70%; clearly involving a hydrolytic step); the mechanisms were discussed.<sup>1463</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>348, 543</sup>



**2.2.13. 4-Thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptanes as Substrates**

The sole example of this synthesis appears to be more of interest than utility. Thus 6-(2-amino-2-phenylacetamido)-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0] heptane-2-carboxylic acid (ampicillin: **136**), in aqueous glucose maintained at pH 9.2 for 24 h at room temperature, gave 3-(4-carboxy-5,5-dimethyl-1,3-thiazolidin-2-yl)-6 phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**137**) as a mixture of epimers in 43% vield.<sup>483</sup>



**2.2.14. [1,2,5]Thiadiazolo[3,4-***b***]pyrazines as Substrates (***H* **38)**

This synthesis appears to have considerable potential for making 2,3-pyrazinediamines. It is typified in the reductive fission and desulfurization of the parent  $[1,2,5]$ thiadiazolo $[3,4-b]$ pyrazine  $(138, Q = R = H)$  by stannous chloride and methanolic hydrochloric acid at 20°C during 1 h to furnish 2,3-pyrazinediamine  $(139, Q = R = H)$  in 83% yield;<sup>1451</sup> also in the preparation of several homologues, for example, 5-methyl-6-phenyl-2,3-pyrazinediamine  $(139, Q = Me, R = Ph)$ (similarly but at  $60^{\circ}$ C for 2.5 h: 84%).<sup>1451</sup>



# **2.2.15. Thiazolo[3,2-***a***]pyrazines as Substrates**

Fission and desulfurization of 2,2-dimethyl-5,8-dioxo-2,3,6,7,8,8a-hexahydro-5*H*-thiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrazine-3-carboxylic acid (**140**), by treatment with Raney nickel in aqueous ethanolic sodium bicarbonate at 20°C during 12 h, gave 1- (1-carboxy-2-methylpropyl)-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**141**) in 58% yield.1255



#### **2.2.16. Thiazolo[3,4-***a***]pyrazines as Substrates**

Again, only one example of this synthesis has been reported. Like the analogous substrate (**140**), isobutyl 1,1-dimethyl-5,8-dioxo-1,5,6,7,8,8a-hexahydro-3*H*-thiazolo[3,4-*a*]pyrazine-3-carboxylic acid (**142**) underwent fission and desulfurization (on stirring with ethanolic Raney nickel at 20°C for 12 h) to afford an hydropyrazine, this time 1-isobutoxycarbonylmethyl-6-isopropyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H* ) pyrazinedione  $(143)$  in 89% yield.<sup>1255</sup>



# **2.3. PYRAZINES FROM HETEROTRICYCLIC SYSTEMS (***H* **37, 38)**

The conversion of heterotricyclic systems into pyrazines has been largely neglected recently. However, two reported examples of useful syntheses follow:

#### **From Phenazines**

1,6-Phenazinediol (**144**) gave 2,3,5,6-pyrazinetetracarboxylic acid (**145**) [RuO4 (made *in situ* from RuCl<sub>3</sub> + NaOCl), H<sub>2</sub>O—CCl<sub>4</sub>, 20°C, 3.5 h: 46%].<sup>7</sup>



#### **From Pyrazino[2**,**3-***b***][1**,**4]benzoselenazines**

1O*H*-Pyrazino[2,3-*b*][1,4]benzoselenazine (**146**) gave 2,5-dichloro-3-[3-chloro-6-(chloroseleno)anilino]pyrazine (147) (MeCN,  $Cl_2 \downarrow$ : ~75%; characterized but structure not fully confirmed), and thence bis[4-chloro-2-(3,6-dichloropyrazin-2-ylamino)phenyl] diselenide (148) (Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 20°C, 15 min: ?%; ClCH<sub>2</sub>SMe formed; structure confirmed).<sup>351</sup>



# **2.4. PYRAZINES FROM SPIRO HETEROCYCLES**

The only spiro systems used as substrates for preparing pyrazines appear to be those involved in the following examples:

# **1-Oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decanes**

 $4-Benzyl-1-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5] decane$  (149,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) gave 1,4-diben $zylpiperazine$  (150,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) and cyclohexanone (polyphosphoric acid,  $200^{\circ}$ C, 10 h: ~  $40\%$ );<sup>413</sup> 1,4-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)- (**150**, R = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH) and 1,4-diphenylpiperazine  $(150, R = Ph)$  were made similarly and in comparable yields.413



# **1-Oxa-4**,**7-diazaspiro[2.5]octanes**

6-Benzylidene-4,7-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-oxa-4,7-diazaspiro[2.5]octane-5,8-dione (**151**) gave 3-benzoyl-6-benzylidene-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*) pyrazinedione (152) (TsOH, PhMe, reflux, water removal (?), 18 h; 73%).<sup>1030</sup>



# **2.5. APPENDIX: GLANCE INDEX TO TYPICAL PYRAZINE DERIVATIVES AVAILABLE FROM OTHER HETEROCYCLIC SYSTEMS**

This glance index is provided to assist in the choice of a primary synthesis that may provide a required type of pyrazine derivative from another heterocyclic system. Procedures that afford very poor yields or employ substrates that are difficult of access are omitted; so too are those methods that appear to lack general applicability in their present state of development. However, such syntheses are often of great interest and may prove invaluable in the right context.



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# CHAPTER 3

# **Pyrazine, Alkylpyrazines, and Arylpyrazines (***H* **68, 344)**

This chapter covers the preparations, physical properties, and reactions of pyrazine and its *C*-alkyl, *C*-aryl, *N*-alkyl, or *N*-aryl derivatives as well as their respective di-, tetra-, and hexahydro derivatives (the last usually known as piperazines). In addition, it includes methods for introducing alkyl or aryl groups (substituted or otherwise) into pyrazines and hydropyrazines already bearing substituents and the reactions specific to the alkyl or aryl groups in such products. For simplicity, the term *alkylpyrazine* in this chapter is intended to include alkyl-, alkenyl-, alkynyl-, cycloalkyl-, and aralkylpyrazines; likewise, the term *arylpyrazine* includes both aryl- and heteroarylpyrazines.

It seems appropriate here to mention some general studies or reviews of broad areas in pyrazine chemistry that do not fit comfortably into other chapters. Thus an excellent review of most aspects of pyrazine chemistry, including experimental details, appeared in 1998;<sup>1677</sup> summaries of progress in pyrazine chemistry appeared in 1995,  $1775$  and also annually since 1989;  $1540 - 1550$ ,  $1714$  brief Japanese-language reviews of general pyrazine chemistry and the synthesis of naturally occurring pyrazines were published in 1989.1600, 1601 A comprehensive review of the direct metalation of  $\pi$ -deficient nitrogenous heterocycles (including pyrazines) appeared in 1991.<sup>1433</sup> Review papers on the occurrence,<sup>1274, 1724</sup> structure – odor relationships,<sup>690, 1306, 1719</sup> and biosynthesis<sup>1426</sup> of a great many alkyl- and alkoxypyrazines (that occur naturally or as artifacts in processed foods) have appeared since 1990. In addition, the partition coefficients (octanol/water) for many mono- and disubstituted pyrazines (bearing alkyl, halogeno, alkoxy, amino, or carboxy groups) have been measured, analyzed, and compared with those for corresponding pyridines.<sup>723, 724</sup> An attempt has been made to rationalize the dipole moments of a number of monosubstituted pyrazines by comparing them with those of correspondingly substituted benzene derivatives.<sup>1081, cf.</sup> 1001

# **3.1. PYRAZINE (***H* **1, 68)**

# **3.1.1. Preparation of Pyrazine (***H* **68, 372)**

Apart from the pyrolysis of 2-*tert*-butylsulfonylpyrazine to afford pyrazine (**1**) [in 49% yield with loss of sulfur dioxide and unsaturated  $(?)$  hydrocarbon]<sup>239</sup> and the reduction of pyrazine to piperazine (**2**) (in 76% yield by treatment of an alkaline solution with Ni—Al alloy), $479$  no new or improved routes to pyrazine or piperazine appear to have been reported in recent years; nor has any di- or tetrahydropyrazine been prepared. Both pyrazine and piperazine are now available commercially at modest cost.



**3.1.2. Properties of Pyrazine (***H* **69, 376)**

Recently reported physical data for pyrazine (and its salts or simple derivatives) are collected with references under "pyrazine" in the Appendix (Table of Simple Pyrazines). More extensive studies on such aspects of pyrazine (and some hydro or putative dehydro derivatives) are here indicated briefly with references.

- *Aromaticity*. An aromaticity index, based on deviation of peripheral bond orders,1691 has been applied to pyrazine (89% of that for benzene) and some derivatives.<sup>257, 376, 379, 383</sup> The aromaticity of 1,s4-dihydropyrazines has been studied.565, 1734
- *Conformations*. Calculations have been made of the preferred conformations for 1,4-dihydropyrazine,456, 1080 1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrazine,100 piperazine (and several alkyl derivatives), $1079$  and the (reduced) pyrazine ring in several biologically important di- and tetrahydropteridines.<sup>100</sup>
- *Crystal phases*. The measured heat capacities for crystalline pyrazine in the range 20–40°C suggest that, in each of the phases involved,  $\sim$ 50% of the molecules must be disordered<sup>556</sup>
- *Electron distribution*. The  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$ -electron distributions in pyrazine and other azines have been studied theoretically  $:$   $458, 562$  there appears to be a reasonable correlation between the net charges on nitrogen atoms and the measured <sup>15</sup>N NMR shifts.<sup>562</sup>

*Fine structures*. Di- and tetradehydropyrazines (as their derivatives) are sometimes implicated as transient intermediates in proposed reaction mechanisms. Some theoretical studies have suggested that didehydropyrazine would exist as the diradical structure  $(3)$ ,<sup>454</sup> whereas others seem to suggest more normal formulations for di- (**4**) and tetradehydropyrazine (**5**).235



- *Ionization*. Ionization constants for pyrazine and several C-methylated derivatives have been redetermined for possible correlation with the polarographic half-wave potentials of the same compounds and their 1-alkyl iodides.<sup>1373</sup>
- *Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra*. The <sup>13</sup>C- and <sup>15</sup>N NMR spectra of pyrazine and a variety of alkyl, other monosubstituted, and dialkylpyrazines (as well as some of their *N*-oxides) have been reported and the substituent effects compared with those in other  $\pi$ -deficient systems.<sup>77, 256, 545, 1405, 1409, 1410</sup>
- *Nonbonded complexes*. The equilibrium constants, enthalpies, and entropies for the weak complexation of pyrazine with dichloromethane, chloroform, or carbon tetrachloride have been determined from changes in the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  absorptions of solutions at various concentrations (in cyclohexane) and temperatures;568 similar data for pyrazine–aromatic hydrocarbon complexes were obtained from variations in the  ${}^{1}H$  NMR chemical shift values.<sup>1037</sup> The spectral effects of complexation with borane have been studied in the pyrazine diborane adduct and its methyl derivatives.254
- *Vibration spectra*. Revised assignments for all observed bands in the IR and Raman spectra of pyrazine have been proposed after appropriate measurements of pyrazine and tetradeuteropyrazine in the vapor, liquid, and solid states as well as in carbon disulfide and carbon tetrachloride solutions.<sup>584, 1483</sup> Other aspects have been studied.<sup>1722, 1732</sup>

# **3.1.3. Reactions of Pyrazine (***H* **70, 377)**

Some typical examples of recently reported reactions of unsubstituted pyrazine are mentioned here but, for pragmatic reasons, those of piperazine are simply covered piecemeal in appropriate sections and may be accessed through the Index.

#### **Quaternization and Ylide Formation**

Pyrazine gave 1-dodecylpyrazinium iodide (6) (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>23</sub>I, AcMe, reflux, 8 h: 4%, owing to losses in purification)<sup>1475</sup> or 1,4-diethylpyrazinediium bistetrafluoroborate (Et<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 45 min: 75%).<sup>1667</sup>

- Pyrazine gave 1-methylpyrazinium bromide (**7**), and thence 1-methylpiperazine (8) (MeBr, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C, sealed, 50 h: 44%; then H<sub>2</sub>, Rh/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, EtOH—H<sub>2</sub>O: ~ 30%).<sup>1337</sup>
- Pyrazine gave 1,4-pyrazinediium bis(dicyanomethylide) (**9**) (tetracyanoethylene oxide, PhMe, reflux, 6 h: 45%; X-ray confirmation of structure).  $62$ , cf. 573

Also other examples.273, 551, 1177



# **C-Alkylation**

*Note:* Pyrazine may be C-alkylated directly, e.g., by alkyl radicals; also by addition to give an alkylated hydropyrazine, sometimes amenable to subsequent oxidation. Typical procedures are illustrated here.

- Pyrazine gave 2-(1-hydroxyethyl)pyrazine (**10**) [MeCHO, lithium tetramethylpiperidide (made *in situ*), THF,  $-75^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: 65%]; also anaolgous products likewise.899
- Pyrazine gave 2-butylpyrazine (11)  $[F_3CO_2H, AgNO_3, (NH_4)_2S_2O_8, H_2O$ —PhCl, reflux, 2 h: 65%; replacement of the organic acid by  $H_2SO_4$  gave some dialkylation]; also analogues likewise.<sup>368</sup>
- Pyrazine gave 2-*o*-tolylpyrazine (12) [LiC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Me-*o* (made *in situ*), Et<sub>2</sub>O, <10  $\rightarrow$ 20°C, 2 h: 20%1.929
- Pyrazine gave bis(2,2,2-trichloroethyl) 2,3-diallyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,4 pyrazinedicarboxylate  $(13)$  (Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, ClCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 $^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 52% after separation from a byproduct).<sup>114, 336</sup>

Also other examples.373, 821, 1325, 1388, 1579, 1606



#### **Addition Reactions**

Pyrazine gave 1,4-bis(dimethylphosphinothioyl)-1,4-dihydropyrazine (**14**) [Li, Me<sub>2</sub>P( $=$ S)Cl, THF, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 20%],<sup>549</sup> 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-1,4-dihydropyrazine  $(15)$  (somewhat similarly),  $908, 909$  and some interesting derived metal complexes.907, 913, 914, 1663 In addition, the silylated product (**15**) underwent insertion of two molecules of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  to afford the ester-like entity, bistrimethylsilyl 1,4-dihydro-1,4-pyrazinedicarboxylate  $(16)$  (CO<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 24 h: 33%).<sup>549</sup>

#### **Halogenation**

Pyrazine gave 2-iodopyrazine  $(17, R = I)$  [I<sub>2</sub>, lithium tetramethylpiperidide (made *in situ*), THF,  $-75^{\circ}$ C, 2 h:  $44\%$ ];<sup>899</sup> compare the vigorous conditions needed for classical halogenation of pyrazine (*H* 70).

# **N-Oxidation**

Pyrazine gave pyrazine 1,4-dioxide (Na<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: no details).<sup>995</sup>

# **C-Acetoxylation**

Pyrazine gave 2-acetoxypyrazine (17, R = OAc) (AcOF,<sup>1701</sup>CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $-75 \rightarrow$  $-40^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 80%).<sup>304</sup>

# **C-Acylation**

Pyrazine gave 2-benzoylpyrazine  $(17, R = Bz)$  (substrate, PhCHO, AcOH—H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>—H<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>; then Bu<sup>*t*</sup>OOH/H<sub>2</sub>O  $\downarrow$ , FeSO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O  $\downarrow$ , <15°C, 1 h:  $30\%$ ).<sup>181</sup>



# **Metal Complexation**

Pyrazine reacts with triethylborane and other such gallium or indium alkyls in the presence of sodium to afford persistent radical complexes;<sup>260</sup> also somewhat similar aluminum and silicon complexes.<sup>457</sup>

# **3.2.** *C***-ALKYL- AND** *C***-ARYLPYRAZINES (***H* **72, 344)**

It is now widely accepted that alkyl groups attached to heterocycles are not mere nonfunctional appendages but do undergo many reactions and do have important steric and electronic effects on the reactivity of the molecule as a whole. In the pyrazine series, alkyl groups have an additional interest because even quite simple alkylpyrazines occur as natural products or as artifacts in processed foods: These alkylpyrazines often impart characteristic odors and tastes to such foods.

# **3.2.1. Preparation of** *C***-Alkyl- and** *C***-Arylpyrazines (***H* **72)**

The following coverage is not confined to methods for making simple alkylpyrazines. It does include methods leading to products with one or more functional passenger groups that have survived the procedure(s) involved. The many *primary syntheses* of alkylpyrazines have been covered in Chapters 1 and 2.

# *3.2.1.1. By Direct C-Alkylation (H 73)*

This process has been performed in many way to convert pyrazines or hydropyrazines into their C-alkylated derivatives. One particular form of such alkylation has been used extensively as the first step in making optically active  $\alpha$ -amino acids by the Schöllkopf synthesis.47, 48, 354, 743, 906, 1270, 1649, 1693, 1694, 1720 This involves, for example, lithiation/benzylation of the chiral "pyrazine bis lactam ether" (**18**) to give (with high asymmetric induction) the C-benzylated product (**19**), bearing its benzyl group trans to the methyl group across the ring; subsequent hydrolytic ring fission then affords a new optically active benzylated  $\alpha$ -amino acid (as its ester: **20b**) accompanied by the original optically active alanine used for synthesis of the substrate  $(18)$  (again as its ester:  $20a$ ).<sup>906</sup>



For convenience, this alkylation section is subdivided into two subsections, the first covering various regular C-alkylation processes and the second outlining some typical C-alkylations as used in the Schöllkopf synthesis.

3.2.1.1.1. General Procedures for C-Alkylation (*H* 73)

The following classified examples illustrate the methods that have been used recently for C-alkylation of pyrazines and hydropyrazines (see also Section 3.1.3 for the alkylation of unsubstituted pyrazine).

#### **By Homolytic Alkylation**

*Note:* It is probably fortuitous that nearly all recent examples of such nuclear *C*-alkylation have employed substrates bearing electron-withdrawing substituents.

- 2,3-Dimethylpyrazine  $(21, R = H)$  gave 2,3-dimethyl-5-phenethylpyrazine  $(21, R = H)$  $R = CH_2CH_2Ph$ ) [PhCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, AgNO<sub>2</sub>, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 95 $°C$ , no further details: 45%].<sup>1462</sup>
- 2-Pyrazinecarboxamide  $(22, R = H)$  gave 5-*tert*-butyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(22, R = Bu^t)$  [Bu<sup>t</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>H, AgNO<sub>3</sub>, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 80<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h: 50%];<sup>509</sup> 2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(23, R = H)$  likewise gave 5-*tert*-butyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(23, R = Bu^t)$  (69%);<sup>509</sup> and analogues were made similarly.<sup>509, 511, 669</sup>



- 2,3-Pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(24)$  gave a separable mixture of 5-ethyl- $(25, R = H)$ and 5,6-diethyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(26, R = Et)$  [EtCO<sub>2</sub>H (3 mol), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mol), (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (4 mol), MeCN—H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 7 h: 45 and 41%, respectively];<sup>1395</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>1395</sup>
- 5-Methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(26, R = H)$  gave 5-hydroxymethyl-6methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(26, R = CH_2OH)$  [HOCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, AgNO<sub>3</sub>,  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$ , MeCN—H<sub>2</sub>O, 75°C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 5 h: 74%; note incorrect name in original experimental section].1599

Also other examples.338, 1378, 1528, 1723



#### **By Organometallic Reagents**

- *Note:* Such alkylations appear to proceed by initial addition of the reagent to afford an alkyl dihydro product that may or may not undergo subsequent oxidation to an alkylpyrazine.
- 2-Pyrazinamine (27,  $R = H$ ) gave 3-benzyl-2-pyrazinamine (27,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) (preformed PhCH<sub>2</sub>Li, THF,  $0^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>, 1 h: 32%); 2-acetamidopyrazine (28, R = H) gave 2-acetamido-3-benzylpyrazine  $(28, R = CH_2Ph)$   $(37\%)$ ; and other analogues were made similarly without added oxidant.<sup>1096</sup>
- 2-Acetonylpyrazine (29,  $R = H$ ) gave 2-acetonyl-3-phenylpyrazine (29,  $R = Ph$ ) (preformed PhLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: 8%; see original for more detail).<sup>1388</sup>

2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine 4-oxide  $(30, R = H)$  gave 2-chloro-5-isopentyl-3,6dimethylpyrazine 4-oxide (30, R = CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>*i*</sup>) (Bu<sup>*i*</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>MgBr, THF, A,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 45 h:  $16\%$ ).<sup>1594</sup>

Also other examples.384, 833, 1108



## **By C-Lithiation and Subsequent Treatment with an Alkyl Halide**

- 2,6-Dimethoxypyrazine  $(31, R = H)$  gave 2,6-dimethoxy-3-methylpyrazine  $(31, R)$  $R = Me$ ) [preformed LiMe<sub>4</sub> piperidide, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 15 min; then MeI  $\downarrow$ , 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 92%];<sup>832</sup> likewise 2-methoxy-3-methylpyrazine (57%).<sup>832</sup>
- 2,5-Diethoxy-3,6-dihydropyrazine  $(32, R = H)$  gave 2-allyl-3,6-diethoxy-2,5dihydropyrazine (32, R = CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>) (preformed LiNPr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>, THF, -78°C, 90 min; then BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH= $CH_2 \downarrow$ , -78°C, 3 h; then 20°C, 16 h: 52%); analogues likewise.<sup>6</sup>
- 1,4-Dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (33, R = H) gave 3-[3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy)propyl]-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (33, R = Bu'Me<sub>2</sub>SiOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) [preformed LiNPr<sup>*i*</sup></sup><sub>2</sub>, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 2 min; then  $(Me_2N)_3PO\downarrow$ , ICH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSiMe<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>t</sup> $\downarrow$ ,  $-78 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 5 h: 55% net].<sup>451</sup>
- 2-Chloropyrazine (34,  $R = H$ ) gave 2-chloro-phenylpyrazine (34,  $R = Ph$ ) [preformed LiMe<sub>4</sub> piperidide, THF; then ZnCl<sub>2</sub>,  $\vert$ ,  $-70 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, giving (34,  $R = ZnCl_2$ ) by transmetalation; then PhI  $\downarrow$ , Pd (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> $\downarrow$ , THF, reflux, 20 h: 85%];1637 in making some analogues similarly, sonication improved yields.1637



Also other examples.470, 486, 904, 1252, 1418

*Note:* For many more examples, see Section 3. 2. 1. 1. 2

# **By C-Lithiation and Subsequent Treatment with Ethylene Oxide**

1,4-Dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (33, R = H) gave 3-(2hydroxyethyl)-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**33**, R = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH) [preformed LiNPr<sup>*i*</sup></sup><sub>2</sub>, THF, -78°C, 10 min; then  $(CH_2)_2O \downarrow$ ,  $-78 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 79% net].<sup>453</sup>

# **By Lithiation and Subsequent Treatment with an Alkene**

2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(35, R = H)$  gave 2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-(2-methoxycarbonyl-1-phenylethyl)-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**35**,  $R = CHPhCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Me$  (LiBu, THF- $-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>$ ,  $-70$ °C, 10 min; then MeCH=CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70 \rightarrow -20$ °C, 1 h: 88%; see original for chiral implications).803

# **By C-Lithiation and Subsequent Treatment with an Aldehyde or Ketone**

*Note:* This type of alkylation affords only *C*-(1-hydroxyalkyl)pyrazines.

- 2-Chloropyrazine  $(36, R = H)$  gave 2-chloro-3- $(1-hydroxyethy)$  pyrazine [36, R = CH (OH) Me] (preformed LiMe<sub>4</sub> piperidide,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 30 min; then MeCHO  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 90 min: 90%); the same substrate (26, R = H) gave 2-chloro-3-( $\alpha$ -hydroxydiphenylmethyl)pyrazine [36, R = C (OH) Ph<sub>2</sub>] (Ph<sub>2</sub>CO, likewise: 82%); also other analogues.<sup>220</sup>
- 2,5-Di-s-butylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(37, R = H)$  gave 2,5-di-s-butyl-3- $(1-hydrox$ ypropyl) pyrazine 1-oxide [37,  $R = CH$  (OH) Et] [preformed LiMe<sub>4</sub> piperidide, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, A, 20 min; then  $(Me<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>)$ ,  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 20 min; then EtCHO  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78 \rightarrow 0^{\circ}$ C, 17 h: 74%]; also several analogues likewise.<sup>316</sup>
- 2,5-Diethoxy-3,6-dihydropyrazine  $(38, R = H)$  gave 2,5-diethoxy-3-(1-hydroxy-1methylethyl)  $-3,6$ -dihydropyrazine [38, R = C (OH)Me<sub>2</sub>] [preformed LiNPr<sub>2</sub><sup>*i*</sup>, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 90 min; then AcMe  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 51%], and thence 2,5diethoxy-3-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)pyrazine (dichlorodicyanobenzoquinone, PhH, reflux, 1 h: 52%).<sup>6</sup>



Also other examples.<sup>406, 459, 642, 832, 912, 1092, 1455, 1504, 1519, 1588, 1597, 1602, 1613</sup>

*Note:* The lithio intermediate for this process may be generated alternatively by reductive dechlorolithiation of a chloropyrazine with Li metal.<sup>1751</sup>

#### **By Aldehydes or Ketones with a Strong Base (Alkylidenation?)**

- *Note:* This type of alkylation is applicable only to hydropyrazines and the products are frequently considered as alkylidene derivatives, despite the fact that they can usually be formulated as the tautomeric alkylpyrazines (with the extra double bond within the pyrazine ring).
- 2,3-Dimethyl-5,6-dihydropyrazine (**39**) gave 2,3-dimethyl-5-propylidene-5,6-dihydropyrazine (40,  $Q = Et$ ,  $R = H$ ) and/or the tautomeric 2,3-dimethyl-5-propylpyrazine (41, Q = Et, R = H) (EtCHO, EtONa, EtOH, N<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 1 h: 37%);<sup>473</sup> the same substrate (39) gave 2-sec-butyl-5,6-dimethylpyrazine (41,  $Q = Me$ ,  $R = Et$ ) (AcEt, similarly: 46%);<sup>473</sup> also many analogues likewise.<sup>473, 849, 1246</sup>



1,4-Diacetyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5-(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**43**) gave 1-acetyl-3-benzylidene-3,6-dihydro-2,5- $(H, 3H)$ -pyrazinedione (42) [PhCHO  $(1 \text{ mol})$ , Et<sub>2</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $25^{\circ}$ C, 4 h:  $66\%$ <sup>1525</sup> or 3,6-dibenzylidene-3,6-dihydro-2,5 (1*H*,  $4H$ )-pyrazinedione (44) [PhCHO (2 mol), Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 4 h: 93%; note deacetylation in both cases];<sup>1021</sup> also analogues of both products.<sup>1021, 1525</sup> Reduction of the dibenzylidene derivative (**44**) gave 3,6-dibenzyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5 (1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (Zn, AcOH—HCl, reflux, 9 h:  $40\%$ ).<sup>1021</sup>



The same substrate (**43**) gave 1-acetyl-3-*m*-methoxybenzylidene-3,6-dihydro-2,5 (1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (45) with monodeacetylation (MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> CHO-*m*, Bu<sup>t</sup>OK, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, N<sub>2</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 6 h: 63%).<sup>44</sup>

1,4-Diacetyl-3-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5 (1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**46**) gave 1-acetyl-3-*p*-methoxybenzylidene-6-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5 (1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**47**)  $(MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> CHO-p$ , Bu<sup>t</sup>OK, Me<sub>2</sub> NCHO—Bu<sup>t</sup>OH,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 22 h: ?%; or  $MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO-p$ ,  $KF/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>$ , Me<sub>2</sub> NCHO, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 16 h: 48%; note lack of base in the second procedure). $1616$ 

Also other examples.56, 98, 1002, 1075, 1158, 1415, 1744, 1762



## **By Other Reactions**

2,5-Dimethylpyrazine (**48**) and the cationic bis(cyclopentadienyl) zirconium complex (**49**) gave an isolable intermediate formulated as the complex (**50**) and thence 2,5-dimethyl-3-(pent-1-enyl) pyrazine (**51**) [one pot procedure: complex (49), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 23<sup>°</sup>C, 15 min; then HC=CPr  $\downarrow$ , 23<sup>°</sup>C, 2.5 h: 88%];<sup>868</sup> several analogues, like 2,5-dimethyl-3,6-bis[1-methyl-2-(trimethylsilyl) vinyl] pyrazine  $(51a)$   $(61\%)$ , were made similarly.<sup>868</sup>



2,3,5-Trimethylpyrazine gave 2,3,5-trimethylpiperazine (Ni-Al, KOH,  $H_2$  O, 19 h: 74%); likewise analogues.799 Contrarywise, 2,3-diphenyl-5,6-dihydropyrazine gave 2,3-diphenylpyrazine (NiO<sub>2</sub>, PhH, reflux, 4 h:  $92\%$ ).<sup>746</sup>

3,5-Dichloro-1-phenyl-2 (1*H*)-pyrazinone underwent 3,6-bridging alkylation (by a Diels–Alder mechanism) to give 4,6-dichloro-2-phenyl-2,5-diazabicyclo [2.2.2] oct-5-en-3-one (52)  $\{H_2 \}$ C=C $H_2$  (25 atm), PhMe, 110°C, sealed, 16 h: 86% [as somewhat unstable crude material, characterized by mass spectrometry (MS) and NMR];<sup>374</sup> also many analogues and derived products.<sup>374,375</sup>



#### 3.2.1.1.2 C-Alkylation in the Schöllkopf Synthesis

As indicated in the introduction to Section 3.2.1.1, the crucial step in Schöllkopf's synthesis of optically active  $\alpha$ -amino acids is the C-alkylation of a chiral 2,5-dialkoxy-3-alkyl-3,6-dihydropyrazine with high asymmetric induction in respect of the entering 6-alkyl group: This is almost always achieved by lithiation $1764$ of the substrate and subsequent treatment with an alkyl halide or other such reagent.1693,1694 The huge recent literature on this process (indicative of existing demand for optically pure  $\alpha$ -amino acids) is covered briefly by the following typical examples, classified according to the type of electrophilic reagent employed to supply the entering alkyl group. For practical reasons, chirality designations are not included in the names of substrates and products mentioned in these examples; the diastereoisomeric efficiency (de) is seldom  $\langle 75\% \rangle$  and usually  $>90\%$ . A typical lithiated substrate has been isolated and submitted to  $X$ -ray analysis;<sup>166</sup> also several unlithiated substrates.1735,1737

#### **Using Alkyl Halides**

- 2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**53**) gave 2-*p*-bromobenzyl-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-3,6-dihydropyrazine (54) (BuLi, THF $-C_6H_{14}$ ,  $-78^{\circ}C$ , 15 min; then BrH<sub>2</sub>CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br- $p \downarrow$ , -78°C, 2 h: 88%).<sup>1630</sup>
- The same substrate (**53**) gave 2-(but-3-enyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2, 5-dihydropyrazine (55) (BuLi, THF $-C_6H_{14}$ , A,  $-78^{\circ}C$ , 30 min; then BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C=CH<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , -78  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 15 h: 93%), and hence 2-(but-3-enyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2-(prop-2-ynyl)-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**56**) (BuLi, THF- $C_6H_{14}$ , -78°C, 1 h; then BrCH<sub>2</sub>C=CH  $\downarrow$ , -70  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 15 h: 88%).1610
- Also many other examples.<sup>41, 109, 115, 157, 174, 188, 189, 193, 195, 198, 200, 204, 228, 233, 263, 322,</sup> 344, 387, 394, 398, 400 – 402, 489, 491, 512, 516, 519, 522, 525, 527, 529, 536, 538, 798, 804, 819, 906, 910, 918, 945, 981, 998, 1051, 1056, 1058, 1150, 1253, 1341, 1346, 1348, 1350, 1442, 1453, 1466, 1469, 1477, 1486, 1489, 1512, 1552, 1608, 1628, 1632, 1676, 1680, 1727, 1731, 1755



## **Using Copper-Assisted Alkyl Halides**

- *Note:* Treatment of the lithiated substrate with cuprous cyanide prior to addition of the alkyl halide has been found to improve yield and/or stereoselectivity in some cases.
- 2,5-Diethoxy-3-isopropyl-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**57**) gave 2-[7-(*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxycarbonyl)heptyl]-3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (58, R = Si Bu'Me<sub>2</sub>) (BuLi, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C; then CuCN  $\downarrow$ , 0°C, 2 min; then I  $(CH_2)_7CO_2Si$  Bu'Me<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ ,  $-25^{\circ}C$ , 18 h: crude ester), and thence 2-(7-carboxyheptyl)-3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (58,  $R = H$ ) (Bu<sub>4</sub> NF, THF, 20°C?, 1 h: 90%, overall).1532

Also other examples.<sup>902, 987</sup>



# **Using Ethylene Oxide(s)**

2-Allyl-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**59**) gave 2-allyl-2- (2-hydroxyethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**60**) (BuLi, THF- $C_6H_{14}$ , -78°C, A, 45 min; then  $(CH_2)_2O \downarrow$ , BF<sub>3</sub>.Et<sub>2</sub>O  $\downarrow$ , -78°C, 1 h: 60%).1615

Also other examples using substituted ethylene oxides.<sup>211</sup>



#### **Using Alkenes**

2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**53**) gave 2-isopropyl-3, 6-dimethoxy-5-(2-methoxycarbonyl-1-methylethyl)-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**61**) (BuLi, THF- $C_6H_{14}$ , N<sub>2</sub>, -78°C, 15 min; then MeCH=CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78$ °C, 3 h:  $62\%$ );<sup>49</sup> the same substrate (53) gave 2-(4-ethoxycarbonyl-1methylbut-2-enyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**62**) (similarly, using MeCH=CHCH=CHCO<sub>2</sub>Et:  $>52\%$ ).<sup>218</sup>

Also other examples.213,658,900,1492,1521



## **Using Heavy Metal-Assisted Alkenes or Arenes**

- *Note:* Some alkylations are improved by conversion of the lithiated substrate into a Cu or Ti complex prior to addition of an alkene; alternatively, the Mn complex of an arene may be used.
- 2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**64**) gave 2-(2-acetyl-1-phenylethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**63**) (BuLi, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C; CuBr.SMe<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , SMe<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ ,  $-30^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: then PhCH=CHAc  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C,<br>  $>4$  h:  $62\%)^{921}$  or 2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-[(4-oxocyclohex-1- $>4$  h:  $62\%)^{921}$  or 2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-[(4-oxocyclohex-1enyl)methyl]-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**65**) (likewise, using 4-methylenecyclohex-2-enone: 48% after separation from an isomeric byproduct).<sup>892,924</sup>
- The same substrate (**64**) gave 2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-(1-methyl-2-nitroethyl)-2,5-dihydropyrazine (66) [BuLi, THF— $C_6H_{14}$ , -78°C, 15 min; then CITi(NEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 1 h; then MeCH=CHNO<sub>2</sub>, 12 h: 51%; this yield was lower than that (81%) obtained without titanation but the stereoselectivity was much better]; also analogues. $377,919$
- The same substrate (**64**) gave the complex (**67**) (BuLi, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C; then PhMn  $(CO)_{3}$ .BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>  $\downarrow$ , -78°C, 30 min: 80%), and thence, by oxidative demetalation, 2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-phenyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**68**) [*N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS), Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 15 min: 60%); also substituted-phenyl analogues likewise.<sup>169</sup>



#### **Using Alkyl** *p***-Toluenesulfonates, Methanesulfonates, or the Like**

- 2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**64**) gave 2-isopropyl-3,6 dimethoxy-5-methylenecyclopropylmethyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**69**) [BuLi, THF- $C_6H_{14}$ , -78°C, 30 min; then methylenecyclopropylmethyl *p*-toluenesulfonate  $\downarrow$ , A,  $-78 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 4.5 h: 90%].<sup>173,386</sup>
- 2,5-Diethoxy-3-isopropyl-3,6-dihydropyrazine gave 2,5-diethoxy-3-isopropyl-6-(3-trimethylsilyprop-2-ynyl)-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**70**) (BuLi, 78°C; then  $MSOCH_2C = CSiMe_3$ : 72%).<sup>1666</sup>



Also other examoles employing phosphate or other sulfonate esters;<sup>1069,1666</sup> one of the latter, 2-bromoethyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, afforded a product stereochemically contrary to that expected from a Schöllkopf procedure.<sup>1069</sup>

#### **Using Aldehydes or Ketones**

- *Note:* Both aldehydes and ketones afford hydroxyalkylated products but it appears that aldehydes give better results in Ti-assisted reactions (see the next subsection).
- 2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**71**) and 1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5] decane-2-carbaldehyde (**72**) gave 2-(1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]dec-2-yl)hydroxymethyl-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**73**) [BuLi, THF,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 15 min; then aldehyde (72)  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 69%].<sup>521</sup>
- The same substrate (**71**) gave 2-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-5-isopropyl-3, 6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (74) (BuLi, THF $-C_6H_{14}$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 10 min; the AcMe  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 98%);<sup>196</sup> 2-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2- methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine<sup>194</sup> and other homologues<sup>517,905,</sup> <sup>911</sup> were made similarly.
- The same substrate (**71**) gave the 2-(1-ethyl-1-mercaptopropyl) derivative (**75**), isolated as its more stable thioether, 2-[1-ethyl-1-(methylthio)propyl]-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5- dihydropyrazine  $(76)$  (BuLi, THF $-C_6H_{14}$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 10 min; then Et<sub>2</sub>C=S  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 12 h; then MeI  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 40 h : 76%).355

Also other examples.197,459,471,515,520,531,537,1023,1097,1435,1497,1498,1520,1670



## **Using Titanium- or Aluminum-Assisted Aldehydes**

- 2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**71**) gave 2-(1-hydroxyethyl)-5 isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(77, \text{ R} = \text{Me})$  [BuLi, THF- $C_6H_{14}$ , -70°C, 15 min; then ClTi (NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$  -70°C, 45 min; then MeCHO  $\downarrow$ , -70°C, 12 h: 79%];<sup>206</sup> in a similar way, appropriate aldehydes gave 2-( $\alpha$ -hydroxybenzyl)- (77, R = Ph) (84%), 2-(1-hydroxybut-2-enyl)- $(77, R = CH:CHMe)$   $(91\%)$ , and 2-(1-hydroxybutyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (77, R = Pr)  $(84\%)$ .<sup>535</sup>
- 2,5-Diethoxy-3-isopropyl-3,6-dihydropyrazine gave 2,5-diethoxy-3-isopropyl-6- (2,3,4,5-tetraacetoxy-1-hydroxypentyl)-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**78**) [BuLi, THF,  $-50^{\circ}$ C; then Et<sub>2</sub>AlCl  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78^{\circ}$ C; then AcOCH<sub>2</sub>(CHOAc)<sub>3</sub>CHO  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 3 h:  $58\%$ ].<sup>1107</sup>

Also other examples.372,521,526,532,1213



# **Using Variant Procedures for C-Alkylation**

- *Note:* There are several ways to prepare Schöllkopf's alkylated lactam ether substrates (for the preparation of  $\alpha$ -amino acids) that do not imvolve the foregoing standard lithiation/alkylation procedures. Such variants are exemplified here.
- 2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**79**) gave 2-chloro-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(80)$  (BuLi, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 15 min; then  $C_2Cl_6 \downarrow$ ,  $-78^{\circ}C$ ,? min: 90%; isolable but unstable and best used *in situ*), and thence 2-(dimethoxycarbonylmethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (81) [NaHC(CO<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>, [18]crown-6-ether, THF, 0°C:  $\sim 65\%$ ].<sup>916</sup>
- The foregoing chloro intermediate (**80**) gave a tin complex (**83**) that reacted with *p*-diethoxybenzene to afford 2-(2,5-diethoxyphenyl)-5-isopropyl-3, 6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (84) (EtOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OEt-*p*, SnCl<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; then  $(80)$ ,  $-78$ °C, 6 h: 65%).<sup>920</sup>
- The substrate (**79**) gave 2-cyclohexyl-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (82) (BuLi, THF,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 15 min; then TsN<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 30 min; then cyclohexene  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 18 h: 71%; see original for postulated mechanism involving attack by a pyrazine radical on cyclohexene).<sup>917</sup>



- Ethyl 3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl-2,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**85**) gave ethyl  $2-\lceil\alpha-(tert-butyldimethylsiboxy)$ benzyl]-3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl -2,5-dihydro-2pyrazinecarboxylate (86)  $\text{[Sn(CSO_2CF_3)]}, \text{EtN(CH_2)}$ , THF,  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; or MgBr<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN, -20°C; in both cases followed by Bu'Me<sub>2</sub>SiOSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, lutidine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $-45^{\circ}$ C:  $\sim$ 85%; note lack of a lithiation step];<sup>1634</sup> also analogous examples.<sup>1739</sup>
- 2,5-Diethoxypyrazine (**87**) gave the unisolated dihydro adduct (**88**), and thence *racemic*-2-butyl-3,6-diethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**89**) (BuLi, Et<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NEt<sub>2</sub>, THF,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 3 h; then pH 7 buffer  $\downarrow$  : 75%); this underwent normal Schöllkopf lithiation/alkylation at the 5-position but the product and derived amino acid were naturally both racemic.<sup>539</sup>



# *3.2.1.2. By Replacement of Halogeno Substituents (H 142)*

The replacement of (mainly nuclear) halogeno substituents by alkyl or aryl groups has been used extensively in recent years. Such replacement can be achieved with a variety of reagents, as illustrated in the following classified examples:

#### Using Alkynes (Pd or Pd—Cu Catalyzed)

- 2-Chloro-3,6-diisobutylpyrazine (**90**) gave 2,5-diisobutyl-3-trimethylsilylethynylpyrazine (91) [HC=CSiMe<sub>3</sub>, Pd (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, 100°C, sealed, 6 h: 93%].<sup>1527</sup>
- 3-Amino-6-bromo-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(92, R = Br)$  gave 3-amino-6-phenylethynyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (92,  $R = C$ :CPh) (PhC=CH, PdCl<sub>2</sub>, CuI, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 18 h: 75%);<sup>802</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>802,806</sup>



2,6-Dichloro-3-iodopyrazine (**93**) gave only 2,6-dichloro-3-phenylethynylpyrazine (**94**) [PhC $\equiv$ CH, CuI, PdCl<sub>2</sub> (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 87%; note preferential displacement of the iodo substituent].<sup>1455</sup>

Also other examples.10,93,96,201,234,252,817,838,1114,1537,1559,1588,1607,1747



#### **Using Alkenes (Pd Catalyzed)**

2-Chloro-3,6-diethylpyrazine (95) gave 2,5-diethyl-3-styrylpyrazine (96,  $R = Ph$ )  $[PhCH=CH_2, Pd(PPh_3)_4, AcOK, AcNMe_2,$  reflux, 2 h: 71%], 2-(2-ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-diethylpyrazine (**96**,  $R = CO<sub>2</sub>Et$ ) [EtO<sub>2</sub>CCH=CH<sub>2</sub>, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. AcOK, AcNMe<sub>2</sub>, 130°C, 15 h: 44%], or 2-(2-cyanovinyl)-3,6-diethylpyrazine (**96**,  $R = CN$ ) [CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCN, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, AcOK, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 100<sup>o</sup>C, 15 h:  $50\%$ ];<sup>1391</sup> also several analogues likewise.<sup>252,1391</sup>

Also other examples.1570,1588



#### **Using Heteroaromatics (Pd Catalyzed)**

- *Note:* Replacement of halogeno substituents with heteroaromatics appears to be confined to the use of  $\pi$ -excessive systems; a few sugars have also been used. 2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**97**) and furan (**98**,  $X = O$ ) gave 2-(furan-2-yl)-3, 6-dimethylpyrazine (99,  $X = O$ ) [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, AcOK, AcNMe<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 6 h: 75%]; the same substrate (**97**) with thiophene (**98**,  $X = S$ ) likewise gave 2.5-dimethyl-3-(thien-2-yl)pyrazine (99,  $X = S$ ) (77%); and appropriate heterocycles, in a broadly similar way, afforded products such as 2,5-dimethyl-3-(pyrrol-2-yl)pyrazine (99,  $X = NH$ ) (25%), 2,5-dimethyl-3-(oxazol-5-yl)pyrazine (100,  $X = 0$ ), 2,5-dimethyl-3-(thiazol-5-yl)pyrazine (**100**, R = S) (61%), and 2-(3, 6-dimethylpyrazin-2-yl)benzothiazole (**101**) (43%).323
- 2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**97**) with indole gave 2-(3,6-dimethylpyrazin-2-yl)indole (102,  $Q = Me$ ,  $R = H$ ) [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, AcOK, Me<sub>2</sub>NAc, reflux, A, 12 h:  $54\%/12^{87}$  2-chloro-3,6-diphenylpyrazine likewise gave 2-(3, 6-diphenylpyrazin-2-yl)indole (102,  $Q = Ph$ ,  $R = H$ )  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ ,  $K_2CO_3$ , CuI, Me<sub>2</sub>NAc, reflux, A, 12 h:  $70\%$ ];<sup>287</sup> but 2-chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**97**) with 1-tosylindole gave, not the expected product (102,  $Q = Me$ ,  $R = Ts$ ), but the isomeric 3-(3,6-dimethylpyrazin-2-yl)-1-tosylindole  $[Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>$ , AcOK, AcNMe<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 12 h: ~40%; other N-substituted indoles behaved similarly].102

Also other examples, including the use of sugars.<sup>113,1302,1503</sup>



## **Using Carbanions**

- 2,3,5,6-Tetrachloropyrazine  $(103, R = \text{Cl})$  gave 2,3,5-trichloro-6-dicyanomethylpyrazine  $[103, R = CH(CN)_2] [H_2C(CN)_2, NaH, THF, reflux, 20]$ h: 85%1.<sup>1308</sup>
- 2-Chloropyrazine gave 2-(2-oxocyclopentyl)pyrazine  $(104)$   $[(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>$ C=O, KH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 0°C; substrate  $\downarrow$ , 0°C 2 h: 34%].<sup>793</sup>
- 2-Chloropyrazine gave 2-( $\alpha$ -cyanobenzyl)pyrazine (105) [PhCH<sub>2</sub>CN, NaNH<sub>2</sub>, THF, N<sub>2</sub>,  $\leq 20^{\circ}$ C, 15 min; substrate , 20°C, 2 h: 73%]<sup>69</sup> or 2-acetonylpyrazine (106) [AcMe, KNH<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> (liquid)—Et<sub>2</sub>O; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , N<sub>2</sub>, dark, 5 min: 98%; for more precise details, see original].<sup>766</sup>



- 5,6-Dichloro-3-nitro-2-pyrazinamine and ethyl 3-aminocrotonate gave 5-(2 amino-1-ethoxycarbonylprop-1-enyl)-6-chloro-3-nitro-2-pyrazinamine (**107**) (Et3N, Pr*<sup>i</sup>* OH, 20°C, 16 h: 62%).788
- 2,3-Dichloropyrazine and tosylacetonitrile gave 2-chloro-3- $(\alpha$ -cyano- $\alpha$ -tosylmethyl)pyrazine (108) (Me<sub>2</sub>SO, anhydrous  $Cs_2CO_3$ , 60°C, 6 h: 48%).<sup>434</sup>
- Also other examples, 51,361,783,808,1180,1195,1412,1518 some using extranuclear halogenopyrazines as substrates.<sup>938, 1402</sup>



#### **Using Radicals**

5,6-Dichloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**110**) gave 5-*tert*-butyl-6-chloro-2, 3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (109) [Bu<sup>t</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>H, AgNO<sub>3</sub>, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O-MeCN, 80°C, A, 130 min: 31%],335 several analogues likewise,335 or 5-chloro-6-(*N*formylanilino)methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (111) [PhN(CHO)CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>, MeCN, hv: <20%; radical mechanism postulated].<sup>338</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>55</sup>


#### **Using Alkyl Halides (Cu Catalyzed)**

- *Note:* This replacement appears to have been used recently only with perfluoroalkyl halides.
- 2,6-Dichloropyrazine (112) gave 2,6-bis(perfluorooctyl)pyrazine (113)  $[C_8F_{17}]$ , Cu, 2,2'-bipyridine, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (solvent), reflux, 53 h: 89%].<sup>1326</sup>
- 2-Iodo-3-phenylthiopyrazine  $(114, R = I)$  gave 2-phenylthio-3-trifluoromethylpyrazine (114,  $R = CF_3$ ) (MeO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>Cl, KF, CuI, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, A, 115°C, 3 h: 63%; MeI and CO<sub>2</sub> lost);<sup>1596</sup> 2-chloro-3-trifluoromethylpyrazine  $(50\%)$  was made similarly.<sup>1596</sup>



### **Using Aryl- or Heteroarylboronic Acids (Pd Catalyzed)**

- 2-Chloropyrazine (115,  $R = Cl$ ) gave 2-phenylpyrazine (115,  $R = Ph$ )  $[PhB(OH)_2, PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2, Na_2CO_2, PhMe—EtOH—H_2O, reflux 24 h: 78\%;$ product named incorrectly in the experimental section of the original paper].380
- 3-Benzoyl-5-bromo-2-pyrazinamine  $(116, R = Br)$  gave 3-benzoyl-5-phenyl-2pyrazinamine (116,  $R = Ph$ ) [PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub>, PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PhCN)<sub>2</sub>, Ph<sub>2</sub>PCHMeCH-MePPh<sub>2</sub>, PhMe, A, 20°C, 30 min; the substrate  $\downarrow$ , Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 7 h: 92%];<sup>1092</sup> likewise, the 5-(naphthalen-2-yl) (116, R = C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>- $\beta$ ) (96%), some 5-(substituted-phenyl), and the 5-(thien-2-yl) analogues.<sup>1092</sup>

2-Chloropyrazine  $(115, R = C)$  gave 5-(pyrazin-2-yl)indole  $(117)$  [5-indoleboronic acid,  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe - H<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 4 h: 55%].326

Also other examples.735,808,1617,1619



### **Using Trialkylaluminums (Pd Catalyzed)**

2-Chloro-3,6-diethylpyrazine  $(119, R = H)$  gave 2,5-diethyl-3-methylpyrazine (**118**) [Me<sub>3</sub>Al, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, dioxane—C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>, A, reflux, 2 h:  $88\%$ ];<sup>280</sup> 2,5dichloro-3,6-diethylpyrazine (119,  $R = Cl$ ) gave 2,5-diethyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**120**) (likewise but reflux, 4 h: 93%);280 and many homologues and their *N*-oxides were made similarly.<sup>280,282</sup>

The use of triethylaluminum under similar conditions proved less satisfactory.<sup>293</sup>



#### **Using Trialkylboranes (Pd Catalyzed)**

2-Chloro-3,6-diisopropylpyrazine (**121**) gave 2,5-diisopropyl-3-phenylpyrazine  $(122)$  [Ph<sub>3</sub>B (made *in situ* from BF<sub>3</sub>.Et<sub>2</sub>O, PhBr, Mg, Et<sub>2</sub>O), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, A, 12 h: 47% (with 32% substrate recovery)];<sup>307</sup> the same substrate (121) gave 2-ethyl-3,6-diisopropylpyrazine (123) (Et<sub>3</sub>B, likewise: 89%);<sup>293</sup> and analogues were made somewhat similarly.<sup>293, 307</sup>



### **Using Diethylzinc (Ni or Pd Catalyzed)**

- 2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**124**) gave 2-ethyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**125**) [Et<sub>2</sub>Zn, NiCl<sub>2</sub>.(Ph<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, THF, A, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 71%];<sup>55</sup> 2-ethyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(126)$   $(46%)$  was made similarly;<sup>1594</sup> and analogues likewise.<sup>55,1594</sup>
- The same substrate (**124**) gave a separable mixture of 2-ethyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (125) and 2,5-dimethylpyrazine  $[Et_2Zn, Pd(PPh_3)_4, K_2CO_3,$ Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, A,  $\leq 12$  h: 25 and 49%, respectively: the main reaction was therefore hydrogenolysis].<sup>293</sup>



### **Using Tetraalkyl- or Tetraaryltin (Pd Catalyzed)**

- *Note:* These tin compounds might well be the reagents of choice (from among their metal/metaloid analogues) for the replacement of halogeno by alkyl/aryl substituents in the pyrazine series.
- 1-Benzyl-3,6-dichloro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (127,  $R = Cl$ ) gave 1-benzyl-5-chloro-3methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (127, R = Me) [Me<sub>4</sub>Sn, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, PhMe, reflux, <5 days; residue from evaporation, KF, AcOEt, 20°C, 12 h: 81%) or its 3-ethyl homologues (127,  $R = Et$ ) (Et<sub>4</sub>Sn, likewise: 95%);<sup>391</sup> analogues similarly.<sup>391</sup>
- 2-Bromo-5-formamidopyrazine  $(128, R = Br)$  gave 2-formamido-5-phenylpyrazine (128, R = Ph) [Ph<sub>4</sub>Sn, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, N<sub>2</sub>, 120°C, <24 h; then KF/H<sub>2</sub>O  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 12 h: 58%] or its 5-(thien-2-yl) analogues (128,  $R =$  thien-2-yl) (tetrathien-2-yltin; likewise: 99%).<sup>1093</sup>
- *Note:* In some cases, the addition of LiCl and EtPr*<sup>i</sup>* 2N to the reaction mixture improved rates and yields.1093
- 2-Chloropyrazine with 3-(tributylstannyl)pyridine 1-oxide (**129**) gave 2-(1-oxidopyridin-3-yl)pyrazine  $(130)$   $[Pd(PPh_3)_4$ , THF, reflux, 10 h: 98%; see original for procedural details].898

Also many other examples.288,305,469,649,990,1488



#### **Using Grignard Reagents**

*Note:* The paucity of examples in this category is surprising. 1-Benzyl-3,5 dichloro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**131**) gave 1-benzyl-5-chloro-3-phenyl-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (132) [PhMgBr/Et<sub>2</sub>O (made *in situ*), THF, -30°C, 10 min: 90%].374



## **Using Copper Alkynides**

- 5-Iodo-3,6-diisobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**133**) gave 3,6-diisobutyl-5-phenylethynyl-2  $(1H)$ -pyrazinone  $(134)$  (CuC $=$ CPh, pyridine, reflux, 6 h: 67% after separation from unchanged substrate (23%); the corresponding chloro and bromo substrates gave much lower yields under comparable conditions.<sup>321</sup>
- Methyl 3,5-diamino-6-iodo-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(135, R = I)$  gave methyl 3,5-diamino-6-phenylethynyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(135, R = C:CPh)$  $[CuC = CPh, (Me<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>PO, N<sub>2</sub>, 100°C, 30 min: 29%]^{713}$



#### **Using Sulfonium or Phosphonium Reagents**

- 2-Chloro-5,6-diphenylpyrazine (**136**) gave successively dimethyloxosulfonium 5,6-diphenylpyrazin-2-ylmethylide  $(137)$  [H<sub>2</sub>CS(=O)Me<sub>2</sub>, THF, N<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 5 h: 93%], acetyl dimethyloxosulfonium 5,6-diphenylpyrazin-2-ylmethylide (**138**) (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, dioxane, 0°C, 90 min: 91%), and 2-acetonyl-5,6diphenylpyrazine (139) (Raney Ni, MeOH, reflux, 30 min: 60%).<sup>91</sup>
- 3,5-Dichloro-1-phenethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**140**) gave 5-chloro-3-methyl-1 phenethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**141**), via an unisolated phosphonium ylide (MePh<sub>2</sub>P<sup>+</sup> Br<sup>-</sup>, BuLi, THF,  $-30^{\circ}$ C, 15 min; substrate  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 6 h; 0.5 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 6 h: 82%).<sup>374</sup>



## *3.2.1.3. By Replacement of Alkoxy, Cyano, Nitro, or Oxo Substituents*

There have been few recent reports on the introduction of an alkyl group into the pyrazine nucleus by displacement of a non-halogeno substituent. However, the following examples indicate that this possibility should not be ignored:

2-Methoxypyrazine  $(142)$  gave 2- $(\alpha$ -cyanobenzyl)pyrazine  $(143)$  (PhCH<sub>2</sub>CN, NaH, THF, reflux, 30 min; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, TLC monitored:  $46\%$ ).<sup>309</sup> other carbanions seem to have been less successful.<sup>309</sup>



5,6-Diphenyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**145**) gave 3-allyl-5,6-diphenyl-2 pyrazinecarbonitrile (144) (Me<sub>2</sub>SiCH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, MeCN, hv, A, 70 h: 98%; with a trace of phenanthrene as sensitizer, only 25 h was required) or 3-benzyl-5,6-diphenyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (146) (Me<sub>3</sub>SiCH<sub>2</sub>Ph, trace phenanthrene, MeCN, *hv*, A, 25 h: 98%).<sup>1087</sup>



- 2-Bromo-5-nitropyrazine (**147**) gave 2,5-bis(1,1-dicyanopent-4-ynyl)pyrazine (148) [HC=CCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CN)<sub>2</sub>, NaH, THF, N<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 20 min; substrate  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 2 h: 48%].361
- 6-Benzyl-2,3,5-piperazinetrione  $(149, X = 0)$  gave 3-benzyl-6-methoxycarbonylmethylene-2,5-piperazinedione  $(149, X = CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me)$   $(Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me,$ PhMe, reflux, 19 h:  $60\%$ ); also analogues.<sup>969</sup>



*3.2.1.4. By Interconversion of Simple Alkyl Substituents (H* 74, 92)

Alkyl-, alkenyl-, or alkynylpyrazines [usually with no functional groups attached to the alkyl substituent(s)] may be converted into other such pyrazines in several ways, as illustrated in the following examples:

#### **Using Reduction**

- 2,5-Dimethyl-3-phenylethynylpyrazine (**150**) gave 2,5-dimethyl-3-styrylpyrazine (150a) [H<sub>2</sub>, Lindlar catalyst (Pd/CaCO<sub>3</sub>, Pb-deactivated),  $C_6H_{14}$ , 20°C: 97%; or LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF, reflux, 4 h:  $\sim$ 20%].<sup>96</sup>
- In contrast, methyl 5-(pent-1-ynyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(151, R = C$ :CPr) gave methyl 5-pentyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(151, R = CH_2Bu)$  (H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C, MeOH,  $20^{\circ}$ C: 94%).<sup>93</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>969,1588</sup>



## **Using Extranuclear Alkylation**

- 2-Methylpyrazine (152) gave 2-benzylpyrazine (153) [NaNH<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> (liquid), trace Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, -78°C; then PhBr  $\downarrow$  15 min: 53%]<sup>199</sup> or several other 2alkylpyrazines likewise.<sup>886</sup>
- 2,3,5,6-Tetramethylpyrazine gave 1,2-bis(3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine-2-yl)ethane (**154**) Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O—C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>, 0°C, 1 h: then I<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 0°C, 30 min: 31%); also homologues likewise.<sup>1128</sup>

Also other examples.340,1560



### **Using Extranuclear Alkylidenation**

- 2,5-Dimethylpyrazine gave 2,5-distyrylpyrazine (PhCHO,  $Bz_2O$ , reflux, no further details).1077
- 2-Methylpyrazine 1-oxide gave 2-styrylpyrazine 1-oxide (PhCHO, MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 2 h: 96%).<sup>1300</sup>

### **By Prototropy**

Some esoteric examples of the acid-catalyzed migration of extranuclear double bonds have been reported.1756,1763

# *3.2.1.5. By Elimination of Functionality from Existing Substituents (H 77)*

Substituents bearing a functional group may be converted into simple alkyl substituents in a variety of ways, illustrated in the following examples:

## **From (Hydroxyalkyl)pyrazines**

2,5-Diethoxy-3-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)pyrazine (**155**) gave 2,5-diethoxy-3 isopropenylpyrazine (**156**) (TsOH, PhH, molecular sieves, reflux: 80%);6 2-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-iodo-3-methoxypyrazine gave 2-iodo-5 methoxy-6-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)pyrazine (**157**) (TsOH, PhMe, reflux with  $H<sub>2</sub>O$  removal, 6 h: 65%).<sup>1588</sup>



- 2-(2-Hydroxyheptyl)-3-methylpyrazine gave 2-(hept-1-enyl)-3-methylpyrazine (TsCl, pyridine,  $10^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 12 h: 45%); also homologues and isomers likewise.<sup>352</sup>
- Also examples of extranuclear dehydroxylation by other dehydrative methods<sup>194,</sup> 1239,1377 or by reduction<sup>384</sup> have been reported.

## **From (Halogenoalkyl)pyrazines**

- *Note:* Hydrogenolysis and other reductive methods appear to be almost unrepresented in recent literature (however, see Section 4.4).
- 2-(2,2-Dibromovinyl)- (**158**) gave 2-ethynyl-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (159) (BuLi, THF—C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 90 min: 83%; mechanism?).528
- 2-Chloromethyl-5-methylpyrazine (**160**) gave 2-methyl-5-triphenylphosphoniomethylpyrazine chloride  $(161)$  (PPh<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 75<sup>o</sup>C, 6 h: 81%), and thence 2-methyl-5-vinylpyrazine  $(162)$  (HCHO, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: 37%).<sup>1446</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>811,1239</sup>





#### **From Acylpyrazines**

- *Note:* The reduction of *C*-acyl- to *C*-alkylpyrazines has been used occasionally;1022,1567 in addition, pyrazinecarbaldehydes react with methylene reagents to afford alkenylpyrazines, providing one or other reactant is preconverted into a Wittig reagent, as here illustrated.
- 3-Methylthio-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde  $(163, X = 0)$  and the Witting reagent, (ethoxycarbonylmethylene)triphenylphosphorane, gave 2-(2-ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3-methylthiopyrazine (163,  $R = CH_2CO_2Et$ ) (neat reactants,  $N_2$ , 135°C, 8 h: 87%).<sup>1126</sup>

Also analogous reactions.<sup>1152</sup>



## **From Trialkylsilylalkylpyrazines**

2,5-Dimethyl-3-(trimethylsilylethynyl)pyrazine  $(164, R = \text{SiMe}_3)$  gave 2-ethynyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine  $(164, R = H)$  (KOH, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 1) h:  $>68\%$ ).<sup>201</sup> Displacement of SiMe<sub>3</sub> by aryl is also possible.<sup>1527</sup>

## **From Tosyloxypyrazines**

- 2-Methyl-6-tosyloxypyrazine gave 6,6-dimethyl-2,2-bipyrazine (**165**) (formally an arylpyrazine!) (PPh<sub>3</sub>, NiCl<sub>3</sub>, Zn, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 15 min; then substrate  $\perp$ , 50°C, 4 h: 50%).<sup>1461</sup>
- 2-Methyl-5-tosyloxymethylpyrazine and indol-3-ylmagnesium bromide (made *in situ*) gave 3-[(5-methylpyrazin-2-yl)methyl]indole (THF,  $-23 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 30%).324



### **From Pyrazinyl Sulfones or Sulfoxides**

- 2-Methylsulfonylpyrazine (**166**,  $R = Me$ ) gave 2-methylpyrazine (**167**,  $R = Me$ ) and pyrazine with loss of  $SO_2$  (pyrolysis,  $\sim$ 270°C, 760 mmHg, 30 min: 25% and a trace, respectively); as the size/bulk of the alkyl group was increased, so the yield of pyrazine increased at the expense of the alkylpyrazine (167): for example, 2-*tert*-butylsulfonylpyrazine (166,  $R = Bu^t$ ) gave 2-*tert*-butylpyrazine (167,  $R = Bu^t$ ) and pyrazine (~170°C: trace and 49%, respectively).239
- 2-(6-Methylpyridin-2-ylsulfinyl)pyrazine gave 2-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)pyrazine (MeMgBr, THF,  $-50^{\circ}$ C, 15 min: 36%).<sup>871</sup>



# **From Heteroarylpyrazines**

- 2-(5-Amino-3-phenylisoxazol-4-yl)pyrazine (**168**) gave 2-phenylethynylpyrazine  $(169)$  (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, AcOH—H<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h: 80%; mechanism suggested).<sup>795</sup>
- 2-(Benzo[*b*]thien-2-yl)-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**170**) underwent desulfurization to 2,5-dimethyl-3-phenacylpyrazine (**171**) (Raney Ni, EtOH, reflux, 8 h:

72%);323 likewise 2,5-diisobutyl-3-(thien-2-yl)pyrazine (**172**) gave 2-butyl-3,6-diisobutylpyrazine  $(92\%)$ .<sup>323</sup>



## *3.2.1.6. By Ipso-Substitution of Trimethylsiloxycarbonyl Substituents*

Trimethylsilyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(174)$  gave  $2-\lceil\alpha-(\text{trimethylsiloxy})\text{ben-}$ zyl]pyrazine (173) (neat PhCHO, N<sub>2</sub>, 200°C, 4 days: 50%) or 2-[ $\alpha$ -phenyl- $\alpha$ -(trimethylsiloxy)benzyl]pyrazine (**175**) (BzPh, 240°C, 13 days: 23%); a rational mechanism was suggested.<sup>362</sup>

*Note:* The foregoing products are clearly of potential use as intermediates because analogous (trimethylsiloxyalkyl)pyridines readily underwent hydrolysis to the corresponding alcohols.<sup>362</sup>



### **3.2.2. Preparation of N-Alkyl- and N-Arylpiperazines (***H* **377)**

The N-alkylation, N-arylation, and in particular N-heteroarylation of piperazines is an important process because of the common propensity (justified or not) for introducing a piperazino grouping into structures perceived as potentially bioactive in a variety of drug-related areas. The various routes to such N-alkylated piperazines are outlined in this section, which also includes examples of the N-alkylation of di- or tetrahydropyrazines; the N-alkylation of (tautomeric) pyrazinones and the like is covered in Section 5.1.2.2.

*3.2.2.1. By N-Alkylation Processes (H 377)*

Most such processes have involved treatment with an alkyl halide or with an (activated) aryl or heteroaryl halide in the presence of a base but many other reagents have been used as well. Naturally, piperazines can undergo mono- or dialkylation, broadly according to the amount of reagent, but sometimes prior protection of one NH grouping may be necessary to avoid any dialkylation. The following classified examples illustrate recently reported alkylation processes:

## **N-Monoalkylation with Alkyl Halides**

- *tert*-Butyl 1-piperazinecarboxylate (**176**) gave *tert*-butyl 4-*p*-chlorobenzyl-1 piperazinecarboxylate (177) (ClH<sub>2</sub>CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl- $p$ , K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 12 h), and thence 1-*p*-chlorobenzylpiperazine  $(178)$  (F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h: 91% overall); note protection from dialkylation.<sup>1644</sup>
- 2-Piperazinecarboxamide  $(179, R = H)$  gave 4-(3-cyanopropyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (179,  $R = CH_2CH_2CH_2CN$ ) (BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 50°C, 3 h: 67%) or 4-[3-(diethoxyphosphiny1)propy1]-2-piperazinecarboxamide (179,  $R = CH_2CH_2CH_2PO(OEt)_2$ , Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 50°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 6 h: 80%]; note regioselectivity in both cases.<sup>1355</sup>
- 1-Benzylpiperazine (180,  $R = H$ ) gave 1-benzyl-4-cyanomethylpiperazine (180,  $R = CH_2CN$ ) (ClCH<sub>2</sub>CN, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20<sup>o</sup>C, 2 h: 93%;<sup>635</sup> or BrCH<sub>2</sub>CN,  $K_2CO_3$ , Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 35  $\rightarrow$  20 $^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 85%).<sup>660</sup>
- 3-Methyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (181,  $R = H$ ) gave 4-benzyl-3methyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (181,  $R = Ch_2Ph$ ) (PhCH<sub>2</sub>Cl, MeOH, reflux, 24 h:  $60\%$  as hydrochloride; note regioselectivity).<sup>149</sup>
- Also other examples.42,292,443,493,495,606,677,679,685,692,694,697,715,781,814,841,873,951,953,992,1014, 1155,1176,1189,1342,1514,1554,1682



#### **N,N-Dialkylation with the Same Alkyl Halide**

Piperazine gave 1,4-diallylpiperazine (**182**,  $R = H$ ) [BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, (2 mol), NaOH, PhCH<sub>2</sub>Et<sub>3</sub>NCl, H<sub>2</sub>O—CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 45°C,3 h: 55%]<sup>498</sup> or 1,4-bis(2,3,3trichloroallyl)piperazine (182, R = Cl) (ClCH<sub>2</sub>CCl=CCl<sub>2</sub>, Pr<sup>i</sup>OH, 95°C, 4 h: 87%).1344

Also other examples.266,596,720



### **N,N-Dialkylation with Different Alkyl Halides**

1-Piperazinecarbaldehyde (1-formylpyrazine) gave successively 1-cinnamyl-4 piperazinecarbaldehyde (183) (PhCH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>Br, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, PhMe, 110<sup>o</sup>C, 23 h: 45%; note protection from dialkylation), 1-cinnamylpiperazine (**184**) (HCl, 95°C, 3 h: 55%; deprotection), and 1-cinnamyl-4-[2-(2,6 dimethoxyphenoxy)ethyl]piperazine  $(185)$  [BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(OMe)<sub>2</sub>-2,6,  $K_2CO_3$ , AcOEt, reflux, 6 h: 35%].<sup>707</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>712</sup>



### **N-Arylation with Activated Aryl Halides**

Piperazine gave 1-(*p*-nitrophenyl)piperazine (186) (O<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl-*p*, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, AcMe, 125°C, sealed, 20 h: 54%; note sluggish reaction, even with activation of aryl halide by a nitro group). $^{142}$ 

Also other examples. 856,885,1553,1643



### **N-Heteroarylation with Activated Heteroaryl Halides**

- Piperazine (**187**) (in excess) and 5-chloro-6-phenyl-3(2*H*)-pyridazinone (**188**) gave 6-phenyl-5-(piperazin-1-yl)-3(2*H*)-pyridazinone (**189**) (BuOH, reflux, 16 h:  $63\%$ ).  $313$
- Piperazine (**187**) (in excess) and 3,7-dibromo-1,2-benzisothiazole (**190**) gave 7-bromo-3-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,2-benzisothiazole (191) [MeoCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>- $CH<sub>2</sub>OMe$ , reflux, 20 h: 68%; note selective aminolysis of the more activated bromo substituent in the reagent (**190**)].1338

Also other examples.146,602,615,617,655,670,696,978,985,1226,1366,1553



#### **N-Alkylation with Alkenes**

- 1-(*p*-Fluorophenyl)piperazine (**192**) gave 1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-4-phenethylpiperazine (193) (BuLi, THF, A,  $-78 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C; then PhCH=CH<sub>2</sub> l, 120<sup>o</sup>C, sealed, 20 h: 99%); also analogues. $1611$
- 1-Phenylpiperazine gave 1-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-phenylpiperazine (**194**) (neat  $H_2C=CHCN$ , 95°C, 1 h: 67%).<sup>446</sup>
- 1-Piperazinecarbaldehyde gave 4-(2-ethoxycarbonylethyl)-1-piperazinecarbaldehyde (**195**) (EtO<sub>2</sub>CCH=CH<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20°C, 3 days: ~90%).<sup>1538</sup>

Also other examples.497,933,1147,1342



#### **N-Alkylation with Ethylene Oxides (Oxiranes) or Aziridines**

- Piperazine (**196**) gave 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine (**197**)  $[(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,$ reflux: >75%); homologues likewise.<sup>861, cf. 1043</sup>
- 1-(8-Chlorodibenzo[*b*, *f*]thiepin-10-yl)piperazine (198,  $R = H$ ) and 1,2-epoxybutane gave 1-(8-chlorodibenzo[*b*, *f*]thiepin-10-yl)-4-(2-hydroxybutyl)piperazine  $[198, R = CH_2CH(OH)Et]$  (MeOH, reflux, 5 h: >95%).<sup>494</sup>
- Piperazine (**196**) and 2-methylaziridine (**199**) gave a mixture of 1-(2-aminopropyl)piperazine (**200**), 1-(2-amino-1-methylethyl)piperazine (**201**), and a trace of dialkylated material (a kinetic study with products identified spectrally; H<sub>2</sub>O, trace HCl,  $35-80^{\circ}$ C).<sup>1343</sup>

Also other examples.977,1143,1490,1642



### **N-Alkylation or N-Arylation with Alcohols, Ethers, or Esters**

- Piperazine (203,  $Q = H$ ) gave a mixture of 1-methyl- (202,  $R = H$ ) and 1,4-dimethylpiperazine (202,  $R = Me$ ) [MeOH, IrCl<sub>3</sub>.3 H<sub>2</sub>O—PPh<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 7 days: 52 and 13%, respectively, as determined by gas-liquid chromatography  $(GLC)$ <sup>163</sup>
- 1-Methylpiperazine  $(203, O = Me)$  gave 1- $(1-\text{amino-2-nitrovinv})$ -4-methylpiperazine  $(204)$  [MeOC(NH<sub>2</sub>)=CHNO<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 90 min: 84%; or  $(MeS)<sub>2</sub>C=CHNO<sub>2</sub>$ , NH<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$ , EtOH, reflux, 1 h: 64%].<sup>704</sup>
- 1-Methylpiperazine  $(203, Q = Me)$  gave 1-*o*-methoxyphenyl-4-methylpiperazine (205) [BuLi, THF—C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 2 h; then C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(OMe)<sub>2</sub>-*o*  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 12 h: 75%].876
- 1-Benzylpiperazine  $(203, Q = CH_2Ph)$  and 2-ethylthio-4(3*H*)-quinazolinone gave 2-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)-4(3*H*)-quinazolinone (**206**) (neat reactants, 155°C, 3 h: 87%).105

1-Methylpiperazine  $(203, O = Me)$  and 2-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (made *in situ*) gave 2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)- 5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (207) (neat reactants,  $135^{\circ}$ C, A,  $\leq$ 2 h: 79%).<sup>666</sup> Also other examples.154,1603



## **N-Alkylation with Aldehydes or Ketones**

- *Note:* These Mannich-like reactions have been used extensively, as illustrated here.
- 1-Phenylpiperazine (208) gave 1-methyl-4-phenylpiperazine (209) (CH<sub>2</sub>O, HCO<sub>2</sub>H, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 3 h: 93%);<sup>1647</sup> also analogous methylations.<sup>149,</sup> 493,1278
- *tert*-Butyl 2,5-diphenyl-1-piperazinecarboxylate  $(210, Q = CO_2Bu^t, R = H)$  gave *tert*-butyl 4-benzyl-2,5-diphenyl-1-piperazinecarboxylate  $(210, Q = CO<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>t</sup>)$  $R = CH<sub>2</sub>Ph$ ) (PhCHO, NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN, MeOH,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 2 h: crude), and thence 1-benzyl-2,5-diphenylpiperazine (210,  $Q = H$ ,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) (deprotected by F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h: 73% overall, as dihydrochloride);<sup>112</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>1025</sup>



1-(Diphenylacetyl)piperazine (**211**) and 3-acetylpyridine (**212**) gave 1-(diphenylacetyl)-4-[1-(pyridin-3-yl)ethyl]piperazine (213) (NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN, MeOH, 25°C, 24 h; more NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN  $\downarrow$ , 48 h: 16%).<sup>643</sup>



- 1-Methylpiperazine (**214**) gave 1-(3-chloro-6-hydroxybenzyl)-4-methylpiperazine (215) (ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH-*p*, CH<sub>2</sub>O, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O,  $5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 24 h, then reflux, 8 h: 67%).1025
- 1-Phenylpiperazine gave 4,6-diphenyl-2-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl) methyl-3(2*H*) pyridazinone (216) [CH<sub>2</sub>O, 4,6-diphenyl-3(2H)-pyridazinone, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 12 h: 79%].106

Also other examples.84,125,444,445,659,826,878,962,1648



## **N-Alkylation with Miscellaneous Reagents**

- 1-Methylpiperazine (**217**) and tris[spiro(1,3-benzodioxole-2,1-cyclohexan)-4 yl]bismuthine (**218**), prepared from the parent heterocycle by 4-lithiation and transmetalation (BuLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O—THF, 24 h; then BiCl<sub>3</sub>  $\parallel$ , 24 h: 70%), gave 1-methyl-4-[spiro(1,3-benzodioxole-2,1-cyclohexan)-4-yl]piperazine (**219**)  $[Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, A, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 45 h: 25%]$ ; several analogues likewise.<sup>1194</sup>
- 1-Methylpiperazine (**217**) gave a mixture of 1-(1,2-dihyrophenyl)- (**220**) and 1-(1,4-dihydrophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (**221**) (PhH, *h* ; for details see original).<sup>1135</sup>



# *3.2.2.2. By Reduction of N-Acyl- or N-Alkoxycarbonylpiperazines*

This route to *N*-alkyl-, *N*-aryl- or *N*-heteroarylpiperazines is illustrated in the following examples:

1-Methyl-4-pivaloylpiperazine (**222**) gave 1-methyl-4-neopentylpiperazine (**223**) (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 24 h: ~60%).<sup>1342</sup>



1-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzoyl)- gave 1-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)piperazine (**224**)  $(LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF, 20<sup>°</sup>C, 12 h: 82\%).$ <sup>1514</sup>

Ethyl 3-(thien-2-yl)-1-piperazinecarboxylate (**225**) gave 1-methyl-3-(thien-2 yl)piperazine (226) (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 12 h: 89%).<sup>601</sup>

Also other examples.637,1444,1684



*3.2.2.3. By Miscellaneous Routes*

Several minor routes to *N*-alkylpiperazines are illustrated in the following examples:

4-Methylpiperazin-1-ylmagnesium bromide (made *in situ*) and crude 3-chloro-4 methylthio-1,1-diphenylsilolane (**228**) [made *in situ* from the 2,5-dihydrosilole  $(227)$ ,  $Me<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>$ , and  $SO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>$ ] gave 1-methyl-4-(4-methylthio-1,1-diphenylsilolan-3-yl)piperazine (229) (THF, 20°C, 12 h: 50%, as oxalate salt).<sup>1182</sup>



1,4-Dibromo-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**230**) gave a separable mixture of 1-(2-bromo-2-methylpentyl)- (**231**) and 1,4-bis(2-bromo-2 methylpentyl)-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (232) [MePrC=CH<sub>2</sub>, 1,2-epoxybutane (HBr scavenger), MeCN, hv, 20°C, 4 h: 5 and 45%, respectively];<sup>572</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>567,572,579</sup>



2,3,5,6-Tetraphenylpyrazine gave an (unformulated) disodium dianionic adduct (**233**) (excess Na, THF, 20°C, A, 24 h: solution filtered) that reacted with MeI to give a separable mixture of 1,2-dimethyl-2,3,5,6-tetraphenyl-1,2-dihydropyrazine  $(234, R = Me)$ , 1,2,4,5-tetramethyl-2,3,5,6-tetraphenylpiperazine (**235**), and 2-methyl-2,3,5,6-tetraphenyl-1,2-dihydropyrazine (**234**,  $R = H$ ) [MeI (2 mol),  $-78 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 45,18, and 23% respectively].<sup>492</sup>



1-Acetyl-4-methylpiperazine dimethyl acetal (**237**) (made *in situ*) and 5-benzoyl-4-pyridazinamine (**236**) gave 2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-phenylpyrido[2,3 *d*]pyridazine (238) (neat reactants,  $130^{\circ}$ C,  $15$  h :  $56\%$ ).<sup>1526</sup>



### **3.2.3. Properties of Alkyl- and Arylpyrazines (***H* **77)**

Some papers on the physical or biological properties of alkyl- or arylpyrazines include data on unsubstituted pyrazine: References to such reports will be found in Section 3.1.2. Other sources of relevant information are covered briefly here.

*Crystal structures*. Crystal structures have been determined by X-ray analysis for the following alkyl- or arylpyrazines: 2-methyl-,<sup>1766</sup> 2,3-dimethyl-,<sup>1766</sup> 2,5-dimethyl-,<sup>1766</sup> 2,6-dimethyl-,<sup>1303,1766</sup> 2,3,5-trimethyl-,<sup>1766</sup> 2,3,5,6-2,5-dimethyl-,<sup>1766</sup> 2,6-dimethyl-,<sup>1303,1766</sup> 2,3,5-trimethyl-,<sup>1766</sup> 2,3,5,6tetramethyl- (also the trihydrate and several polyiodides), $1200,1208,1235$  2,3diphenyl-,<sup>1209</sup> 2,3-diphenyl-5,6-dihydro- (and its AgNO<sub>3</sub> complex),<sup>1153,1273</sup> 2,3,5,6-tetraphenyl- $,^{1736}$  2,3-di(pyridin-2-yl)- (and salts),<sup>1214,1665</sup> 2,5di(pyridin-2-yl)- (and some Mn, Fe, and Cr complexes), $1254$  2,3,5,6-

tetra(pyridin-2-yl)- (and its tetrahydrochloride), $1228,1247$  1,4-bis(trimethylgermyl)-1,4-dihydro- (239,  $X = Ge$ ),<sup>1431</sup> and 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-1,4-dihydropyrazine (239,  $X = Si$ );<sup>1431</sup> also 1,4-bis (2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine.<sup>1223</sup>

- *Photoisomerization*. Studies have been reported for the photoisomerization of *cis*- to *trans*-2,3-diphenylpiperazine,250 *cis*- to *trans*-1,4-dimethyl-2,3 diphenylpiperazine,<sup>250</sup> and between possible geometric forms of  $2-[2-(naph$ thalen-2-yl)vinyl]pyrazine (**240**) <sup>66</sup> or related compounds.1236
- *Conformations*. Conformational analyses have been reported for 2-methyl-, 2,3 dimethyl-, 2,5-dimethyl-, and 2,6-dimethylpyrazine;<sup>1070</sup> for 1,4-dihydropyrazine;<sup>1459</sup> for 1-phenyl-, 1-( $o$ -,  $m$ -, or  $p$ -monosubstituted phenyl)-, 1- $(2,3$ dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-5-yl)-  $(241)$ , and 1-(pyridin-4-yl)piperazine;<sup>490</sup> and for 2-(piperazin-1-ylpyrimidine (**242**).490 Alkyl–alkylidene tautomerism has been discussed theoretically.<sup>932</sup>



*Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra*. As well as numerous routine reports of NMR spectra (see individual entries in the Appendix Table of Simple Pyrazines), a brief correlation of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for 2-alkyl-3,5,6-triphenylpyrazines (**243**) and the corresponding 2,3-dihydro derivatives (**244**) has appeared;<sup>137</sup> in addition, a comparative  $^{13}$ C NMR study of 2-styrylpyrazine (245) with other styryldiazines and some styrylazines has been reported.<sup>1428</sup>



*Other spectral studies*. Ultraviolet (UV) spectral studies have been reported for 2-methylpyrazine (vapor), $999,1429$  2,5-dimethylpyrazine (solution), $1005$  the charge-transfer complexes of 2,5-dialkylpyrazines (with styphnic acid, picryl chloride, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene, and 2,4,6-trinitrophenetole), $127$  and reduced states (generated *in situ*) of 2,2'-bipyrazine.<sup>71</sup>

- Infrared(IR)/Raman spectral investigation of 2-methyl-, 2,5-dimethyl-, and 2,6 dimethylpyrazine has permitted the assignment of all fundamental vibrational modes for such derivatives.<sup>989,999,1005</sup>
- The mass spectral fragmentation pathways for a series of eight 2-(*E* and *Z*-) alkenyl-3-alkyl-5-methylpyrazines (representing some of the most complex pyrazines isolated from the ant, *Rhytidoponera metallica*, <sup>961</sup> or indeed any natural source) have been elucidated with the help of specifically placed deuterium labels within the alkenyl group: these paths are influenced significantly by the stereochemistry of each alkenyl group.<sup>1407</sup>
- The fluorescence spectra of 2,5-diarylpyrazines have been studied: the presence of electron-donating substituents on each aryl group, as in 2,5 bis(*p*-methoxyphenyl)pyrazine (**246**), strengthened fluorescence on photoexcitation; the fluorescence of 2,5-di(naphthalen-2-yl)pyrazine (**247**) proved stronger than that of the isomeric 2,5-di(naphthalen-1-yl)pyrazine due to reduced planarity in the latter structure.1288 *p*-Bis[2-(pyrazin-2 yl)vinyl]benzene (**248**) proved to be an efficient blue laser dye (emission  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  438 nm in Me<sub>2</sub>SO solution) on excitation by a nitrogen laser at 337 nm.1484





*Ionization constants*. Known  $pK_a$  values for pyrazine and six methylated derivatives showed good correlation with newly calculated electron densities on the nitrogen atoms;1052 such a correlation was also observed for 1,4-dimethylpiperazine and a series of (distantly) related *m*- and *p*-bis(dimethylaminomethyl)benzene derivatives.<sup>1039</sup>

*Solvent efficacy*. 1-Acetyl-4-methylpiperazine proved to be a reasonably good solvent for reactions requiring a polar aprotic medium, such as the conversion of alkyl tosylates into the corresponding halides with lithium halides.750

### **3.2.4. Reactions of Alkyl- and Arylpyrazines (***H* **79)**

Alkyl and aryl groups attached to pyrazine undergo a variety of reactions. Of these, *the interconversion of one simple alkyl group into another* has been covered in Section 3.2.1.4 and most reactions that affect only the nucleus of alkyl- or arylpyrazines (except nuclear reduction and some cyclizations) will be found in appropriate chapters. The remaining reactions, including some in which the alkyl/aryl groups may bear passenger functional substituents, are discussed in the following subsections.

## *3.2.4.1. Oxidative Reactions (H 79)*

Alkylpyrazines may be oxidized to pyrazine aldehydes, ketones, or carboxylic acids. They may also undergo nuclear oxidation (covered piecemeal in most other chapters), oxidative hydroxylation, epoxidation, and so on. Such reactions are illustrated in the following examples:

## **Oxidation to Pyrazinecarbaldehydes**

- 2-Methyl-3-methylthiopyrazine (**249**) gave 3-methylthio-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde (250) (SeO<sub>2</sub>, dioxane, reflux, 4 h: 62%).<sup>1126</sup>
- 2- $sec$ -Butyl-6-methoxy-5-methylpyrazine (251, R = Me) gave 5- $sec$ -butyl-3methoxy-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde  $(251, R = CHO)$  [PhSe(=0)OH, PhCl, reflux, 6 h: 43% with 39% substrate recovered].<sup>317</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>425,432</sup>



## **Oxidation to Pyrazinecarboxylic Acids**

- 2,3-Diethyl-5,6-dimethylpyrazine (**252**) gave 2,3,5,6-pyrazinetetracarboxylic acid (253) (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, KOH, H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 3 h: 50%).<sup>7</sup>
- 2-Styrylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(254, R = CH:CHPh)$  gave 2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid 1-oxide (254,  $R = CO<sub>2</sub>H$ ) (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, dicyclohexyl-18-crown-6, PhH, 20°C, 3 h:  $49\%$ ).<sup>1300</sup>
- Also other examples,  $80,758,1271,1293$  including the use of catalyzed oxygen,  $432,1244$ anodic oxidation, $442$  and enzymatic oxidation. $926$



## **Oxidation to Other Products**

Monolithiated 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine (**256**) gave 1,2-bis(3,5,6-trimethylpyrazin-2-yl)ethane  $(255)$  ( $I_2$ , Et<sub>2</sub>O, 0°C, 30 min: 31%) or a separable mixture of the same product (**255**) and 2-hydroxymethyl-2,5,6-trimethylpyrazine (257) (Et<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub> $\downarrow$ , 0°C, 1 h: 12 and 21%, respectively);<sup>1128</sup> also analogues likewise.<sup>247</sup>



2,5-Dimethylpyrazine gave successively its 1-oxide  $(258)$   $(H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)$ , 2-acetoxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine (259,  $R = Ac$ ), 2-hydroxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine (259,  $R =$ H) (HO<sup>-</sup>), and 5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (260) (KMnO<sub>4</sub>: for details of all stages in this indirect route, see original paper).432



2-(1-Hydroxybut-2-enyl)- (**261**) gave 2-(1-hydroxy-2,3-epoxybutyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (262) [Ti(OPr<sup>*i*</sup>)<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -20<sup>o</sup>C, 20 min; then Bu<sup>t</sup>O<sub>2</sub>H  $\downarrow$ , -20°C, 4 days: 74%]; analogues likewise.<sup>365</sup>



- 2,5-Dimethyl-3-(pent-1-enyl)pyrazine gave 2-(1,2-epoxypentyl)-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H-*m*, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 45°C, 4 h: 81%).<sup>868</sup>
- 3,6-Dibenzyl-1,4-dimethyl-2,5-piperazinedione (**263**) gave 6-benzyl-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,5-piperazinetrione (263a) (FeCl<sub>3</sub>, AcMe<sup>-H<sub>2</sub>O, *hv* (sunlight),</sup> TLC controlled:  $30\%$ ].<sup>939</sup>
- 2,3-Diphenyl-5,6-dihydropyrazine gave *N,N'*-dibenzoylurea [BzHNC(=0)-NHBz]  $(O_2 \downarrow, PhH, hv, 30 min: 22\%$ ; the complicated mechanism appears to be well established).751



*3.2.4.2. Reductive Reactions (H 80)*

The *reduction of alkenyl- or alkynylpyrazines to alkylpyrazines* has been covered in Section 3.2.1.4. The remaining reactions in this category comprise nuclear reduction or N-debenzylation, as illustrated in the following examples:

- 2,5-Dibenzylpyrazine (264) gave 2,5-dibenzylpiperazine (265) [H<sub>2</sub> (135 atm), PtO<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 18 h: 77%, consisting or three separable stereoisomers].<sup>294</sup>
- 2,3,5,6-Tetramethylpyrazine gave the corresponding piperazine  $(266, R = H)$ , characterized as  $2,3,5,6$ -tetramethyl-1,4-dinitrosopiperazine (266, R = NO) [NaBH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, hv, 20°C, 40 h; then separation and nitrosation (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, HCl): two isomers, 13 and  $10\%$ ].<sup>1000</sup>



- 1-Benzyl-2-carboxymethyl-4-methylpiperazine (**267**) gave 2-carboxymethyl-4 methylpiperazine (268) [H<sub>2</sub> (4 atm), Pd/C, EtOH, 20°C, 18 h: 92%].<sup>1647</sup>
- 4-Benzyl-1-phenyl-2,6-piperazinedione  $(269, R = CH_2Ph)$  gave 1-phenyl-2,6piperazinedione (269, R = H) [H<sub>2</sub> (<5 atm), Pd/C, MeOH, 20°C, 60%].<sup>636</sup>

Also other examples.215,644,799,1171,1328



*3.2.4.3. Extranuclear Halogenation (H 79)*

Such halogenation can be done by regular replacement of one or more hydrogen atoms of the alkyl/aryl group or by addition of a halogen or hydrogen halide to an alkenyl or alkynyl group. The following examples illustrate typical reagents and conditions that have been used recently:

### **Using Elemental Halogen**

- *Note:* This process is seldom satisfactory for alkylpyrazines but it can be useful for arylpyrazines.
- 2,5-Dimethylpyrazine  $(270, R = H)$  gave 2,5-bis(bromoethyl)pyrazine  $(270, R = H)$  $R = Br$ ) (Br<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Bz<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, hv, CCl<sub>4</sub>, reflux, ? h: 7.5% after separation from several other products).<sup>513</sup>
- 1-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)piperazine (271,  $R = H$ ) gave 1-(3-bromo -2,5dimethoxyphenyl)piperazine (271, R = Br) (Br<sub>2</sub>, AcOH—HBr,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 4 h: reasonable yield as dihydrochloride).<sup>610</sup> Analogues likewise.<sup>1066</sup>



#### **Using N-Halogenosuccinimide (and Dibenzoyl Peroxide or Irradiation)**

*Note:* Even with careful control of reactant ratios and conditions, this route invariably gives two or more products that involve chromatographic or other separatory processes.<sup>513</sup>

- 2-Methylpyrazine gave 2-chloromethylpyrazine (**272**) (*N*-chlorosuccinimide, Bz<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, A, CCl<sub>4</sub>, reflux, 24 h: 89% after purification by TLC).<sup>205;cf.428,674,938,</sup> 1353,1664
- 2-Benzylpyrazine gave  $2-(\alpha$ -bromobenzyl)pyrazine (273) (NBS,  $Bz_2O_2$ , CCl<sub>4</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, ? h: 32% after chromatography).<sup>366</sup>
- 2,3,5,6-Tetramethylpyrazine gave 2,3,5,6-tetrakis(dibromomethyl)pyrazine (**274**) (NBS, CCl<sub>4</sub>, hv, ? h: 70%).<sup>33</sup>
- 1-Benzyl-5-chloro-3-ethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone gave 1-benzyl-3-(1-bromoethyl)- 5-chloro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (275) (NBS, Bz<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>, reflux, <6 h: 89%).<sup>391</sup> Also other examples.29,395,431,513,547,550,676,957,1059,1094,1446, 1481



## **Using Miscellaneous Halogenation Reagents**

- 2,5-Dimethylpyrazine gave 2,5-bis(trichloromethyl)pyrazine (276) (PCl<sub>3</sub>, POCl<sub>3</sub>,  $5^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 90 min:  $26\%$ <sup>52</sup> or 2-chloromethyl-5-methylpyrazine (277) (SO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dilauroyl peroxide, CCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 1 h: 38% as hydrochloride).<sup>221</sup>
- 1,3,5,5-Tetramethyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone gave 3-chloromethyl-1,5,- 5-trimethyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (278) (Bu<sup>*t*</sup>OCl, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, 0°C, dark, 90 min: 99% (crude and unstable).<sup>158</sup>
- 2-(Dichloromethyl)pyrazine  $(279, R = H)$  gave 2-(trichloromethyl)pyrazine (**279**,  $R = C1$ ) (18-crown-6, KOH, CCl<sub>4</sub>, 25°C, 4 h: 50%; note abstraction of required chlorine from  $CCl<sub>4</sub>$ ).<sup>431</sup>
- 4-Phenyl- gave 4-*p*-iodophenylpiperazine (ICl, AcOH—H<sub>2</sub>O, 60<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h: 70%).<sup>1369</sup>



## **Using Halogen-Addition Reactions**

2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3-methylthiopyrazine (**280**) gave 2-(1, 2-dibromo-2 ethoxycarbonylethyl)-3-methylthiopyrazine  $(281)$  (Br<sub>2</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>, 15<sup>o</sup>C, 2 h:  $>95\%$ ).<sup>1126</sup>



2,5-Dimethyl-3-(pent-1-enyl)pyrazine (**283**) gave 2-(1,2-dibromopentyl)-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (282) (Br<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $0 \rightarrow 23^{\circ}$ C, 5 min: >95%)<sup>868</sup> or 2-(2-bromopentyl)-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (284) [Et<sub>2</sub>O, HBr (gas)  $\downarrow$  0°C, 10 min: 89%; also a trace of the 1-bromopentyl isomer].<sup>868</sup>



- 3,6-Dibenzylidene-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**285**) gave  $3$ -benzylidene-6-( $\alpha$ -bromobenzyl)-6-hydroxy-1,4-dimethyl-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (286) [NBS/H<sub>2</sub>O—dioxane ( $\simeq$  HOBr), 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h: erythro and threo isomer, 50 and 33%, respectively, after separation], $1030$ also analogous reactions.1036
- Also other examples.811,1239 Also an extranuclear N-I-I charge-transfer complex of confirmed structure.74,75



*3.2.4.4. Extranuclear Alkylation (H 74)*

The conversion of one (unsubstituted-alkyl) pyrazine into another such pyrazine by extranuclear alkylation has been covered in Section 3.2.1.4. The similar formation of (substituted-alkyl)pyrazines is illustrated here.

2,3-Dimethylpyrazine (**287**) gave 2-(3,3-diethoxypropyl)-3-methylpyrazine (288) [BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OEt)<sub>2</sub>, Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NLi (made *in situ*), Et<sub>2</sub>O-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>, 20°C, 4 h: 30%].1249



2-Isopropyl-3-methoxy-5-methylpyrazine gave 2-isopropyl-3-methoxy-5-[3- (pyran-2-yloxy)propyl]pyrazine (**289**) [2-(3-bromopropoxy)pyran, Pr*<sup>i</sup>* 2NK (made *in situ*), THF, A,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 3 h:  $83\%$ ];<sup>298</sup> also analogues likewise.<sup>295,298</sup>



2-(1-Hydroxybut-2-enyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**290**) gave 2-[(2,3-dimethylcycloprop-1-yl)hydroxymethyl]-5-isopropyl-3,6 dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (291) (MeCHI<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>Zn, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20<sup>o</sup>C,  $<$ 3 days: 80%);<sup>534</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>365,534</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1140</sup>



*3.2.4.5. Extranuclear Alkylidenation (H 74)*

*C*-Alkylpyrazines undergo extranuclear alkylidenation by aldehydes (or ketones,) with or without isolation of the intermediate (hydroxyalkyl)pyrazines. Several procedures are illustrated in the following examples:

# **Two-Stage Alkylidenation**

2-Methylpyrazine (**292**) gave 2-(-hydroxy-*p*-methoxyphenethyl)pyrazine (**293**)  $(Pr'_2NLi, THF, -40^{\circ}C, N_2, 50 \text{ min}$ ; then MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO- $p \downarrow$ , -20  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 5 h: 98%), and thence 2-p-methoxystyrylpyrazine  $(294)$  (HCl, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 7 h; 98%).<sup>388</sup>



- 2-Isopropylpyrazine (295) likewise gave  $2-(\beta$ -hydroxy- $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$ -dimethylphenethyl)pyrazine (296) (Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NLi, PhCHO, and so on: 21%,<sup>801</sup> clearly precluded from dehydration to a styrylpyrazine.<sup>801</sup>
- Also other examples.755,784,801 *Note:* The first stage is sometimes reversable on thermolysis.



## **Alkylidenation Under Strongly Basic Conditions**

2-Methylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide (**297**) gave 2-[2-(pyridin-2-yl)vinyl]pyrazine 1,4 dioxide (298) [2-pyridinecarbaldehyde, NaOH, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>, 80°C, 5 min:  $96\%$ ]; isomers and analogues likewise.<sup>81</sup>



2-Methylpyrazine (**300**) gave 2-[2-(1-methylpyrrol-2-yl)vinyl]pyrazine (**299**) [NaH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 60 $^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>, 1 h: then 1-methyl-2-pyrrolecarbaldehyde  $\downarrow$ , 50°C, 5 h: 40%; compare conditions with those required for alkylidenation of the more activated methyl group in substrate (**297**)].1485

The same substrate (300) gave 2-(β-aminostyryl)pyrazine (301) [Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NLi (made *in situ*), THF,  $-40^{\circ}$ C, 1 h; then PhCN  $\downarrow$ , 140  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 1 h: 25%];<sup>1188</sup> also analogues.1188,1421

Also other examples.<sup>225,591</sup>



## **Alkylidenation in the Presence of Anhydrides**

- 2,3-Dimethylpyrazine gave 2,3-distyrylpyrazine  $(302, Q = R = H)$  [PhCHO, (PrCO)2O, reflux, H2, 37 h: 21%], 2,3-bis(*p*-chlorostyryl)pyrazine (**302**,  $Q = R = Cl$ ) (ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO-*p*, likewise: 36%), or 2-(*p*-methoxystyryl)-3methylpyrazine [MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO- $p$  (0.5 mol), Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 43 h: 21%] and thence 2- $(p$ -cyanostyryl)-3- $(p$ -methoxystyryl)pyrazine (302,  $Q =$  OMe,  $R = CN$ ) NCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO-*p* (excess), Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 6 h: ?%].<sup>590</sup>
- 2-Methylpyrazine gave 2-[2-(pyridin-3-yl)vinyl]pyrazine (**303**) [3-pyridinecarbaldehyde,  $Bz_2O$  (neat), no details].<sup>756</sup>

Also other examples.678,695,1279



*3.2.4.6. Extranuclear Acylation or Carboxylation (H 74)*

This reaction is a useful way to make some alkyl pyrazinyl ketones or carboxyalkylpyrazines, as illustrated in the following examples:

2,3-Dimethylpyrazine gave 2-hexanoylmethyl-3-methylpyrazine (304) (Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 175°C, 30 min; EtO<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>Me  $\downarrow$ , -78°C, 30 min: 70%); analogues likewise.<sup>352</sup>

- 2-Methylpyrazine gave 2-ethoxalylmethylpyrazine (305) [(EtO<sub>2</sub>C)<sub>2</sub>, Bu<sup>*i*</sup>OK, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $\degree$ C, <5 h: 65%].<sup>1175</sup>
- 2,3,5,6-Tetramethylpyrazine gave 2-carboxymethyl-3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine (monolithiation *in situ*; then  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ , Et<sub>2</sub>O, 0°C, 39 min: >95%, as the Li salt).1384
- 2,6-Dimethylpyrazine gave 2-acetonyl-6-methylpyrazine (306) (Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 0°C, 10 min; Me<sub>2</sub>NAc  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, ? min: 34%).<sup>1567</sup>

Also other examples. $860,1249$ 



# *3.2.4.7. Cyclization*

Alkyl-, alkenyl-, and alkynylpyrazines can undergo fascinating cyclization reactions, the diversity of which is indicated in the following examples:

3-Phenylethynyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**307**) gave 6-phenylfuro[2,3-*b*]pyrazine (308) (KOH, H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 15 min: 80%).<sup>484</sup>



1,2-Di(pyrazin-2-yl)ethylene (**309**) gave pyrazino[2,3-*f*]quinoxaline (**311**) via the unisolated dihydro intermediate (**310**) [PhH, *h* (350 nm), air, 8 h: 82%];<sup>186</sup> 2-styrylpyrazine likewise gave benzo[f]quinoxaline.<sup>877</sup>



2-Methylpyrazine (**312**) and diethyl phthalate (**313**) gave 2-(1,3-dioxoindan-2 yl)pyrazine (314) (NaOH, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, reflux, 12 h: 92%); also analogues similarly.<sup>682</sup>



2-Allyl-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2-(prop-2-ynyl)-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**315**) gave a separable mixture of 8-isopropyl-7,10-dimethoxy-2,3-dimethylene-6, 9-diazaspiro[4.5]deca-6,9-diene (**316**) and 3-isopropyl-2,5-dimethoxy-10 methylene-1,4-diazaspiro[5.5]undeca-1,4,8-triene (317) [Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, PPh<sub>3</sub>, PhH, A, 20°C, 24 h: 32 and 24%, respectively, after separation]; also analogous reactions.1610



2,3-Diphenyl-5,6-dihydropyrazine (**318**) and diphenylcyclopropenone (**319**) gave 1,6,7,8a-tetraphenyl-3,4,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-8-one (**320**) (PhMe, reflux, ? h: 92%).<sup>268</sup>



2,3-Bis(*p*-chlorostyryl)pyrazine (**321**) underwent self-condensation to the dicyclobutane dimer (**322**) in which (as shown by X-ray analysis) the pyrazine rings lay parallel on one side of the nearly coplanar cyclobutane rings and the benzene rings lay on the other side thereof [solid substrate suspended in  $H_2O$ ,

 $hv$  (<300 nm), 20 $^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>: 76%, after separation from another dimer]; irradiation in solution gave yet other dimeric materials.<sup>590,1083</sup>

Also other examples of such cyclizations.757,847,1160,1371,1626,1758



*3.2.4.8. "Ammoxidation'' of Methyl to Cyano Groups*

This process was undoubtedly developed for the manufacture of pyrazinamide (Zinamide, etc.),1696 a second-line drug for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infections, resistant to more effective and less toxic agents. Thus a mixture of 2-methylpyrazine (323), ammonia, oxygen, and steam is passed (at  $\sim$ 400 $^{\circ}$ C) over an alumina- or pumice-supported catalyst comprising one to three oxides of Ce, Cr, Mo, Mn, P, Sb, Ti, or (most importantly) V: the main product (in up to 90% yield) is 2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**324**), easily converted into 2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**325**).1062,1206,1258,1261,1285,1292,1294,1297,1577

2,5-Dimethylpyrazine has been converted similarly into 2,5-pyrazinedicarbonitrile<sup>1263, 1299</sup> and a rapid high-performance liquid chromatographic (HPLC) procedure has been developed to monitor products emerging from such catalytic processes.1384



### *3.2.4.9. Addition Reactions at Alkenyl or Alkynyl Substituents*

The addition of halogens or hydrogen halides to alkenyl- or alkynylpyrazines has been discussed in Section 3.2.4.3. However, such unsaturated substrates also undergo useful additions by water, alcohols, amines, and so on, as illustrated in the following examples:

- 2-Ethynyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**326**) gave 2-acetyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**328**) [HgSO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—AcMe, reflux, 2 h: 27%; presumably via the intermediate (**327**)] or 2-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**329**) [MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 5 h: 65%; note reverse addition to that with  $H_2O$ <sup>202</sup>
- 3-Chloro-5-(hept-1-ynyl)-2,6-pyrazinediamine (**330**) gave 3-chloro-5-heptanoyl-2,6-pyrazinediamine (331) [Na<sub>2</sub>S, HCl, H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, reflux, 30 min: 89%; perhaps via a dimercapto intermediate akin to (**327**)].817



- 2-Methyl-5-vinylpyrazine  $(333, R = Me)$  gave 2- $(1,2$ -dihydroxyethyl)-5methylpyrazine  $(332)$  (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, MgSO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—EtOH, -10<sup>o</sup>C, 15 min: 65%).1446
- 2-Vinylpyrazine  $(333, R = H)$  gave 2-[2-(ethylamino)ethyl]pyrazine  $(334)$ (EtNH<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, AcOH, 60°C, 24 h: >90%).<sup>1662</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>847</sup>



### *3.2.4.10. Miscellaneous Reactions*

Several minor reactions of alkylpyrazines are illustrated in the following examples:

2,6-Dimethylpyrazine gave 2-methyl-6-trimethylsilylmethylpyrazine (**335**) [Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NLi (made *in situ*), THF, -78°C; then Me<sub>3</sub>SlCl  $\downarrow$ , -78°C, 3 h: 70%]; somewhat similarly, 2- $[$ (but-3-ynyl)oxymethyl]pyrazine  $(336, R = H)$  gave  $2-[$ (4-trimethylsilylbut-3-ynyl)oxymethyl]pyrazine (336, R = SiMe<sub>3</sub>) (lithiation with PhLi etc.: 74%).<sup>366</sup>



1,4-Dimethylpiperazine (**337**) gave piperazine dihydrochloride (**339**) [ClC-  $(=0)$ OCHClMe, ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl, reflux, 1 h; residue from evaporation, MeOH, 50°C, 30 min: 96%; proceeds via the diquaternary intermediate (**338**) by loss of 2 MeCl, 2 CO<sub>2</sub>, and 2 MeCH(OMe)<sub>2</sub>].<sup>791</sup> In a somewhat similar way, 1-benzyl-2,4-dimethylpiperazine (**340**) gave ethyl 2,4-dimethyl-1-piperazinecarboxylate (341) (ClCO<sub>2</sub>Et, PhH, reflux, 48 h: 25%; via a monoquaternary intermediate), and thence 1,3-dimethylpiperazine (**342**) (6 M HCl, 48 h: 67%; by hydrolysis and decarboxylation);  $^{149}$  also other related examples. $^{1618}$ 





1,4-Diacetyl-2,3-bis(indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrazine (**343**) gave 1,4-diacetylpyrazinediium diperchlorate (**344**) (too unstable for chromatography) and 3-triphenylmethyl-3H-indole  $(345)$   $(83%)$   $(Ph<sub>3</sub>CCIO<sub>4</sub>, MeCN, 10°C, 20)$  $min$ ).<sup>417</sup>

For an interesting Diels–Alder reaction, see Section 8.4.2.



# **3.3.** *N***-ALKYLPYRAZINIUM SALTS AND RELATED YLIDES**

Pyrazine (see Section 3.1.3) and many of its derivatives may be converted into *N*-alkylpyrazinium or even *N*, *N*-dialkylpyrazinediium salts by treatment with alkyl halides or similar reagents. When such *N*-alkyl groups bear an electron-withdrawing substituent (such as carbonyl), the salts may sometimes be deprived of their gegenion by treatment with a base to afford pyrazinium ylides in which the negative charge resides on a carbon atom of the substituent (see Section 3.1.3 for an example). Quaternary salts and ylides undergo only a few reactions specifically associated with their ionic nature: indeed, any systematic treatment along the usual lines (preparation, properties, reactions) is severely restricted for lack of recent data.

#### **3.3.1. Preparation of** *N***-Alkylpyrazinium Salts (***H* **81, 94)**

The quaternization of pyrazines has been done under a wide variety of conditions, as illustrated in Section 3.1.3 and in the following recent examples:

- 2,3-Dimethylpyrazine gave  $1,2,3$ -trimethylpyrazinium iodide (346,  $R = H$ ,  $X = I$ ) (neat MeI, reflux, 2 h: 63%),<sup>1373</sup> 1-ethyl-2,3-dimethylpyrazinium iodide (346, R = Me, X = I) (EtI, likewise:  $53\%$ ),<sup>1373</sup> or 2,3-dimethyl-1phenacylpyrazinium bromide  $(346, R = Bz, X = Br)$   $(BzCH<sub>2</sub>Br, EtOH,$ reflux, 3 h: ?%).1571
- Dimethyl 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylate gave 1-ethyl-2,3-dimethoxycarbonylpyrazinium tetrafluoroborate  $(347)$  (Et<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl, reflux, 2 h: 80%);<sup>415</sup> methyl 2pyrazinecarboxylate gave 3-methoxycarbonyl-1-methylpyrazinium iodide (**348**)
(MeI, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 94%; note regioselectivity);<sup>427</sup> and 2-pyrazinecarboxamide gave 3-carbamoyl-1-methylpyrazinium iodide  $(349, R = H)$  (MeI, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 50 $^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 98%; note regioselectivity)<sup>426</sup> or 3-carbamoyl-1-(4-carboxybutyl)pyrazinium iodide (349,  $R = CH_2CH_2CH_2CO_2H$ ) [I(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, MeCN,  $80^{\circ}$ C, <24 h: 55%).<sup>716</sup>



- 2-Pyrazinamine gave 3-amino-1-(*p*-bromophenacyl)pyrazinium bromide (**350**)  $[BrCH_2C(\equiv O)C_6H_4Br-p, EtOH, reflux, 1 h: 86\%; quaternion at the ring-$ N adjacent to the  $NH<sub>2</sub>$  group might have been expected on electronic grounds] $.^331$
- 2-Methylpyrazine 1-oxide gave 1,3-dimethylpyrazinium iodide 4-oxide (**351**) (MeI, AcMe, or EtOH?, sealed,  $100^{\circ}$ C, 4 h:  $95\%$ );<sup>286</sup> homologues were made likewise;<sup>286</sup> and similar treatment of pyrazine 1,4-dioxide gave a separable  $(?)$ mixture of 1-methylpyrazinium iodide and its 4-oxide in approximately equal amounts.286

Also other examples.563, 629, 631, 1003, 1262, 1329



# **3.3.2. Reactions of** *N***-Alkylpyrazinium Salts**

The few recently described reactions of *N*-alkylpyrazinuim salts are typified in the following examples:

#### **Reduction**

1-Benzyl-3-carbamoylpyrazinium bromide (**352**) was reduced by 1-benzyl-1,2 dihydro-4-pyridinecarboxamide (**353**) to afford 4-benzyl-3,4-dihydro-2pyrazinecarboxamide (**354**) and 1-benzyl-4-carbamoylpyridinium bromide (355) [MeOH, N<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C (?), 5 min: 75% of the pyrazine].<sup>1447</sup>



- 3-Cyano-5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-methylpyrazinium iodide (**356**) gave 6- (3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**357**) ["Hantzsch ester" (diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydro-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate) (1 mol), MeCN,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 3 h:  $80\%$ ; or NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeCN,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 30 min: 83%], and thence 6-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1,4,5,6 tetrahydro-2-pyrazinocarbonitrile (**357**a) (repeat procedures for 24 and 3 h, respectively, both affording  $\sim$ 72%).<sup>1262</sup>
- Also an unsuccessful attempt to reduce 1-benzyl-2,3-diphenylpyrazinium bromide with  $TiCl<sub>3</sub>$ .<sup>1136</sup>



## **Cyclizations**

- *Note:* Alkylpyrazinium salts (or corresponding ylides) lend themselves to cyclization or cycloaddition, as typified in these examples.
- 1-Acetonyl-2,3-dimethylpyrazinium bromide (**358**) (made *in situ*) gave 1,8-dimethylpyrrolo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine (359) (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 30 min: 41%);<sup>794</sup> also analogues likewise.328,794,1571



Pyrazinium-1-dicyanomethylide (**360**) gave 7,8-bis(trimethylsilyl)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*] pyrazine-6-carbonitrile (**362**) via the dicarbonitrile intermediate (**361**)  $(Me<sub>3</sub>SiC = CSiMe<sub>3</sub>, PhMe, reflux, ? h: 92\%).$ <sup>271</sup>



1-Ethyl-2,3-dimethoxycarbonylpyrazinium tetrafluoroborate (**363**) gave 7-ethyl-5,6-dimethoxycarbonyl-3-phenyl-3a, 4,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyrazine-2(3*H*)-thione (364) [H<sub>2</sub>NC(=S)NHPh, Et<sub>2</sub>NH, EtOH, 50  $\rightarrow$  20<sup>o</sup>C, 2 h: 70%);<sup>415</sup> also analogous cyclizations with thiosemicarbazides.<sup>420</sup>



# **Generation of Radical Cations**

2,3,5,6-Tetramethylpyrazine (**365**) generated the hexamethylpyrazine radical cation (**366**), sufficiently persistent to yield an excellent electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectrum (mixed within the EPR cavity: substrate, Me2SO4, Zn or Bu*<sup>t</sup>* 4NBH4, PhH); homologues likewise.184



Pyrazine (**367**) was converted into 1,4-diethylpyrazinediium bis(tetrafluoroborate) (368), the 1,4-diethylpyrazine radical cation iodide (369,  $X = I$ ) (electrolytic reduction; NaI  $\downarrow$ ), and finally the corresponding tetraphenylborate  $(369, X = BPh<sub>4</sub>)$  (NaBPh<sub>4</sub>: 18%) which was sufficiently stable for elemental and X-ray analysis.<sup>548</sup>

Also other examples.61,285



# **Other Reactions**

- The rates for deuteration of the 2-methyl groups of 2,3-dimethylpyrazinium chloride (**370**) and 1,2,3-trimethylpyrazinium chloride (**371**) have been determined in DC1/D<sub>2</sub>O: the quaternary substrate  $(371)$  reacted  $\sim$ 30 times faster; a similar factor applied to other such pairs of alkylated pyrazines.<sup>563</sup>
- Quaternary salts of 1,2-bis(pyrazin-2-yl)ethylene (372) underwent  $(E \rightarrow Z)$  photoisomerization; the quantum yield for the chloride salt was better than that for the iodide salt. $1165$



# CHAPTER 4

# **Halogenopyrazines (***H* **95)**

Whether a halogeno substituent occupies the 2-,3-,4-,or 5-position on the pyrazine ring, it is activated by one adjacent ring nitrogen atom: hence, its reactivity will resemble that in *o*-chloronitrobenzene unless it is affected substantially by any electron-releasing, electron-withdrawing, or sterically bulky substituent(s) present. An extranuclear halogeno substituent is only marginally affected by the pyrazine ring and its reactivity will approximate that in benzyl chloride, unless it is affected in an electronic or steric way by another substituent on the same side chain. Both types of halogenopyrazine continue to be used extensively as convenient intermediates in the preparation of all sorts of other pyrazines. In this respect, the more easily available chloropyrazines are usually employed in preference to other halogenopyrazines, since there is little difference in their relative reactivities.

# **4.1. PREPARATION OF NUCLEAR HALOGENOPYRAZINES (***H* **95)**

With the exception of those halogenopyrazines made by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2), most chloropyrazines have been made recently by the reaction of tautomeric pyrazinones with a phosphorus chloride or by the reaction of pyrazine *N*-oxides with phosphoryl chloride; in contrast, most other halogenopyrazines have been made by direct halogenation or by transhalogenation of chloropyrazines. A single interesting example of the conversion of a methoxy- into a chloropyrazine is included at the end of Section 4.1.1.

# **4.1.1. Nuclear Halogenopyrazines from Pyrazinones (***H* **99)**

Although such transformations have usually been done with neat phosphoryl chloride (or bromide), it appears that related reagents or a combination of reagents have proven more effective in individual cases. Recently used procedures are typified in the following classified examples:

# **Using Neat Phosphoryl Halide**

Ethyl 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**1**) gave ethyl 5-chloro-2 pyrazinecarboxylate  $(2)$  (POCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 90 min: 88%).<sup>1681</sup>



- $2(1H)$ -Pyrazinone gave 2-chloropyrazine (POCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 50 min: 84%).<sup>64</sup>
- 5-(Furan-2-yl)-2(1H)-pyrazinone gave 2-chloro-5-(furan-2-yl)pyrazine (3) (POCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 3 h: 66%).<sup>1271</sup>



3-Methyl-5-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**4**) gave 2-chloro-3-methyl-5-phenylpyrazine  $(5)$  (POCl<sub>3</sub>, 175°C, sealed, 18 h: 92%; beware of pressure within the tube even when cooled!);<sup>57</sup> such a sealed reaction also converted 5-chloro-3phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone into 2,5-dichloro-3-phenylpyrazine (**6**) (185°C, 5 h: 92%).1382



3-Amino-5,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**7**) gave 3-bromo-5,6-dimethyl-2 pyrazinamine (8) (neat POBr<sub>3</sub>, open vessel,  $145^{\circ}$ C, 20 min:  $\sim 40\%$ );<sup>1012</sup> 3bromo-2-pyrazinamine was made similarly.<sup>1008</sup>

Also other examples. 80,86,295,825,956,1033,1290,1386,1396



# **Using Phosphorus Pentachloride in Phosphoryl Chloride**

- *Note:* This combination of reagents is usually employed when phosphoryl chloride alone proves too slow or when additional C-chlorination is required. Its recent use in the pyrazine series has been mainly for the conversion of 3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinediones into mono- or dichloropyrazines, as illustrated here.
- 3-*sec*-Butyl-6-isobutyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**9**, R - $=$  Bu<sup>s</sup>) gave a separable mixture of 2-*sec*-butyl-6-chloro-5-isobutyl pyrazine (**10**, R  $=$  Bu<sup>s</sup>), 2-*sec*-butyl-3-chloro-5-isobutylpyrazine (11, R = Bu<sup>s</sup>), and 2-*sec*butyl-3,6-dichloro-5-isobutylpyrazine  $(12, R = Bu^s)$  (PCl<sub>5</sub>, POCl<sub>3</sub>, 135°C, sealed, 1 h: 21, 32, and  $\frac{9}{2}$ , respectively: mechanism unclear). <sup>92</sup>
- In a similar manner, 3-isobutyl-6-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione  $(9, R = Me)$  gave 2-chloro-3-isobutyl-6-methylpyrazine  $(10, R = Me)$ , 2chloro-6-isobutyl-3-methylpyrazine  $(11, R = Me)$ , and  $2,5$ -dichloro-3isobutyl-6-methylpyrazine  $(12, R = Me)$   $(27, 21,$  and  $4\%$ , respectively).<sup>295</sup>
- Also other closely related examples  $80,298,312,317,1314$  as well as some more regular cases.1091



#### **Using Phosphoryl Chloride and a Tertiary Base**

- *Note:* This useful procedure has been almost ignored recently in the pyrazine series.
- 3-Oxo-3, 4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**13**) gave 3-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (14) (POCl<sub>3</sub>, pyridine,  $40 \rightarrow 80^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 86%);<sup>1119</sup> also corresponding acid.275



## **Using Phosphoryl Chloride and Sulfur Monochloride**

1,4-Dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**15**) gave a separable mixture of 5,6-dichloro-1,4-dimethyl-2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**16**) and 3,5,6 trichloro-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (17) (POCl<sub>3</sub>, PhH—CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 30 min; then  $S_2Cl_2 \downarrow$ ,  $20 \rightarrow 70^{\circ}C$ , 12 h: 19 and <1%, respectively);<sup>745</sup> the mechanism remains obscure.<sup>164</sup>



# **Using Phenylphosphonic Dichloride**

2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-Pyrazinedione (**18**) gave 2,3-dichloropyrazine (**19**) [neat PhP( $=$ O)Cl<sub>2</sub>, ~160°C, 2 h: >95%; the use of POCl<sub>3</sub> was less satisfactory].<sup>1117</sup>



# **Using Phosgene**

3-(2-Methylthioethyl)-5-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**20**) gave 2-chloro-3-(2 methylthioethyl)-5-phenylpyrazine (21) (COCl<sub>2</sub>, PhMe-THF, reflux, 4 h:  $>95\%$ ;<sup>315</sup> 2-chloro-3-isobutyl-5-phenylpyrazine ( $>80\%$ ) similarly.<sup>632</sup>



#### **Using a Vilsmeier Reagent**

- *Note:* The most common Vilsmeier reagent, chloromethylenedimethylammonium chloride (ClCH $=$ N<sup>+</sup>Me<sub>2</sub> Cl<sup>-</sup>), may be generated *in situ* from dimethylformamide (DMF) with an acid chloride like phosphoryl, thionyl, oxalyl chloride, and so on.
- Methyl 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**22**) gave methyl 3-chloro-2 pyrazinecarboxylate  $(23)$  (SO<sub>2</sub>Cl, trace Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, PhMe, 80<sup>o</sup>C, N<sub>2</sub>, 3 h: 80%);54 the isomeric substrate, methyl 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate, gave methyl 5-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(24, R = H)$  (neat POCl<sub>3</sub>, trace Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 2 h:  $68\%$ ;<sup>85</sup> and the homologous methyl 5-chloro-6methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(24, R = Me)$  (77%) was made similarly.<sup>85</sup>



5,6-Dioxo-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile gave 5,6-dichloro-2,3 pyrazinedicarbonitrile (25) (SOCl<sub>2</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, dioxane, 100°C, 5 h: 90%;<sup>1390</sup> likewise but 60°C, 2.5 h: 68%).<sup>1049</sup>



3-Methoxy-1-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (26,  $R =$  OMe) gave 3-chloro-1-phenyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone (26, R = Cl) (POCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $0 \rightarrow 80^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 85%).<sup>370</sup>



# **4.1.2. Nuclear Halogenopyrazines by Direct Halogenation (***H* **95)**

The direct nuclear chlorination, bromination, or iodination of pyrazines is usually done with elemental halogen or *N*-halogeno succinimide but direct fluorination requires a more vigorous approach. All recently used procedures are typified in the following examples, classified according to the entering halogen substituent:

# **Chlorination**

2-Pyrazinamine gave 5-chloro-2-pyrazinamine (27) [substrate, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-pyridine,  $Cl_2(1.2 \text{ mol})/CHCl_3 \downarrow$  slowly, 20°C, dark, 3 h: 26% after purification].1280



2-Chloromethyl-3-methoxy-5-methylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(28, R = H)$  gave 2chloro-6-chloromethyl-5-methoxy-3-methylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(28, R = Cl)$ (*N*-chlorosuccinimide, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20°C, 12 h: 90%).<sup>333</sup>

Also other examples.321,599,1460



# **Bromination**

3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(29, R = H)$  gave regioselectively 3-amino-6bromo-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(29, R = Br)$  (substrate, AcOH, Br<sub>2</sub>/AcOH- $\downarrow$  slowly, 60°C, 4 h: 85%).<sup>802</sup>



2-Azidopyrazine  $(30, R = H)$  gave 2-azido-6-bromopyrazine  $(30, R = Br)$  (substrate, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, Br<sub>2</sub>/CHCl<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$  slowly,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: 49%).<sup>891</sup>



2-Pyrazinamine gave regioselectively 5-bromo-2-pyrazinamine  $(31, R = H)$ [substrate, pyridine—CHCl<sub>3</sub>, Br<sub>2</sub>(1.2 mol)/CHCl<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$  slowly, 20°C, dark, 1 h: 42%;<sup>1280</sup> NBS, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0°C, 24 h: 55%;<sup>361</sup> or 3-bromo-6-chloroimidazo[1, 2*b*]pyrazine.HBr.Br<sub>2</sub> complex (32) (1.1 mol), CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 90 min: 36%];<sup>191</sup> or 3,5-dibromo-2-pyrazinamine  $(31, R = Br)$  [as before but  $Br<sub>2</sub> (2.1 mol):$ 54%;<sup>1280</sup> NBS, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20°C, 12 h, then reflux, 1 h:  $\sim 45\%$ ;<sup>1012</sup> or complex (**32**) (2.2 mol), as before: 31%].191



- 5-Methyl-2-pyrazinamine 4-oxide  $(33, R = H)$  gave 3-bromo-5-methyl-2-pyrazinamine  $\overline{4}$ -oxide (33, R = Br) (NBS, Me<sub>2</sub>SO—H<sub>2</sub>O, 15°C, 4 h: 79%, initially as a complex). $1508$
- 3,6-Dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H* )-pyrazinedione underwent *N*, *N*-dibromination to give 1,4-dibromo-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (Br<sub>2</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $\degree$ C, 2 h:  $\sim$ 90%);<sup>567</sup> like other *N*-halogeno amides, this can be used as a brominating agent.567,569,579

Also other examples.<sup>99</sup>



# **Iodination**

 $2$ -Pyrazinamine 4-oxide  $(34, R = H)$  gave  $3,5$ -diiodo-2-pyrazinamine 4-oxide  $(34, R = I)$  (I<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN, reflux, 2 h: 18%; or I<sub>2</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 80°C, 30 min: 97%);<sup>278</sup> also analogues.<sup>278</sup>



3,6-Diethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (35,  $R = H$ ) gave 3,6-diethyl-5-iodo-2(1*H*)pyrazinone  $(35, R = I)$  (*N*-iodosuccinimide, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h:  $83\%)$ ;<sup>321</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>321</sup>



2-tert-Butylsulfonylpyrazine  $(36, R = H)$  gave its 3-lithio derivative  $(36, R =$ Li) [Me<sub>4</sub>-piperidine-Li (made *in situ*), THF, 0°C, 20 min], and thence 2-*tert*butylsulfonyl-3-iodopyrazine  $(36, R = I)$   $(I_2, -75^{\circ}C, 2 h: 16\%)$ ;<sup>1602</sup> 2,6dichloro-3-iodo- and 2,6-dichloro-3,5-diiodopyrazine were made somewhat similarly;<sup>1455</sup> also 2-fluoro-3-iodopyrazine  $(54\%)$ <sup>406</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>817,1613</sup>



# **Fluorination**

- *Note:* Several perfluorinations of pyrazine or piperazine derivatives have been reported: The methods do not lend themselves to limited fluorination.
- Perfluoro(2,5-diisopropylpyrazine) (**37**) underwent further (additive) fluorination to give perfluoro(2,5-diisopropyl-3,6-dihydropyrazine) (38)  $(CoF_3 + CaF_2$ , 156 $\degree$ C, substrate  $\downarrow$  dropwise, N<sub>2</sub>: 87%; mechanism discussed).<sup>15</sup>



1,4-Dimethylpiperazine (**39**) gave perfluoro (1,4-dimethylpiperazine) (**40**) (substrate + NaF,  $F_2 \downarrow$ , He,  $-78 \rightarrow 25^{\circ}C$ : 85%); and piperazine gave perfluoropiperazine (41) (similarly but  $-50 \rightarrow -10$ °C: 86%; for details, see original and references cited therein).<sup>1324</sup>



# **4.1.3. Nuclear Halogenopyrazines by Deoxidative Halogenation of Pyrazine** *N***-Oxides (***H* **105)**

The conversion of pyrazine *N*-oxides into *C*-chloropyrazines by phosphoryl chloride, and so on has continued to be widely used recently. It should be noted that the entering chloro substituent does not always become attached to a ring carbon adjacent to the oxide entity: it sometimes enters at another ring carbon or even at the  $\alpha$ -position on an alkyl substituent. Typical regular and irregular examples from recent literature follow:

Pyrazine 1-oxide (42) gave 2-chloropyrazine (43) (neat POCl<sub>3</sub>, 70<sup>o</sup>C, substrate  $\downarrow$  portionwise, 2 h: 37%).<sup>1529,cf.64</sup>



2-Chloro-3-methyl-5-phenylpyrazine 1-oxide (**44**) gave 2,6-dichloro-3-methyl-5-phenylpyrazine (45) (POCl<sub>3</sub>, 80°C, 30 min: 93%); analogues likewise.<sup>57</sup>



2,3-Diphenylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide (**46**) gave a separable mixture of 2,3-dichloro-5,6-diphenylpyrazine (**47**) and (unexpectedly) 2-chloro-5,6-diphenylpyrazine 1-oxide (48) (POCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 1 h: 55 and 36%, respectively);<sup>1250</sup> several  $p, p'$ disubstituted substrates behaved similarly.1561



2-Chloro-5,6-dimethylpyrazine 4-oxide (**49**) gave a mixture of 2,3-dichloro-5,6 dimethylpyrazine (**50**) and 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-6-methylpyrazine (**51**) (POCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 30 min: 38 and 19%, respectively, after separation).<sup>1272</sup>



2-Phenylpyrazine 4-oxide (**52**) gave a separable mixture of 2-chloro-3-phenylpyrazine (**53**), 2-chloro-5-phenylpyrazine (**54**), and 2-chloro-6-phenylpyrazine (**55**) (POCl3, reflux, 1 h: 39,8, and 38%, respectively).1290,1448, 1574

Also other examples. 80,82,324,503,811,891,1260,1307,1311,1377,1382,1524,1574,1582



# **4.1.4. Nuclear Halogenopyrazines from Pyrazinamines (***H* **112)**

The conversion of (primary) pyrazinamines into the corresponding halogenopyrazines by one-pot diazotization and treatment with halides has proven reasonably satisfactory for making some chloro-, bromo-, or fluoropyrazines; to date, iodopyrazines have not been so made, although examples may be found in other diazine series.<sup>1687,</sup> <sup>1688</sup> The actual procedures vary considerably, as evident in the following examples:

3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(56, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  gave 3-chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (56, R = Cl) (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, HCl. NaCl,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 29%).<sup>262</sup>



5-Benzyloxy-3-hydroxymethyl-6-isobutyl-2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide (**57**, R - CH<sub>2</sub>OH) gave 2-benzyloxy-5-chloro-6-hydroxymethyl-3-isobutylpyrazine 4oxide (58, R = CH<sub>2</sub>OH) (Bu<sup>i</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>ONO, CuCl—CuCl<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, MeCN, 20°C, 30 min: 75%);848 and methyl 3-amino-6-benzyloxy-5-isobutyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide  $(57, R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me)$  gave methyl 6-benzyloxy-3-chloro-5isobutyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide  $(58, R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me)$  (likewise but 90 min: 61%).337



Methyl 3-amino-  $(59, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  gave methyl 3-bromo-6-chloro-5-(4methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(59, R = Br)$  (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, Br<sub>2</sub>— HBr-AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 5°C, 30 min: 47%).<sup>645</sup>



5,6-Dichloro-3-nitro-2-pyrazinamine  $(60, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  gave 2-bromo-5,6dichloro-3-nitropyrazine (60, R = Br) (Bu<sup>i</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>ONO, excess CHBr<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 8 h; then more  $Bu'CH_2ONO$ , reflux, 10 h:  $\sim$ 50%, crude product; mecha $nism$ ?).<sup>1313</sup>



5-Phenyl-2-pyrazinamine  $(61, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  gave 2-fluoro-5-phenylpyrazine  $(61,$  $R = F$ ) (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, HBF<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O,  $-5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 2.5 h: ?%);<sup>1457</sup> 2-fluoropyrazine 1-oxide (17%) was made somewhat similarly.<sup>276</sup>



# **4.1.5. Nuclear Halogenopyrazines by Transhalogenation (***H* **111)**

This procedure is especially useful for converting easily available chloro- or bromopyrazines into less easily available iodo- or fluoropyrazines. Although neglected of recent years, there are several examples of the transhalogenation of chloro- into iodopyrazines.

- 2-Chloropyrazine gave 2-iodopyrazine (NaI, AcOH,  $H_2SO_4$ , MeCN, reflux, 5 h: 80%).1613
- 2,6-Dichloropyrazine (62) gave 2,6-diiodopyrazine (63) (I<sub>2</sub>, TsOH, 15-crown-5,  $(CH)_4SO_2$ , 150°C, 2 h: 38%;<sup>1588</sup> or HI, NaI, AcEt—H<sub>2</sub>O, 15-crown-5, reflux, 4 days: 34%).638



- 2-Chloropyrazine  $(64, X = C1)$  gave 2-fluoropyrazine  $(64, X = F)$  [HF (solution?),  $100^{\circ}$ C, more HF  $\parallel$  continuously, 1 h: 61 with 34% of substrate recovered;<sup>1086</sup> neat Bu<sub>4</sub>PF.HF, 100°C, 2 h: 93%;<sup>327</sup> neat Bu<sub>4</sub>PF.2 HF, 140°C, 23 h: 81%;327 or KF, *N*-Me-pyrrolidinone, reflux, 2.5 h: 80%].406
- 2,6-Dichloropyrazine (**62**) gave 2,6-difluoropyrazine (**65**) (neat Bu4PF.HF, 80°C, 1 h:  $85\%$ ).  $327$



2-Chloropyrazine 1-oxide (66) gave 2-fluoropyrazine 1-oxide (67) (KF, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, reflux, 2 days:  $32\%$ ).<sup>276</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1307</sup>



# **4.1.6. Nuclear Halogenopyrazines via Trimethylsiloxypyrazines**

This convenient indirect process involves conversion of a pyrazinone into the corresponding trimethylsiloxypyrazine, and thence (with phosphorus halide) into the required halogenopyrazine. For example, 5-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone afforded crude 2-phenyl-5-trimethylsiloxypyrazine (neat  $Me<sub>3</sub>SiNHSiMe<sub>3</sub>$ , ClSiMe<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 30 min) that reacted with an appropriate phosphorus halide to furnish 2-bromo- (neat PBr<sub>3</sub>, 150 $^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 77% overall), 2-chloro- (neat PCl<sub>5</sub>, 200 $^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 40%), or 2iodo-5-phenylpyrazine (PI<sub>3</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub>Cl, reflux, 24 h:  $12\%$ ); homologues were made similarly.1726

# **4.2. REACTIONS OF NUCLEAR HALOGENOPYRAZINES (***H* **121)**

Most halogenopyrazines undergo facile nucleophilic displacement of their halogeno substituent  $(s)$ ,<sup>1286</sup>, thus making them ideal substrates for the preparation of other pyrazines.

The conversion of *halogeno- into alkyl- or arylpyrazines* has been discussed in Section 3.2.1.2. The other important reactions of halogenopyrazines are summarized in the following subsections.

# **4.2.1. Aminolysis of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **123, 149)**

Aminolysis is the most employed reaction of halogenopyrazines. The reactivity of a halogeno substituent is unaffected by its position on the pyrazine ring and there is little difference in the reactivity of a chloro, bromo, iodo, or even a fluoro substituent. Accordingly, the nature of the attacking amine (e.g., hydrazine  $>$  alkylamines  $>$  ammonia  $>$  arylamines in aminolytic power) and the nature, number, and disposition of other substituents in the substrate are the determing factors in the ease (or otherwise) of an aminolysis. This finding is illustrated, albeit qualitatively, in the following examples that are classified initially according to the passenger substituents in the halogenopyrazines used as substrates:

#### **From Halogenopyrazines without Other Substituents**

- 2-Chloropyrazine  $(69)$  gave 2-ethylaminopyrazine  $(68, R = Et)$  (EtNH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, 125°C, sealed, 11 h: 75%),409 2-(but-3-ynylamino)pyrazine (**68**,  $R = CH_2CH_2C \equiv CH)$  (HC=CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, 130°C, sealed, 24 h:  $21\%)$ ,<sup>361</sup> or 2-(*o*-bromoanilino)pyrazine (68, R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br-*o*) (neat *o*-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, 150°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 24 h: 27%).<sup>369</sup>
- 2-Chloropyrazine  $(69)$  gave 2-hydrazinopyrazine  $(68, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  (neat H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 40 min; then  $4^{\circ}$ C, 2 days:  $70\%$ <sup>593</sup> or H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 4 h:  $\sim$ 65%).<sup>622</sup>



- 2-Chloropyrazine (**69**) gave 1,4-di(pyrazin-2-yl)piperazine (**70**) [piperazine (0.4 mol), Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF, 8000 atm!, 100 $^{\circ}$ C, 4 days: 96%].<sup>855</sup>
- 2-Chloropyrazine (**69**) and phenothiazine gave 10-(pyrazin-2-yl)phenothiazine  $(71)$  (KI, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Cu, no solvent, 240<sup>o</sup>C, 4 days: 80%).<sup>1316</sup>
- 2,6-Dichloropyrazine  $(73, X = C)$  gave 2-chloro-6-hydroxyaminopyrazine  $(72)$  $(H_2NOH, EtOH, reflux, 2 h: 35\%).$ <sup>1121</sup>
- $2,6$ -Diiodopyrazine (73,  $X = I$ ) gave 2-dimethylamino-6-iodopyrazine (74) (Me<sub>2</sub>NH, MeOH, reflux, 1 h: 89%).<sup>638</sup>
- 2,6-Dibromopyrazine  $(73, X = Br)$  and ethyl 3-pyrazolecarboxylate gave 2,6bis(3-ethoxycarbonylpyrazol-1-yl)pyrazine (75) [K, THF; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 2 days: 60%, after separation from 2-bromo-6-(3-ethoxycarbonylpyrazol-1-yl)pyrazine (7%)].<sup>963</sup>



2,3-Dichloropyrazine (76) gave 2,3-dihydrazinopyrazine (77) (95% H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, warm:  $66\%$ ;<sup>1117</sup> or H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, EtOH, reflux, 90 min: 87%).<sup>748</sup>



3,4,5,6-Tetrachloropyrazine (**78**) gave 2,5-dichloro-3,6-diphthalimidopyrazine (79) (K-phthalimide, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 50°C, 16 h:  $?%$ ), and thence 3,6-dichloro-2,5-pyrazinediamine (80) (H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, no details but structure confirmed by X-ray analysis; note that regular aminolysis of the same substrate gave a mixture of 5,6-dichloro-2,3- and 3,5-dichloro-2,6- but no trace of 3,6 dichloro-2,5-pyrazinediamine).<sup>1656</sup>

Also other examples.172,599,625,627,628,680,1034,1445,1513,1562,1569



# **From Alkyl- or Arylhalogenopyrazines**

 $2$ -Chloro-  $(81, R = C1)$  gave  $2$ -hydrazino-3- $(2$ -methylthioethyl)-5-phenylpyrazine (81, R = NHNH<sub>2</sub>) (55% H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>—H<sub>2</sub>O, BuOH, reflux, 4 h: 92%).<sup>315</sup>



2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine  $(82, R = C1)$  gave 2,5-dimethyl-3-(*N*-methylhydrazino)pyrazine  $(82, R = NMeNH_2)$  (MeHNNH<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, BuOH, reflux, 4 h:  $51\%$ ),<sup>72</sup> 2-dimethylamino-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (82, R = NMe<sub>2</sub>) [neat O=P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, 150°C, 15 h: 49%),<sup>786</sup> or 1-(3,6-dimethylpyrazin-2-yl) indole (83) (indole, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, CuI, AcNMe<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 12 h: 37%).<sup>102</sup>



 $2$ -Chloro-3,6-diphenylpyrazine  $(84, R = C1)$  gave 3,6-diphenyl-2-pyrazinamine  $(84, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  (neat PhCONH<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, ~200°C, 1 h: 70%) or 2-acetamido-3,6-diphenylpyrazine (84,  $R = NHAc$ ) (neat AcNH<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 14 h: 75%; the reasons for loss or retention of the acyl group are discussed);  $241$ analogous substrates behaved similarly. $241$ 



2-Chloro-5,6-diphenylpyrazine  $(85, R = C)$  gave 2-dimethylamino-  $(85, R = C)$  $NMe<sub>2</sub>$ ) (Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, KOH, 185 $°C$ , 14 h: 78%) or 2-methylamino-5,6diphenylpyrazine (85, R = NHMe) (MeHNCHO, KOH, 155°C, 7 h: 88%).<sup>185</sup>



2,3-Dibromo-5,6-diphenylpyrazine  $(86, R = Br)$  gave 5,6-diphenyl-2,3pyrazinediamine  $(86, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  (NH<sub>4</sub>OH, MeOH, Cu, 140<sup>o</sup>C, sealed, 24 h: 77%).558

Also other examples in the foregoing references and elsewhere.<sup>632, 650</sup>



#### **From Halogenopyrazinamines**

- *Note:* The deactivating effect of an electron-releasing amino group upon the halogeno leaving group is evident in the conditions needed for even these monoaminolyses.
- 3,5-Dibromo-2-pyrazinamine (**87**) gave 5-bromo-3-methylamino-2-pyrazinamine (88, R = Me) (MeNH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, 100°C, sealed, 17 h:  $\frac{96}{10^{17}}$  or MeNH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 130°C, sealed, 17 h: 73%),<sup>640</sup> 5-bromo-3-hydrazino-2-pyrazinamine (88, R = NH<sub>2</sub>) (H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>O, 95°C, 90 min:  $\sim 20\%$ ),<sup>1017</sup> or analogous products.1730



3-Bromo-2-pyrazinamine  $(89, R = Br)$  gave 2,3-pyrazinediamine  $(89, R =$ NH<sub>2</sub>) (NH<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, Cu, 140°C, sealed, 20 h:  $\sim$ 45%), 3-methylamino-2-pyrazinamine (89, R = NHMe) (MeNH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, Cu, 140<sup>o</sup>C, sealed, 25 h:  $\sim$ 50%), or 3-hydrazino-2-pyrazinamine (89,  $R = NHNH_2$ ) (100%  $H_2NNH_2$ , 20°C, 3 days:  $\sim$ 20%).<sup>1008</sup>



#### **From Halogenopyrazinones**

3,5-Dichloro-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (90, R = Cl) gave 5-chloro-3-diethylamino- (90,  $R = NEt_2$ ) (Et<sub>2</sub>NH, dioxane, 50°C, 2 h: 95%),<sup>865</sup> 5-chloro-3-hydrazino- (90, R = NHNH<sub>2</sub>) (H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>, dioxane, 20°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 3 h: 65%),<sup>1370</sup> or 3-amino-5-chloro-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (90,  $R = NH_2$ ) [25% NH<sub>4</sub>OH, dioxane, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, long standing (?): 83%];<sup>1309</sup> also analogues likewise.<sup>865, 1370</sup>



1-Benzyl-3,5-dichloro-6-phenyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone  $(91, R = Cl)$  gave 1-benzyl-5-chloro-3-( $o$ -iodoanilino)-6-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (91, R = NHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>I- $o$ )  $(H_2NC_6H_4I-0$ , NaH, THF, N<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 30 min; substrate  $\downarrow$ , reflux, <5 h: 78%);<sup>1607</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>1607</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>481, 1063</sup>



#### **From Halogenopyrazine N-Oxides**

2-Chloropyrazine 4-oxide  $(92, R = C)$  gave 2-hydrazinopyrazine 4-oxide  $(92,$  $R = NHNH_2$ ) (H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, EtOH, reflux, 90 min: 77%).<sup>9</sup>



 $2,6$ -Dichloropyrazine 4-oxide (93, R = Cl) gave 2-chloro-6-hydrazinopyrazine  $4\text{-oxide } (93, \text{R} = \text{NHNH}_2) \ (H_2\text{NNH}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{EtOH}, 20^{\circ}\text{C}, 24 \text{ h}: 69\%).$ <sup>891</sup>

Also other examples.78,80,276



#### **From Halogenonitropyrazines**

- *Note:* The powerful activation of a halogeno substituent by an appropriately placed nitro group is evident in these examples.
- 2-Chloro-3-nitropyrazine (94, R = Cl) gave 2-(2,3-dihydroxypropylamino)-3 $nitropy^i$ razine [94, R = NHCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OH] [H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OH, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Pr<sup>i</sup>OH, 20°C, ? h: 83%];<sup>1310</sup> 2-chloro-5-nitropyrazine gave the isomeric product, 2-(2,3-dihydroxypropylamino)-5-nitropyrazine (likewise but 18 h: 79%).1310
- 2-Bromo-5,6-dichloro-3-nitropyrazine (**95**) gave 2-chloro-3,5-bis(2-hydroxyethylamino)-6-nitropyrazine (96) (HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, PrOH,  $\leq 10 \rightarrow$ 20 $\degree$ C, 1 h: 30%).<sup>1313</sup>



#### **From Halogenopyrazinecarbonitriles**

3-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(97, R = C)$  gave a separable mixture of 3-amino-  $(97, R = C)$  and 3-methoxy-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(97, R = OMe)$ (NH<sub>3</sub>, MeOH,  $\leq 4^{\circ}$ C, 4 h; then 20<sup>°</sup>C, 25 h: 16 and 67%, respectively).<sup>1556</sup>



3-Amino-5-chloro-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**99**) gave 3-amino-5-hydrazino-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (98) (H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, EtOH, reflux, 5 min: 62%), and thence 3,6-diamino-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyrazine-5-carbonitrile (**100**) reflux prolonged to 1 h:  $74\%$ ).<sup>1180</sup>



5,6-Dichloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**101**) gave 5-amino-6-chloro- (**102**,  $Q = NH_2$ ,  $R = Cl$ ) [NH<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$ , Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, -10°C, 15 min: 61%;<sup>1393</sup>  $(NH_4)$ <sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20<sup>o</sup>, 8 h: 56%;<sup>1393</sup> or NH<sub>3</sub>, THF, <5  $\rightarrow$  20<sup>o</sup>C, until substrate gone (TLC):  $93\%$ ],<sup>1598</sup> 5-chloro-6-methylamino- (102, Q = Cl, R = NHMe) [MeNH<sub>2</sub>, THF,  $\leq 5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, until substrate gone (TLC): 81%],<sup>1598</sup> 5anilino-6-chloro- (102, Q = NHPh, R = Cl) (PhNH<sub>2</sub>, likewise: 98%),<sup>1598</sup> or 5,6-dimorpholino-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $[102, Q = R = N(CH_2CH_2)_2O]$ [HN(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O (excess), dioxane,  $5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 5 h: 69%];<sup>530</sup> also analogues likewise.530,1289,1301,1598,1639,1745



# **From Halogenopyrazinecarboxylic Acids or Related Substrates**

5,6-Dichloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid  $(103, R = C)$  gave 5-amino-6chloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid (103,  $R = NH_2$ ) [NH<sub>3</sub> (liquid), 130°C, autoclave, 24 h: 88%; dangerously close to the critical temperature of ammonia?].<sup>947</sup>



Methyl 3-amino-6-bromo-5-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(104, R = C)$  gave methyl 3-amino-6-bromo-5-(2-dimethylaminoethylamino)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (104, R = NHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>) (H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>, Pr<sup>i</sup>OH, reflux, 24 h: 87%, as hydrochloride; it is interesting that the ester grouping survived such vigorous aminolytic conditions).808



3-Chloro-5-cyano-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (105, R = Cl) gave 5-cyano-3-diethylamino- (105,  $R = NEt_2$ ) (Et<sub>2</sub>NH, PhH, reflux, 1 h: 74%; also homologes),<sup>507</sup> 5-cyano-3-cycloheptylamino-  $[105, R = NHCH(CH_2)_6]$   $[H_2NCH(CH_2)_6,$ PhMe, reflux, 1 h:  $84\%$ ],<sup>510</sup> or 3-anilino-5-cyano-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(105, R = NHPh)$  (PhNH<sub>2</sub>, PhH, reflux, 1 h: 84%; also substituted-anilino analogues).508



2-Benzoyl-3-chloropyrazine (106, R = Cl) gave 3-benzoyl-2-pyrazinamine  $(106, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  (NH<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, 120°C, sealed: 63%).<sup>1092</sup>

Also other examples.645,1091



# **4.2.2. Hydrolysis of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **138, 150)**

The hydrolysis of halogenopyrazines to pyrazinones has never been used much, perhaps because most halogenopyrazines are themselves made from pyrazinones. Such hydrolysis can be done under acidic or basic conditions but sometimes it seems to be more rewarding to proceed in two stages via an alkoxy intermediate. The following examples illustrate all three hydrolytic procedures:

# **By Acidic Hydrolysis**

2-Chloro-3,6-dipropylpyrazine  $(107, R = Pr)$  gave 3,6-dipropyl-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone (108, R = Pr) (6 M HCl, reflux, 90 min:  $94\%$ ;<sup>1311</sup> in contrast, 2-chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine  $(107, R = Me)$  gave 3,6-dimethyl-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone  $(108, R = Me)$  (likewise: only 9%).<sup>1272</sup>



# **By Alkaline Hydrolysis**

2-Chloro-3-isobutyl-6-isopropylpyrazine 1-oxide (**109**) gave 1-hydroxy-3 isobutyl-6-isopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (110) (KOH,  $H_2O$ —MeOH, reflux, 2 h:  $84\%$ );<sup>92</sup> homologues likewise.<sup>1250</sup>



2-Chloro-3-isobutylpyrazine 4-oxide gave 3-isobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide  $(111, R = Bu^i)$  (5 M NaOH, reflux, 2 h: 39%);<sup>86</sup> 2-chloro-3-phenylpyrazine 4-oxide gave 3-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide (111,  $R = Ph$ ) (KOH, H<sub>2</sub>O-EtOH, reflux, 1 h: 30%);<sup>1290</sup> also analogues likewise.<sup>1290</sup>



3-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid gave 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (0.5 M NaOH, reflux, 1 h:  $>95\%$ ).<sup>1271</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>80, 1309, 1565</sup>

## **By Alcoholysis and Subsequent Hydrolysis**

2,5-Dichloro-3,6-diethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide (**112**) gave 3,6-diethyl-1,4-dihydroxy-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**114**), presumably via the dimethoxy intermediate (**113**) (MeONa, dioxane, 110°C (reflux?), 4 h; then 10 M HCl  $\downarrow$  : 52%).<sup>1283</sup>



2-Chloro-3,6-diisopropylpyrazine gave 3,6-diisopropyl-2-methoxypyrazine [Me-ONa, MeOH (?), 120°C, sealed, 3 h: 99%], and hence 3,6-diisopropyl-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (10 M HCl, reflux, 90 min:  $97\%$ ).<sup>1311</sup>

# **4.2.3. Alcoholysis or Phenolysis of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **133)**

Alcoholysis of halogenopyrazines is the usual way to make alkoxypyrazines. The alkoxide ion is such a good nucleophile that it tends to replace all halogeno substituents in the substrate, irrespective of their state of activation. However, reasonable selectivity is usually possible by judicious control of the molecular ratio of reactants and of the conditions employed. Phenolysis is often less facile. The following examples illustrate typical conditions required and the relatively small effects of activating or deactivating passenger groups in the halogeno substrate:

# **From Halogenopyrazines without Other Substituents**

2-Chloropyrazine (115) afforded 2-methoxypyrazine  $(116, R = OMe)$  (MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 2 h:  $92\%)$ ,<sup>232</sup> 2-tert-butoxypyrazine (116, R = Bu<sup>r</sup>) (Bu<sup>r</sup>OK,  $Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO$ ,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ ,  $\sim$ 1 h: 80%),<sup>64</sup> 2-(but-3-ynyloxy)pyrazine (116, R =  $CH_2CH_2C \equiv CH$  (NaOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C=CH, HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C=CH, 80°C, 2 h: 52%),<sup>361</sup> or 2-(*o*-bromophenoxy)pyrazine (116,  $R = C_6H_4Br-o$ ) (NaOC<sub>6</sub> H<sub>4</sub>Br-*o*, 140°C, 24 h: 47%).<sup>369</sup>



2,6-Diiodopyrazine  $(117, R = I)$  gave 2-iodo-6-methoxypyrazine  $(117, R =$ OMe) (MeONa, MeOH, 20°C, 15 h: 98%;<sup>1588</sup> or MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 3.5 h:  $98\%$ ).  $638$ 

Also other examples.360,867,1068,1186,1199,1587



#### **From Alkyl- or Arylhalogenopyrazines**

 $2$ -Chloro-3,5-diphenylpyrazine  $(118, R = Cl)$  gave  $2$ -methoxy-3,5-diphenylpyrazine  $(118, R = OMe)$  (MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 3 h: 97%); homologues likewise.<sup>1307</sup>



 $2$ -Chloro-3,6-diphenylpyrazine (119,  $R = Cl$ ) gave  $2$ -ethoxy-3,6-diphenylpyrazine (119,  $R = OEt$ ) (EtONa, EtOH, reflux, 4 h:  $89\%)^{82}$  or 2-phenoxy-3, 6-diphenylpyrazine (119,  $R =$  OPh) [(PhO)<sub>3</sub>PO, KOH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 1 h: 81%; substituted-phenoxy analogues were made likewise].<sup>192</sup>



- 2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine gave 2,5-dimethyl-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)pyrazine [NaOCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> (prepared *in situ*), (Me<sub>2</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>PO, 150°C, 12 h: 54%].<sup>787</sup>
- 2,5-Dichloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine  $(120, R = C)$  gave 2,5-dimethoxy- $(120, R = C)$ OMe) (MeONa, MeOH, 120°C, sealed, 14 h: 73%)<sup>1392</sup> or 2,5-dibenzyloxy-3,6dimethylpyrazine  $(120, R = OCH_2Ph)$  (PhCH<sub>2</sub>ONa, PhCH<sub>2</sub>OH, 160°C, sealed, 7 h: 51%).<sup>80</sup>

Also other examples.295,298,310,312,812,1260,1334,1437,1448,1564,1582,1645



#### **From Halogenopyrazinamines**

 $3$ -Chloro-2-pyrazinamine  $(121, R = C1)$  gave  $3$ -benzyloxy-2-pyrazinamine  $(121, R = OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph)$  (PhCH<sub>2</sub>ONa, PhCH<sub>2</sub>OH, "warmed", 72 h: 58%; sometimes accompanied by a separable byproduct, 2-benzylamino-3-benzyloxypyrazine  $(122)$ , in small amount.<sup>1567, cf. 616</sup>



 $3,5$ -Dibromo-2-pyrazinamine  $(123, R = Br)$  gave 3-benzyloxy-5-bromo-2pyrazinamine  $(123, R = OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph) (PHCH<sub>2</sub>ONa, PhCH<sub>2</sub>OH, reflux, 4 h:$  $51\%$ ;<sup>661</sup> also analogues likewise.<sup>661</sup>

Also other examples.1012,1198



# **From Halogenopyrazinones**

3,5-Dichloro-1-methyl-2(1*H* )-pyrazinone (**124**) gave 5-chloro-3-ethoxy- (**125**,  $R = Et$ ) (EtONa, EtOH, 20°C, 2 h: 79%)<sup>1309</sup> or 5-chloro-3-methoxy-1methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (125,  $R = Me$ ) (MeONa, MeOH, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 10 min:  $>95\%$ ;<sup>370</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>370</sup>



3,6-Dibromo-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**126**, R - Br) gave 3,6-dimethoxy-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione  $(126, R = OMe)$  (MeOH, Et<sub>3</sub>N, 0°C, ? h: 85%).<sup>1071</sup>

Also other examples.395, 481, 956



## **From Halogenopyrazine N-Oxides**

2-Chloro-  $(127, R = C)$  or 2-fluoropyrazine 1-oxide  $(127, X = F)$  gave 2methoxypyrazine 1-oxide (**128**) [MeONa, MeOH, reflux 45 min: 85% (from chloro substrate); or MeONa, MeOH, 20°C, 10 min: 91% (from fluoro substrate) $]^{276}$ 



 $2$ -Chloro-6-phenylpyrazine  $4$ -oxide  $(129, R = Cl)$  gave  $2$ -methoxy-6phenylpyrazine 4-oxide (129, R = OMe) (MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 20 h: 86%).46

Also other examples.329, 848, 1272



#### **From Halogenopyrazinecarbonitriles**

3-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**130**) gave 3-(3-*tert*-butylamino-2-hydroxypropoxy)-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (131) [NaOCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>NHBu<sup>t</sup> (made *in situ*), Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 70 $^{\circ}$ C, 18 h: 83% $\frac{1594}{1594}$  or analogous substituted-phenoxy derivatives.<sup>1010</sup>



 $3$ -Amino-5-chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(132, R = Cl)$  gave  $3$ -amino-5methoxy-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(132, R = OMe)$  (MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 6 h: 77%).683

Also other examples.<sup>608,1256</sup>



# **From Halogenopyrazinecarboxylic Esters or Amides**

Ethyl 5-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(133, R = Cl)$  gave ethyl 5-methoxy-2pyrazinecarboxylate (133, R = OMe) (MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 20 min: 40%).1681



Methyl 6-benzyloxy-3-chloro-5-isobutyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (**134**,  $R = Cl$ ) gave methyl 6-benzyloxy-5-isobutyl-3-methoxy-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (134, R = OMe) (MeONa, MeOH, 20°C, 30 min: 71%).<sup>337</sup>



5-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(135, R = C)$  gave 5-methoxy-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (135, R = OMe) (MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 2 h: 94%).<sup>1681</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1271</sup>



## **4.2.4. Thiolysis of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **141)**

The conversion of halogenopyrazines into pyrazinethiones is usually done either with sodium hydrogen sulfide solution or by initial treatment with thiourea and subsequent hydrolysis of the intermediate isothiouronium salt (frequently unisolated). A third method, involving treatment of the halogeno substrate with thiosulfate, has proven promising in some heterocyclic series but not so far in the pyrazines: 2 chloropyrazine did so give  $2(1 H)$ -pyrazinethione but only in 20% yield.<sup>1358</sup>

#### **Using Sodium Hydrogen Sulfide**

3-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**136**) gave 3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2 pyrazinecarboxamide (137) (NaHS, EtOH-Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 100°C, 5 h: 85%);<sup>503</sup> the isomeric 6-thioxo-1,6-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (84%) was made in a similar way.503



- Methyl 6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide gave methyl 6-thioxo-1,6-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (**138**) (NaHS, EtOH, 20°C, 3 h: 46%).89
- 2-Chloropyrazine gave 2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione [NaHS/MeOH (made *in situ*), reflux, 1 h: 91%].1602



2-Chloropyrazine 1-oxide (**139**) gave a separable mixture of 1-hydroxy-2(1*H*) pyrazinethione (140) and bis (pyrazin-2-yl) sulfide (141) ( $Na<sub>2</sub>S$ ) gradually, dioxane,  $20^{\circ}$ C, ? h: 21 and 33%, respectively).<sup>276</sup>

Also other examples.262,811,858,1076,1211



# **Using Thiourea**

3,5-Dichloro-1-methyl-2(1*H* )-pyrazinone (**142**) gave 5-chloro-3-isothiouronio-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone hydrochloride (143)  $[H_2NC(=S)NH_2, EtOH,$ 20°C, 3 h: 71%], and thence 5-chloro-1-methyl-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (144) (2.5 M NaOH, reflux, 1 h: 75%);<sup>1381</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>1381</sup>



3-Amino-5-chloro-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile gave an uncharacterized isothiouronium compound  $[H_2NC(\equiv S)NH_2, EtOH, reflux, 1 h]$ , and thence 3amino-5-thioxo-4,5-dihydro-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (145) (10% Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 1 h: 50% overall).<sup>1180</sup>



2-Chloro-3-phenylpyrazine (**146**) gave 3-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione (**147**) [H<sub>2</sub>NC(=S)NH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 95°C, 75 min; 10 M NaOH  $\downarrow$  to pH 2.5: 80%].1033

Also other examples.<sup>1126</sup>



# **4.2.5. Alkanethiolysis or Arenethiolysis of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **139)**

Like alcoholysis, alkanethiolysis of halogenopyrazines occurs readily but it is usually possible to achieve regioselectivity from di- or polyhalogenopyrazines. The following examples illustrate typical conditions employed and yields to be expected in the presence of various types of passenger groups:

# **From Halogenopyrazines without Other Substituents**

2-Chloropyrazine (149) gave 2-hexadecylthiopyrazine (148,  $R = C_{16}H_{33}$ )  $[C_{16}H_{33}SNa$  (made *in situ*), Me(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>OMe, 108<sup>°</sup>C, 3 h: 69%),<sup>1360</sup> 2-cyclohexylthiopyrazine  $[148, R = HC(CH_2)_5]$   $[(CH_2)_5CHSNa, MeOH, reflux,$ 5 h: 86%],<sup>318</sup> or 2-(*o*-aminophenylthio)pyrazine (148, R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>-*o*) (*o*- $HSC_6H_4NH_2$ , EtONa, EtOH, reflux, 16 h: 90%).<sup>369</sup>



2-Chloropyrazine (**149**) gave 2-(pyridin-2-ylthio)pyrazine (**150**) [2(1*H*) pyridinethione,  $K_2CO_3$ , Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 4 h:  $60\%$ ];<sup>126</sup> several other (heteroarylthio)pyrazines were made by essentially similar reactions.<sup>111, 684, 698, 871</sup>

2,3-Dichloropyrazine gave 2-(*o*-aminophenylseleno)-3-chloropyrazine (**151**)  $[(o-H_2NC<sub>6</sub>H_4Se)<sub>2</sub>Zn, HCl]$  to pH 3, EtOH, reflux, 5 min: ?%],<sup>351</sup> 2,3-bis(2dimethylaminoethylthio)pyrazine (152) (Me<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SH.HCl, Bu'OK. Bu<sup>*t*</sup>OH, reflux, 22 h:  $\sim$  6% as dihydrobromide, after purification),  $^{1033}$  or other such products.<sup>600</sup>



2,3,5-Trichloropyrazine gave 2-chloro-5,6-bis(4,6-diaminopyrimidin-5-ylthio) pyrazine (153) [4,6-diamino-5-pyrimidinethiol, KOH, AcNMe<sub>2</sub>—H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 4 h: 93% (based on the pyrimidinethiol?)].<sup>1312</sup>

Also other examples,<sup>1602</sup> including use of K-Selectride  $+$  alkanethiol.<sup>1738</sup>



# **From Alkylhalogenopyrazines**

 $2$ -Chloro-3-methylpyrazine (154,  $R = Cl$ ) gave 2-methyl-3-methylthiopyrazine  $(154, R = SMe)$  MeSNa, EtOH,  $20^{\circ}C \rightarrow$  reflux, 2 h: 92%), 2-ethoxycarbonylmethylthio-3-methylpyrazine  $(154, R = \text{SCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Et})$  [NaSCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et (made *in situ*), likewise:  $91\%$ ), or analogues.<sup>1126</sup>



 $2$ -Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (155,  $R = Cl$ ) gave 2,5-dimethyl-3-phenylthiopyrazine (155, R = SPh) [PhSNa (made *in situ*), Me<sub>2</sub>SO, reflux, 5 h: 54%].318

Also other examples.<sup>956, 1260</sup>



# **From Halogenopyrazinamines**

5-Bromo-2-pyrazinamine (**156**) gave 5-benzylthio-2-pyrazinamine (**157**) [PhCH<sub>2</sub>SNa (made *in situ*), Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 48 h: 93%];<sup>1565</sup> the same substrate (156) gave bis(5-aminopyrazin-2-yl) sulfide (NaHS, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux,  $24 \text{ h}$ : ~  $40\%$ ).<sup>1565</sup>



 $3,5$ -Dibromo-2-pyrazinamine  $(158, R = Br)$  gave 5-bromo-3-methylthio-2pyrazinamine (158, R = SMe) (MeSNa, MeOH, 20°C, 3 h:  $\sim 60\%$ ).<sup>1012</sup> Also other examples.<sup>605</sup>



# **From Halogenopyrazine N-Oxides**

2-Chloro-  $(159, X = C)$  or 2-fluoropyrazine 1-oxide  $(159, X = F)$  gave 2-ethylthiopyrazine 1-oxide (**160**) (EtSH, Na, THF, 25°C, 10 h: 83%; or EtSH, Na, THF, 25°C, 30 min: 89%; respectively).276


2,5-Dichloropyrazine 1-oxide gave a separable mixture of 2-benzylthio-5 chloropyrazine 1-oxide  $(161, R = C)$  and 2,5-bisbenzylthiopyrazine 1-oxide  $(161, R = \text{SCH}_2\text{Ph})$  (PhCH<sub>2</sub>SH, EtONa, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h: 75% and  $\sim$  5%, respectively).<sup>1565</sup>



## **From Halogenopyrazinecarboxylic Acid Derivatives**

3-Chloro-5-cyano-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**162**) gave 5-cyano-3-ethylthio- (**163**,  $R = Et$ ) (EtSH, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Et<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, <7 h: 43%) or 5-cyano-3-phenylthio-2pyrazinecarboxamide  $(163, R = Ph)$  (PhSH, Et<sub>3</sub>N, PhH, reflux, <7 h: 78%);<sup>503</sup> also related products similarly.<sup>503, 505</sup>



2-Chloro-3-propionylpyrazine (164, R = Cl) gave 2-ethylthio-3-propionylpyrazine (164, R = SEt) (EtSH, EtONa, EtOH, 20°C, 4 h: 87%).<sup>815</sup>



5,6-Dichloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**165**) gave 5,6-bisethylthio- (**166**, R - Et) (EtSH, pyridine, AcMe, 20°C, 18 h: 75%) or 5,6-bisbenzylthio-2,3 pyrazinedicarbonitrile (166,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) (PhCH<sub>2</sub>SH, pyridine, AcMe, 20°C, 2 h:  $85\%$ ).<sup>1049</sup>



3-Chloro-5-dimethylaminomethyleneamino-  $(167, R = C)$  gave 3-dimethylaminomethyleneamino-5-ethoxycarbonylmethylthio-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (167,  $R = \text{SCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ ) (HSCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et, EtONa, MeOH—Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $-70$ °C, 1 h: 85%).<sup>775</sup>

Also other examples.858, 1180, 1205, 1211



## **4.2.6 Azidolysis of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **132)**

It should be remembered that nearly all azidopyrazines exist in equilibrium with their tetrazolo[1,5-*e*]pyrazine forms (**168**): however, all such compounds are called azidopyrazines here. The following examples show the conditions and yields for typical transformations of halogeno- into azidopyrazines:



2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**169**) gave 2-azido-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**170**) (NaN<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 10 h:  $83\%$ ;<sup>1314</sup> or NaN<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 100<sup>o</sup>C, 24 h: 80%);231 also analogous products.232, 242, 1314



2,6-Dichloro- (171,  $R = Cl$ ) gave 2,6-diazidopyrazine (171,  $R = N_3$ ) (NaN<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>SO,  $60^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 84%; impact/heat explosive);<sup>1124</sup> 2,3-dichloro- gave 2,3diazido-5,6-diphenylpyrazine (NaN<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20°C, 48 h: 82%;<sup>1561</sup> or 80°C, 2.5 h: 92%);<sup>231</sup> also other analogues likewise.<sup>231, 1561</sup>



2-Chloro-  $(172, R = Cl)$  or 2-fluoropyrazine l-oxide  $(172, R = F)$  gave 2-azidopyrazine 1-oxide (172 R =  $N_3$ ) (NaN<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—AcMe, 20°C, 48 h: 72 or 80%, respectively).277



Methyl 3-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(173, R = C)$  gave methyl 3-azido-2pyrazinecarboxylate  $(173, R = N_3)$  (NaN<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 120<sup>o</sup>C, N<sub>2</sub>, 1 h:  $68\%$ ).<sup>54</sup>

Also other examples.1180, 1678



## **4.2.7. Hydrogenolysis of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **121, 152)**

The displacement of nuclear halogeno substituents in favor of hydrogen is usually done by catalytic hydrogenation in the presence of a base under a variety of conditions. However, it can be done in other ways, notably by treatment with sodium formate in the presence of tetrakis(triphenylphosphino)palladium (the Helquist method<sup>1697</sup> for hydrogenolysis of halogenoarenes). The following examples typify the various procedures used recently in the pyrazine series.

3-Bromo-5-methyl-2-pyrazinamine (**174**) gave 5-methyl-2-pyrazinamine (**175**)  $(H_2, Pd/C, Et_3N, MeCN, 20^{\circ}C, < 20$  min; or in AcOEt; or in MeOH/KOH; yields all  $>97\%$ ).<sup>1125</sup>



5-Chloro-3-methoxy-1-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (176,  $R = Cl$ ) gave 3-methoxy-1-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (176, R = H) (H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 20 $\degree$ C, 90 min: >95%).<sup>370</sup>



Methyl 3-bromo-6-chloro-5-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**177**) gave methyl 6-chloro-5-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(178)$  (H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C, THF, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 2 days: 70%; note selective debromination and intramolecular supply of the base). $645$ 



2-Chloro-3,6-diisobutylpyrazine (**179**) gave 2,5-diisobutylpyrazine (**180**)  $[Pd(PPh_3)_4, HCO_2Na, Me_2NCHO, 100^{\circ}C, A, 2 h: 89\%;$  note lack of H<sub>2</sub>]; analogues likewise.<sup>245</sup>



Both 2-chloro-3,6-diisobutylpyrazine 1-oxide (**181**) and the isomeric 4-oxide (**183**) gave 2,5-diisobutylpyrazine 1-oxide (**182**)  $[Pd(PPh_3)_4, HCO_2Na,$ Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $100^{\circ}$ C, A, 2 h: 90 and 87%, respectively; note survival of the oxide entity);<sup>245</sup> also analogous dechlorinations.<sup>245, 317, 1377</sup> However, if HCO<sub>2</sub>Na was replaced by  $MeCO<sub>2</sub>Na$ , hydrogen appeared to be necessary for dehalogenation.290



2-Chloropyrazine gave piperazine (Ca, excess of MeOH, reflux, briefly; then 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: ?%; note additional ring reduction).<sup>1413</sup>

Also other examples.80, 288, 395, 808, 1286, 1290, 1307, 1396, 1506

# **4.2.8. Cyanolysis of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **144)**

The displacement of a nuclear halogeno substituent by a cyano group can be done fairly readily in the pyrazine series, usually by treatment with cuprous cyanide, potassium cyanide plus cuprous iodide, or potassium cyanide in the presence of a palladium catalyst. The following examples illustrate these procedures:

2-Chloro-3-dimethylamino-6-nitropyrazine (**184**) gave 3-dimethylamino-6-nitro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (185) (CuCN, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 155°C, 18 h: 62%).<sup>1313</sup>



 $3,5$ -Dibromo-2-pyrazinamine (186,  $R = Br$ ) gave selectively 3-amino-6-bromo-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (186,  $R = CN$ ) (CuCN, NaCN, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 120°C, 2.5 h:  $64\%$ ).<sup>222</sup>



 $3-B$ romo-5-methyl-2-pyrazinamine  $4$ -oxide  $(187, R = Br)$  gave  $3$ -amino-6methyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile 1-oxide  $(187, R = CN)$  (CuCN, NaCN, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 110<sup>o</sup>C,  $\downarrow$  reflux, 4 h: 59%).<sup>1508</sup>



3,5-Dichloro-1-methyl-2( $1H$ )-pyrazinone (188, R = Cl) gave selectively 6 $chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile$  (188,  $R = CN$ ) [CuCN, 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (solvent), 150°C, 6 h: 68%].<sup>370</sup>



5-Chloro-2-pyrazinamine (189, R = Cl) gave 5-amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(189, R = CN)$  (KCN, CuI, 18-crown-6, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20°C,  $\downarrow$  reflux, 2 h: 88%).1523



2-Chloro-3,6-diisobutylpyrazine (**190**) gave 3,6-diisobutyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (191) [KCN, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, A, 2.5 h: 77%]; homologues likewise.<sup>190</sup>



# **4.2.9. Miscellaneous Displacement Reactions of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines (***H* **142)**

Several little-used but potentially useful displacement reactions are typified in the following examples:

2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**192**) gave methyl 3,6-dimethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(193)$   $\{CO (40 \text{ kg/cm}^2), \text{MeOH}, \text{Et}_3\}$ , Pd[PhCH=CHC (=0)CH=CHPh]<sub>2</sub>, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, 150°C, autoclave, 16 h: 85%}.<sup>224, cf. 1222</sup>



2-Chloropyrazine (194,  $R = Cl$ ) gave a separable mixture of *N*,*N*-diethyl-2pyrazinecarboxamide  $(194, R = \text{CONF}_{t_2})$  and 2-diethylaminopyrazine  $(194,$  $R = NEt_2$ ) (as in preceding example but Et<sub>2</sub>NH, 120°C: 85 and 8%, respectively).224, cf. 1222



2-Chloropyrazine gave 2-bis(trifluoromethyl)aminooxypyrazine (**195**) {Hg-  $[ON(CF_3)_2]_2$  (made *in situ*),  $Cl_2FCCClF_2$  (solvent), 50°C, sealed, 3 days: 22%}.1319



2,6-Dichloropyrazine gave 2-chloro-6- $[m$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$ -(trimethylenedithio)benzyl]pyrazine (**196**), the acetal of an acylpyrazine [2-(*m*-methoxyphenyl)- 1,3-dithiane anion (made *in situ*), 2-Me—THF,  $-100 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C: 14%].<sup>1482</sup>

2-Chloropyrazine gave several Ni or Pd complexes.<sup>566, 581</sup>

Also other examples.374, 882



(**196**)

# **4.2.10. Fission, Rearrangement, or Cyclocondensation of Nuclear Halogenopyrazines**

Halogenopyrazines undergo the occasional ring fission or rearrangement as well as a variety of useful cyclocondensations to afford annelated derivatives. Such reactions are typified in the following examples:

## **Fission**

2,2,5,5-Tetrafluoro-3,6-bis(heptafluoroisopropyl)-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**197**) gave a separable mixture of perfluoro-[3-methyl-2-(methyleneamino)but-1-ene] (**198**) and the gas, perfluoroisobutylronitrile (**199**)  $[h\nu(254 \text{ nm}), 2 \text{ weeks: } 38]$ and  $35\%$ , respectively].<sup>17</sup>



# **Rearrangement**

1,4-Dibromo-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**200**) gave crude 3,6 dibromo-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**201**), characterized by ethanolysis to 3,6-diethoxy-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**202**) [ $h\nu$ , CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 8 h: unstable crude solid (identified by NMR and Br analysis); then EtOH, 20°C, 12 h: 3%, after separation from several products of ring fission].569



## **Cyclocondensations**

- 2,3-Dichloropyrazine  $(204, R = H)$  gave 1,3-dithiolo $[4,5-b]$ pyrazine-2-thione  $(203)$  [(KS)<sub>2</sub>C=S (made *in situ*), Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 45<sup>o</sup>C, 3 days: 60%]; analogues likewise.<sup>264</sup>
- 2,3-Dichloropyrazine  $(204, R = H)$  gave 8-chloro-10*H*-pyrazino[2,3-*b*]  $[1, 4]$ benzothiazine (205)  $[2$ -amino-4-chloro(thiophenol), Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20°C, 5 h, then 150°C, 6 h: intermediate 2-(2-amino-4-chlorophenylthio)-

3-chloropyrazine (57%); then neat intermediate, 220 $\degree$ C, 2 h: 47%1: $\degree$ <sup>600</sup> also some aza and oxa analogues likewise but without isolation of intermediates.777, 1268

- 5,6-Dichloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(204, R = CN)$  gave 1,3-diphenyl-1*H*pyrazino[2,3-*e*][1,3,4]oxadiazine-6,7-dicarbonitrile (**206**) (BzHNNHPh, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 3 h: 53%),<sup>761</sup> pyrazino[2,3-*b*]pyrazine-2,3,6,7tetracarbonitrile (**207**) via oxidation of its unisolated 1,4-dihydro derivative  $[NCC(NH<sub>2</sub>)=<sup>C</sup>(NH<sub>2</sub>)CN: 90%$  (dihydro); then dichlorodicyanobenzoquinone oxidation (for details, see original)],<sup>825</sup> or pyrido[1',2':1,2]imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyrazine-2,3-dicarbonitrile (**208**) (2-pyridinamine, dioxane, 20°C, 24 h: 79%; analogues likewise). $1390$
- 5-Amino-6-chloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(210, R = H)$  also gave the foregoing product (**208**) [pyridine, 20°C, 24 h: 73%; perhaps via aerial oxidation of the intermediate  $(211)$ <sup>1393</sup> or 5,10-dihydrodipyrazino[2,3-*b*:2',3'-*e*]pyrazine  $(209, R = H)$  (Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 10 h: 78%);<sup>1598</sup> several 5,10-dialkyl analogues (209,  $R =$  alkyl) were made similarly.<sup>1598</sup>



3,5-Dibromo-2-pyrazinamine (**212**) and ethyl acetoacetate gave ethyl 2-bromo-6-methyl-5*H*-pyrrolo<sup>[2,3</sup>-*b*]pyrazine-7-carboxylate (213) (EtONa, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 90°C, 2 h: 45% net).965

Also other examples.349, 530, 1277



# **4.3. PREPARATION OF EXTRANUCLEAR HALOGENOPYRAZINES (***H* **114)**

The formation of halogenoalkyl- or halogenoarylpyrazines by *direct halogenation of alkyl- or arylpyrazines* (Section 3.2.4.3), by *chlorodeoxygenation of pyrazine N-oxides* (Section 4.1.3), by *primary synthesis* (Chapters 1 and 2), or by other *passenger processes* (such as halogenoalkylation: Chapters 3–8) have been discussed elsewhere as indicated. Most other extranuclear halogenopyrazines have been made from the corresponding hydroxy (or acetoxy) derivatives or by minor procedures as detailed in the following subsections.

# **4.3.1. Extranuclear Halogenopyrazines from Corresponding Hydroxypyrazines**

A variety of reagents have been used to achieve this transformation, as illustrated in the following classified examples:

## **Using Halogen and Triphenylphosphine**

3-(2-Hydroxyethyl)- (**214**) gave 3-(2-bromoethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*) pyrazinedione (215) (Br<sub>2</sub>, PPh<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $0 \rightarrow 5^{\circ}C$ , 12 h: 87%);<sup>792</sup> 3-benzyl-6-(2-bromoethyl)-3-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**216**)  $(84\%)$  was made similarly.<sup>813</sup>



## **Using Halide Ion (on an Acyloxy Substrate)**

2-Benzyloxy-3-isobutyl-6-mesyloxymethyl- (**217**) gave 2-benzyloxy-6-iodomethyl-3-isobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine 4-oxide (**218**) (Bu4NI, PhH, 20°C, dark, 90 min:  $>95\%$ ).<sup>848</sup>



2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-(2-tosyloxyethyl)-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**219**, R - OTs) gave 2-(2-iodoethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(219, R = I)$  (NaI, AcMe, reflux, 2 h: 95%).<sup>1614</sup>

Also other examples.1259



## **Using Thionyl Halide**

 $2-(\alpha$ -Hydroxybenzyl)pyrazine (220) gave  $2-(\alpha$ -chlorobenzyl)pyrazine (221) (SOCl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 0°C, 3 h: 82%).<sup>181</sup>



 $1,4-\text{Bis}$ (hydroxymethyl)- $(222, R = OH)$  gave  $1,4-\text{bis}$ (chloromethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (222, R = Cl) (SOCl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20°  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 3.5 h: 86%).1102

Also other examples.606, 816



#### **Using Other Reagents**

 $2,6$ -Bis(3-hydroxymethylpyrazol-1-yl)pyrazine  $(223, R = OH)$  gave  $2,6$ -bis(3bromomethylpyrazol-1-yl)pyrazine  $(223, R = Br)$  PBr<sub>3</sub>, MeCN, reflux, 90 min: 85%).963



- 2-(1-Hydroxy-2-methylethyl)- gave 2-(1-fluoro-2-methylethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6 dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine [lithiation; then Et<sub>2</sub>NSF<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -70  $\rightarrow$ 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: good yield (crude)];<sup>197</sup> 1,4-dibenzyl-2-fluoromethylpiperazine  $(70\%)$  was made similarly but without initial lithiation<sup>630</sup>
- $2-(6-Hydroxymethylpyridin-2-yl)pyrazine$  (224,  $R = OH$ ) gave 2-(6-bromomethylpyridin-2-yl)pyrazine (224,  $R = Br$ ) (CBr<sub>4</sub>, PPh<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0°C,  $\sim$ 90 min: 95%; this procedure surely deserves wider use).<sup>871</sup>



 $2$ -Benzyloxy-6-hydroxymethyl- $(225, R = OH)$  gave 2-benzyloxy-6-chloromethyl-3-isobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine (225,  $R = Cl$ ) (MeSO<sub>2</sub>Cl, Et<sub>2</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h:  $76\%$ ;<sup>329</sup> also an analogous examples using TsCl/BuLi.<sup>333</sup>



## **4.3.2. Extranuclear Halogenopyrazines by Minor Procedures (***H* **115)**

Although little used in recent years, these minor procedures have considerable potential, as evident from the few examples that follow:

## **From Extranuclear Aminopyrazines**

2-(*o*-Aminophenylthio)pyrazine (**226**, R - $R = NH<sub>2</sub>$ ) gave 2-( $o$ -iodophenylthio)pyrazine (226,  $\overline{R} = I$ ) (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, HCl, H<sub>2</sub>O, 0°C, 2 h: then KI/H<sub>2</sub>O  $\downarrow$ , ? min:  $56\%$ ).  $369$ 



#### **From Pyrazine Aldehydes or Ketones**

- 2-Pyrazinecarbaldehyde gave 2-(difluoromethyl)pyrazine ( $Et<sub>2</sub>NSF<sub>3</sub>$ ,  $CFCl<sub>3</sub>$ , A,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 39%; unstable).<sup>630</sup>
- 1,4-Diisobutyrylpiperazine gave 1,4-bis(1-chloro-2-methylprop-1-enyl)piperazine (POCl<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 30 h: 78%; presumably via the enolic form of the substrate).<sup>1612</sup>

#### **By Transhalogenation**

 $2$ -Benzyloxy-6-chloromethyl- $(227, X = C)$  gave  $2$ -benzyloxy-6-iodomethyl-3isobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine 4-oxide  $(227, X = I)$  (NaI, MeOH, reflux, 4 h:  $61\%$ ).<sup>329</sup>



2-(2-Chloroethyl)- gave 2-(2-bromoethyl)- (NaBr, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 70 $\degree$ C, 12 h: 88%) or 2-(2-iodoethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (likewise but NaI:  $88\%$ ).<sup>1608</sup>

# **4.4. REACTIONS OF EXTRANUCLEAR HALOGENOPYRAZINES (***H* **145, 154)**

These halogenopyrazines undergo all the reactions that would be expected of their carbocyclic analogues such as benzyl chloride. Moreover, the reactivity of the halogeno group is hardly affected by the electron-withdrawing nature of the pyrazine ring but it is affected appreciably by any adjacent carbonyl or other grouping on the side chain. Reactions are typified by the classified examples that follow:

# **Hydrogenolysis**

1,4-Bis(6-bromohexyl)-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**228**) gave 1,4-dihexyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (229) [Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH, (= $NC_3H_6CN$ )<sub>2</sub>, PhH,  $80^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>, 3 h:  $95\%$ ].<sup>572</sup>

See also Section 3.2.1.5



# **Alkanelysis or Arenelysis**

2-*o*-Bromophenoxypyrazine (**230**) gave 2-[*o*-(trimethylsilylethynyl)phenoxy] pyrazine (231) [Me<sub>2</sub>SiC=CH, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CuI, 80<sup>o</sup>C, sealed, 24 h: 54%].369



2-Chloromethyl-3-methoxy-5-methylpyrazine 1-oxide (**232**) and indole-1(?)-ylmagnesium bromide (**233**) (made *in situ*) gave 3-(3-methoxy-5-methyl-1-oxidopyrazin-2-ylmethyl)indole (234) (Et<sub>2</sub>O—PhMe,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 77%).<sup>333</sup> Also other examples.1614



# **Aminolysis**

1-Benzyl-6-bromomethyl-5-chloro-3-methoxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**235**) gave 1-benzyl-5-chloro-3-methoxy-6-(prop-2-ynylamino)methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone  $(236)$  (H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>C=CH, Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF, 20 $^{\circ}$ C,  $\sim$  2 h: 87%; note preferential attack on the extranuclear halogeno substituent); $395$  also many analogues likewise.  $395$ 



6-Bromomethyl-5-chloro- $(237, R = Br)$  gave 5-chloro-6-(diethylamino)methyl-3-methoxy-1-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (237,  $R = NEt_2$ ) (Et<sub>2</sub>NH, THF, 20°C, 1 h:  $95\%$ ).<sup>53</sup>



2-Chloromethyl-5-methylpyrazine  $(238, R = H)$  gave 2-methyl-5-(trimethylammoniomethyl)pyrazine chloride (239, R = H) (Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, Me<sub>3</sub>N  $\downarrow$ , 0°C; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 12 h: 36%);<sup>550, 1481</sup> likewise 2,3,6-trimethyl-5-(trimethylammoniomethyl)pyrazine chloride  $(239, R = Me)$  (93%).<sup>550</sup>

Also other examples.259,606,613,726,773,957,963,984,1142,1664



#### **Hydrolysis**

*Note:* Hydrolysis may be done directly or via an acetoxy intermediate, often unisolated. The kinetics for hydrolysis of 2-bromomethyl-3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine have been investigated within the range pH  $1-11$ .<sup>1266</sup>

1-Benzyl-3-bromomethyl-5-chloro-6-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**240**) gave 1-benzyl-5-chloro-3-hydroxymethyl-6-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (241) ( $K_2CO_3$ , H<sub>2</sub>O—dioxane, reflux, 2 h: 68%; note survival of the chloro substituent).<sup>39</sup>



2-Chloromethyl-5-methylpyrazine (**242**) gave either 2-acetoxymethyl- (**243**) (AcOK, EtOH, reflux, 6 h: 65%) or 2-hydroxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine (**224**) (AcOK, KHCO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 6 h: 74%);<sup>221</sup> the acetoxymethyl intermediate was confirmed as such by alkaline hydrolysis to the product (**244**) (NaOH, no details: 85%).<sup>1353</sup>



#### **Alcoholysis**

*Note:* This reaction is usually done with alcoholic alkoxide but an alcohol alone may be used (over a much longer period) if some alkoxide-sensitive passenger group is present.

2-Chloromethyl-5-methylpyrazine  $(245, R = Cl)$  gave 2-methoxymethyl-5methylpyrazine (245,  $R =$  OMe) (MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 1 h:  $>71\%$ ).<sup>676</sup>



2-Chloromethylpyrazine gave 2-(prop-2-ynyloxymethyl)pyrazine  $(246, n = 1)$ [NaOCH<sub>2</sub>C=CH (made *in situ*), THF, reflux, 3 h: 47%]<sup>367</sup> or 2-(but-3-ynyloxymethyl)pyrazine (246,  $n = 2$ ) [NaOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C=CH (made *in situ*), THF, 40°C, 2 h: 53%].366



5,6-Bis(bromomethyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(247, R = Br)$  gave 5,6 $bis$ (propoxymethyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(247, R =$  OPr) (PrOH, reflux, 3 days: 53%).984



- 3-Amino-6-chloromethyl- (**248**) gave 3-amino-6-butoxymethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (249) (BuOH, reflux, 12 days: 77%; or likewise, 2 days: 58%).<sup>612</sup>
- Also other examples;<sup>53, 391, 871, 957, 1059, 1139</sup> for examples of intramolecular alcoholysis (epoxide formation) see end of this section.



#### **Thiolysis**

*Note:* There appear to be no recent examples of the direct thiolysis of extranuclear halogenopyrazines: All such transformations have been done indirectly via an isothiouronium intermediate (cf. Section 4.2.4).

2-Chloromethylpyrazine (**250**) gave 2-(isothiouroniomethyl)pyrazine chloride  $(251)$   $[S=C(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$ , MeOH, 1 h; crude solid), and thence 2-(mercaptomethyl)pyrazine (252) (1.3 M NaOH, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 1 h:  $>$ 20% overall);<sup>674</sup> 2bromomethyl- gave 2-mercaptomethyl-3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine (85%) in a similar way.<sup>1551</sup>



2,3-Bis(chloromethyl)pyrazine gave 2,3-bis(isothiouroniomethyl)pyrazine dichloride  $[S=C(NH_2)_2, EtOH, reflux, 12 h]$ , and thence 2,3-bis(mercaptomethyl)pyrazine (0.3 M NaOH, reflux, A, 6 h:  $\sim$ 25% overall);<sup>547</sup> the isomeric 2,5- and 2,6-bis(isothiouroniomethyl)pyrazine dichlorides were similarly made from their bischloromethyl analogues  $[S=C(NH_2)$ , BuOH, 100°C, 10 min: 81 and 84%, respectively] but were not subsequently treated with alkali.<sup>550</sup>

#### **Alkane- or Arenethiolysis**

5,6-Bis(bromomethyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**253**) gave 5,6-bis(phenylthiomethyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbinitrile (**254**) (PhSH, pyridine, AcMe, 20°C, 90 min: 89%).984



5,6-Bis[*p*-(bromomethyl)phenyl]-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile gave 5,6-bis[*p*-(5 methylthio-2-thioxo-1,3-dithiol-4-ylthiomethyl)phenyl]-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**255**) [4-benzoylthio-5-methylthio-1,3-dithiole-2-thione, MeONa,MeOH, 40°C, until clear (debenzoylation); then substrate  $\downarrow$ , 40°C, 1 h: 52%].<sup>1502</sup> Also other examples.200, 470, 496, 1248



# **Azidolysis**

1-Benzyl-6-(1-bromo-2-methylpropyl)-5-chloro-3-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**256**,  $R = Br$ ) gave 6-(1-azido-2-methylpropyl)-1-benzyl-5-chloro-3-phenyl-2(1*H*)pyrazinone (256, R =  $N_3$ ) (NaN<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 60°C, 5 h: 62%).<sup>53</sup>



 $2-(4-Bromobutyl)-(257, R = Br)$  gave  $2-(4-azidobutyl)-3,6-diethoxy-5-iso$ propyl-2-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(257, R = N_3)$  (NaN<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 90°C, 13 h: 78%);<sup>1609</sup> homologues likewise.<sup>1609</sup> Also other examples.152, 228, 1106, 1348



## **Cyanolysis**

2-Chloromethyl-3-phenylpyrazine (**258**) gave 2-cyanomethyl-3-phenylpyrazine (**258**) gave 2-cyanomethyl-3-phenylpyrazine (**259**) (KCN, EtOH, reflux, 4 h: 91%).1272



6-Bromomethyl-5-chloro-  $(260, R = Br)$  gave 6-chloro-5-cyanomethyl-3methoxy-1-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (260,  $R = CN$ ) (KCN, 18-crown-6, THF,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 4 h:  $57\%$ ).<sup>53</sup>



#### **Miscellaneous Displacement Reactions**

5,6-Bis(bromomethyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile gave 5,6-bis(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**261**) (KSCNsAcMe, 20°C, 10 min: 95%).984



2-Chloromethylpyrazine gave *S*-pyrazin-2-ylmethyl disodium phosphorothioate  $(262)$  [(NaO)<sub>2</sub>PSNa, H<sub>2</sub>O, pH 9, 20°C, 40 min:  $\sim$ 15%].<sup>674</sup>



4-Bromoacetyl-3-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-2-piperazinone gave a product formulated as 3-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-4-phosphonoacetyl-2-piperazinone (**263**)  $[P(OEt)_{3}, PhH, reflux, 4 h; then NaOH—H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 3 days: 70%]^{722}$ 



# **Cyclization or Ring Expansion Reactions**

2, 3-Bis(dibromomethyl)pyrazine (**264**) gave *trans*-7,8-dibromo-2,5-diazabicyclo[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5-triene (**265a**) via the bis(bromomethylene) intermediate (265) (detectable but not isolable as such) (NaI, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $60^{\circ}$ C, 1 h:  $15\%$ ).<sup>29</sup>



3-Chloromethyl-1,5,5-trimethyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinpne (**266**) underwent self-condensation to give 2,4,4,8,10,10-hexamethyl-3,4,9,10-tetrahydropyrazino[1, 2-*a*:1', 2'-*d*]pyrazine-1,7(2*H*, 8*H*)-dione (267) (EtPr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 90 $^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>, 15 h: 16%; structure confirmed by X-ray analysis).<sup>158</sup>



5,6-Bis(bromomethyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**268**) gave 6,7-diphenyl-2,3 quinoxalinedicarbonitrile (269) [PPh<sub>3</sub>, PhMe, no details: diphosphonio intermediate; then Bz<sub>2</sub>, NaH  $\downarrow$ , Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20  $\rightarrow$  120°C, 9 h: 58% (second step)].1624



2-(Chloroacetyl)pyrazine (**270**) gave 2-(2-thioxo-2,3-dihydrothiazol-4-yl) pyrazine (271) ( $H_2NCS_2NH_4$ , EtOH, 20°C, 15 h:  $\sim$ 15%);<sup>1015</sup> Analogues likewise. $1015$ 



2-Bromomethyl-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**272**) gave 2-isopropyl-3,7-dimethoxy-6-methyl-2*H*-diazepine (**273**) and/or the isomeric 2-isopropylidene-3,7-dimethoxy-6-methyl-5,6-dihydro-2*H*-diazepine (274) [Bu<sup>*I*</sup>OK, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 50°C, 1 h: 0 and 75%, respectively; KOH, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 25 $\degree$ C, 24 h: 73% and 6%, respectively; KOH, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 50 $\degree$ C, 5 h: 93% and trace, respectively; the kinetics and mechanism have been studied].<sup>923</sup>



2-(4-Chlorobut-2-enyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**275**) gave 6-isopropyl-5,8-dimethoxy-1-vinyl-4,7-diazaspiro[2.5]octa-4,7-diene  $(276)$  (BuLi, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>—THF, -70°C, 6 h: 84%).<sup>536</sup>



6-Benzylidene-3- $(\alpha$ -bromobenzyl)-3-hydroxy-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**277**) gave the epoxide, 6-benzylidene-4,7-dimethyl-2 phenyl-1-oxa-4,7-diazaspiro[2.5]octane-5,8-dione (278) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, AcOEt, reflux, 2 h:  $78\%$ ).<sup>1030</sup>



2-(2-Chloro-1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**279**) gave 2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-(1-methyl-1,2-epoxyethyl)-2,5 dihydropyrazine (280) (NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O-THF, 20°C, 3 h: 92%).<sup>520</sup>



2-(2-Bromoethyl)-3,6-diethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**281**) gave 3,6-diethoxy-2,5-diazabicyclo<sup>[2.2.2]</sup>octa-2,5-diene (282) (BuLI, THF- $C_6H_{14}$ , -78°C, 3 h: 91%).792

Also other examples.<sup>993</sup>



## **Oxidation**

2-Chloromethyl-5-methylpyrazine (**283**) gave 5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (284) [K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O-Bu<sup>*OH*</sup>, 60°C, electrolysis (freshly made "nickel hydroxide" anode; Ni alloy cathode): 82%; possibly via the hydroxymethyl intermediate but mechanism not elucidated].221



# CHAPTER 5

# **Oxypyrazines (***H* **156, 363)**

The general term *oxypyrazine* is used here to include derivatives such as the cycloamidic tautomeric pyrazinones (**1**), the alcoholic hydroxyalkylpyrazines (**2**), the etherial alkoxypyrazines (**3–5**), the cycloamidic nontautomeric pyrazinones (**6**), and pyrazine *N*-oxides (**7, 8**); in addition, related types like diketopiperazines, acyloxypyrazines, pyrazine quinones, and endoperoxypyrazines are covered as appropriate. Some brief ancillary information on trivial names, natural occurrence, and biological activities of pyrazines (mainly oxy derivatives) is collected in a final Appendix section.

There are no recent general reviews specifically on oxypyrazines but most aspects of 2,5-piperazinediones [3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinediones] have been covered in some detail.472,743

## **5.1. TAUTOMERIC PYRAZINONES (***H* **156, 363)**

There is no longer any real doubt that simple tautomeric pyrazinones like  $2(1H)$ pyrazinone (**1**) exist predominantly in their oxo forms. However, largely confirmatory theoretical,  $1042,1430,1623,1675$  NMR,  $1424$  and IR studies<sup>1398</sup> on such pyrazinones have appeared recently; in addition, 2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**9**) appears to exist substantially as such,<sup>1623,1675</sup> whereas the 2,5-isomer  $[2,5(1H,6H)$ -pyrazinedione ?] appears to prefer an equilibrium mixture (**10**) of 2,5-dihydroxypyrazine and 5-hydroxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone on theoretical grounds.<sup>1430</sup> Related studies on tautomerism have also appeared.57,465,931,932 An X-ray analysis of 3-carboxymethyl-6-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**11**) has confirmed its fine structure in the solid state.<sup>1045</sup>

#### **5.1.1. Preparation of Tautomeric Pyrazinones (***H* **156, 363, 366, 369)**

Many such pyrazinones have been made by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2) or by *hydrolysis of halogenopyrazines* (Section 4.2.2). Other methods of preparation are illustrated in the following examples, classified according to the type of substrate:



#### **From Primary Pyrazinamines**

- Ethyl 5-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**12**) gave ethyl 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (13) (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 3  $\rightarrow$  45°C, 7 min: 80%; the use of concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  ensured minimal hydrolysis of the ester grouping).<sup>1681</sup>
- 3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile gave 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(14)$  (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, dilute H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20<sup>o</sup>C, 3 h: 58%).<sup>1296</sup>
- 5-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinamine gave 5-benzylthio-2(1H)-pyrazinone (15) (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O-dioxane, 5°C, 15 min: 46%).<sup>1565</sup>

Also other examples.54,64,397



#### **From Alkoxypyrazines**

*Note:* This reaction can be done in several ways, as shown in these examples.

*Hydrolysis*. 2-Methoxy-3-methyl-5-phenylpyrazine (**16**) gave 3-methyl-5 phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (17) (6 M HCl, reflux, 3 h: 97%);<sup>1307</sup> other products like 3,6-diisopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (18, R = Pr<sup>*i*</sup>) (97%)<sup>1311</sup> and 3,6diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (18, R = Ph)  $(84\%)^{82}$  were made similarly. Hydriodic acid may also be used. $1307$ 



*Trimethylsilyl iodide method.* 2,5-Dimethoxy-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**19**) gave 5 hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (20) (Me<sub>3</sub>SiI, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, 40<sup>o</sup>C, 2 h; then H<sub>2</sub>O  $\downarrow$ , 0  $\rightarrow$  70°C, 30 min: 84%);<sup>1392</sup> also other examples.<sup>57</sup>



*Reductive debenzylation.* 2-Benzyloxy-3,6-diisobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine 4-oxide  $(21)$  gave 3,6-diisobutyl-5-methoxy-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone 4-oxide  $(22)$   $(H<sub>2</sub>)$ , Pd/C, EtOH, ? h: 90%; structure confirmed by X-ray analysis);<sup>310</sup> 2,5-dibenzyloxy-3,6-diphenylpyrazine likewise gave 5-hydroxy-3,6-diphenyl-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (**23**) (43%).82



*Thermolysis. Note*: The observation that an alkoxypyrazine can undergo thermolytic conversion into a pyrazinone plus an alkene<sup>1699</sup> has been studied kinetically<sup>59,64,238</sup> but does not appear to have been developed as a preparative procedure. For example, 2-ethoxypyrazine (**24**) gave 2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**25**) plus ethylene (**26**).238



# **From Acyloxypyrazines**

2-Acetoxy-6-isopropenyl-3-isopropylpyrazine (**27**) gave 6-isopropenyl-3-isopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (28) (KOH, MeOH- $H_2O$ , 20 $°C$ , 4 h: 94%); also analogues.1377

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2-Acetoxy-3,6-dibenzyl-5-methoxypyrazine gave 3,6-dibenzyl-5-methoxy-2(1*H*) -pyrazinone (29) ( $K_2CO_3$ , MeOH—H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 30 min: > 95%);<sup>312</sup> 2,5-diacetoxy-3,6-dimethylpyrazine gave 5-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (30) (KHCO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, reflux, 50 min: 53%).<sup>1386</sup>



2-Acetoxy-5-benzyl-6-diacetylamino-3-methylpyrazine (**31**) gave 6-amino-5 benzyl-3-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (32) (neat  $H_2NNH_2$ , 20°C, 13 h: 67%; note additional *N*-deacetylation).883

Also other examples.304,809,960,1565,1575



#### **From Other Substrates**

The dioxime, 1-cyclohexylcarbonyl-3,5-bis(hydroxyimino)piperazine (**33**) gave 4-cyclohexylcarbonyl-2,6-piperazinedione (34) (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 0°C, 24 h: 83%);1700 analogues like 1-benzoyl-2,6-piperazinedione (**35**) were made similarly.<sup>274</sup>



2-Pyrazinecarboxylic acid underwent microbiological "hydroxylation" to give 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro- (**36**, R - H) (*Alcaligenes eutrophus:* 70%), 5-oxo-4, 5-dihydro- (**37**) (*Pseudomonas acidovorans:* 96%), or 6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**38**) (*Alcaligenes faecalis:* 85%);1091 Similar procedures afforded 5-chloro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (*Alcaligenes eutrophus:* 50%) and 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (*Agrobacterium* sp: 78%).<sup>1091</sup>



- 2-Pyrazinecarboxamide in humans gave 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide and subsequent catabolic products;<sup>1183</sup> also with rat liver *in vitro*.<sup>952</sup>
- 2-Methylpyrazine (39) gave 3-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (40) (PhCN  $\rightarrow$  O, PhH, reflux, 3 h:  $\leq 5\%$  after purification).<sup>390</sup>



The kinetics and mechanism for photochemical rearrangement of pyrazine 1,4 dioxide (**41**) into 5-hydroxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**42**) have been studied.869



#### **5.1.2. Reactions of Tautomeric Pyrazinones (***H* **175, 365, 367, 371)**

The important conversion of *pyrazinones into halogenopyrazines* has been covered in Section 4.1.1. An unusual aminolytic cyclization has been reported709 and other reactions are discussed in the subsections that follow.

## *5.1.2.1. Conversion into Pyrazinethiones (H 175)*

This conversion is often done indirectly via an halogenopyrazine although direct thiation of pyrazinones has usually been successful when Lawesson's reagent (**43**) or good quality phosphorus pentasulfide has been employed. The following examples indicate typical conditions used and yields to be expected:

3-Amino-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (44,  $X = O$ ) gave 3-amino-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione  $(44, X = S)$  (P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>,  $\beta$ -picoline, reflux, 4.5 h: > 80%).<sup>1012</sup>



- 3-Phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (45,  $X = O$ ) gave 3-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione (45, X = S) ( $P_2S_5$ , pyridine, reflux, 2 h:  $\sim$  65%; the 5-phenyl isomer was made similarly.1033
- 3,6-Diethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (46, X = O) gave 3,6-diethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione  $(46, X = S)$  (Lawesson's reagent, PhMe, reflux, 2 h: 97%);<sup>270</sup> the 3,6-dipropyl (94%), 3,6-diisopropyl (98%), and other homologues were made similarly.<sup>270</sup>



1-Methyl-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxy-3-methylbenzyl)-3, 6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione  $(47, X = 0)$  gave only 1-methyl-3- $(2, 4, 5$ -trimethoxy-3-methylbenzyl)-5-thioxo-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (47,  $X = S$ ) (Lawesson's reagent, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 20°C, 12 h: 92%; note selective thiation of tautomeric oxo substituent under these conditions).<sup>103</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1450</sup>



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#### *5.1.2.2. Conversion into O*- *and/or N-Alkylated Derivatives (H 175, 193)*

Irrespective of the type of reagent or the conditions used, alkylation of a tautomeric 2(1*H*)-pyrazinone usually gives an N-alkylated pyrazinone, sometimes accompanied by a smaller amount of the isomeric alkoxypyrazine. Occasionally, the alkoxypyrazine may predominate when a diazoalkane or trialkyloxonium tertafluoroborate is used, when the steric and/or electronic factors associated with the reagent or substrate are favorable, or when the substrate's ring is partially reduced.

The following alkylations illustrate the results to be expected from various types of tautomeric pyrazinones and a variety of reagents and conditions. The examples are grouped according to the type of substrate and the given percentages represent isolate yields except when stated otherwise.

## **From Simple 2(1***H***)-Pyrazinones: O-Alkylation**

5-*p*-Bromophenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**48**) gave a separable mixture of 2-*p*-bromophenyl-5-pentyloxypyrazine (**49**) and 5-*p*-bromophenyl-1-pentyl-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (**50**) ( $C_5H_{11}Br, K_2CO_3$ , Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 100<sup>o</sup>C, 15 min: 23 and 66%, respectively); likewise homologues.735



3-Methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**51**) gave a separable mixture of 2-methyl-3- (tetrahydrofuran-2-yloxy)pyrazine (**52**) and 3-methyl-1-(tetrahydrofuran-2 yl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**53**) [tetrahydrofuran-2-yl chloride (made *in situ*), Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF—MeCN, 20°C, 1 h: 86% (of a 2:1 -mixture prior to separa $tion)1<sup>485</sup>$ 

Also other examples.16,1452



#### **From Simple 2(1***H***)-Pyrazinones: N-Alkylation**

- 3-Ethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone gave only 3-ethyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (54) (NaH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 25 $^{\circ}$ C, 2 h; then 2-chloromethylpyridine  $\downarrow$ , 25 $^{\circ}$ C, 18 h: 62%).<sup>32</sup>
- 3,5,5-Trimethyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (55, R = H) gave only 1,3,5,5tetramethyl-5,6-dihdyro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (55, R = Me) (NaH, THF, 0°C,  $N_2$ , 10 min; then MeI  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 12 h: > 95%).<sup>779</sup>
- 5,6-Diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**56**,  $R = H$ ) gave 1-ethyl-5,6-diphenyl-2(1*H*)pyrazinone (56,  $R = Et$ ) and a separable trace of the ethoxy isomer ( $Et<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>$ , MeONa, MeOH,  $20^{\circ}C \rightarrow$  reflux, 1 h:  $?\%$ );<sup>22</sup> homologues likewise.<sup>22,35</sup>



- 6-Methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**57**) underwent quaternization to 1-benzyl-3-methyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydropyrazinium bromide (58) (PhCH<sub>2</sub>Br, EtOH, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 24 h: 80%) that then gave the zwitterionic base, 1-benzyl-5-methylpyrazin-1-ium-3 olate (59) [H<sub>2</sub>O—MeOH, (Amberlite IRA-400, HO<sup>-</sup>) column: 97%; this indirect route offers a procedure for N-alkylation on a ring-N that is not adjacent to the oxo substituent];<sup>341</sup> 1,5-dimethylpyrazin-1-ium-3-olate was made somewhat similarly.<sup>1478</sup>
- Also other examples,<sup>1219,585</sup> including an indirect process involving *N*-silylmethylation followed by desilylation by cesium fluoride.<sup>1769</sup>



#### **From Functionally Substituted 2(1***H***)-Pyrazinones: O-Alkylation**

3,6-Dibenzyl-5-methoxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (60,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) gave only 2,5 $dibenzyl-3-benzyloxy-6-methoxypyrazine$  (61,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) (PhCH<sub>2</sub>Br, KOH, trace Me<sub>4</sub>NBr, H<sub>2</sub>O-CHCl<sub>3</sub>, ultrasonication, 30°C, 36 h: 80%);<sup>312</sup> 3,6-diisobutyl-5-methoxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone  $(60, R = Bu^i)$  gave 2-benzyloxy-3,6-diisobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine  $(61, R = Bu^i)$  (likewise: 80%).<sup>310</sup>



Methyl 3-amino-5-isobutyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide gave methyl 3-amino-6-benzyloxy-5-isobutyl-2-pyrazine carboxylate 4-oxide  $(62)$  (PhCH<sub>2</sub>Br, KHCO<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 16 h: 74%).<sup>337</sup>



5-Chloro-1-methyl-2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**63**) gave a separable mixture of 5-chloro-3-methoxy-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**64**) and 5-chloro-1,4-dimethyl-2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (65) (H<sub>2</sub>CN<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, ? h: 47 and 34%, respectively).1309

Also other examples.414,455,848,883,1036



#### **From Functionally Substituted 2(1***H***)-Pyrazinones:** *N***-Alkylation**

- $3$ -Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(66, R = H)$  gave 4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (66,  $R = Me$ ) [Me<sub>2</sub>NCH(OMe)<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 2 h, then reflux, 5 min: 72%; or MeI, MeONa, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 45 min: 55%].<sup>1296</sup>
- $2(1H)$ -Pyrazinone 4-oxide (67, R = H) gave 1-benzyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide  $(67, R = CH_2Ph)$  (NaH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 5°C, 1 h; then PhCH<sub>2</sub>Cl  $\downarrow$ , 80°C, 2 h:  $33\%$ ); also many analogues somewhat similarly.<sup>86</sup>
- Ethyl 2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3-oxo-1-piperazinecarboxylate  $(68, R = H)$  gave ethyl 2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-4-methyl-3-oxo-1-piperazinecarboxylate (**68**,  $R = Me$ ) (MeI, Bu<sub>2</sub>NI, KOH, THF,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 8 h; then reflux, 1 h: 55%).<sup>144</sup> Also other examples.598,809,1075



#### **From Simple Pyrazinediones: O- and/or N-Alkylation**

- *Note:* It appears that all available recent examples in this category have used 3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinediones as substrates, simply because most of the products were required for use in the Schöllkopf reaction (see Section 3.2.1.1).
- 3,6-Dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**69**) gave 2,5-diethoxy-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**70**) (Et<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 5 days: 88%), and thence 2,5-diethoxypyrazine (71) [*N*-chlorosuccinimide, trace Me<sub>2</sub>C(CN)N=NC(CN)Me<sub>2</sub> (?), CCl<sub>4</sub>, 80°C,  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 12 h: 91%];<sup>539</sup> also homologues of the dihydro product (**70**), somewhat similarly.70,512,798



3-Isopropyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**74**) gave a separable 1:2 mixture of 6-isopropyl-5-methoxy- (**72**) and 3-isopropyl-5-methoxy-3,6 dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**73**) [Me<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> (1 mol), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, N<sub>2</sub>, 6 h: - 60% (mixture)] or 2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydro pyrazine (**75**) [Me<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> (excess), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 4 days: ~ 85%].<sup>1351</sup>



3,6-Dibenzylidene-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (76, R = H) gave a chromatographically separable mixture of 3,6-dibenzylidene-1,4-dimethyl-3, 6-dihydro-2,5( $1H$ ,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (76,  $R = Me$ ), 3,6-dibenzylidene-5-methoxy-1-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**77**), and 2,5-dibenzylidene-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(78)$  (Me<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, NaOH, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 80, 10, and 1% respectively).<sup>1028</sup>

Also many other examples.<sup>50,180,204,371,517,522,609,614,792,906,1107,1158,1349</sup>



## **From Functionally Substituted Pyrazinediones: 0- and/or N-Alkylation**

- *Note:* The only examples available from recent literature appear to be 0-alkylations.
- Ethyl 5-isopropyl-3,6-dioxo-2-piperazinecarboxylate (**79**) gave ethyl 3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl-2,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (80) (Et<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C,  $40 \text{ h}$ :  $> 80\%$ );<sup>703,1498</sup> also homologous dialkoxy products likewise.<sup>703</sup>

Also other examples.1036,1217



## *5.1.2.3. Conversion into* 0*- and/or N-Acylated Derivatives (H 180, 367)*

Un1like alkylation, acylation of 2(1*H*)-pyrazinones usually occurs exclusively at oxygen to afford an acyloxy derivative; only occasionally is an *N*-acylpyrazinone formed. The following examples will indicate the conditions, facility, and yields to be expected of such reactions:

#### **Formation of Regular Acyloxypyrazines**

- 3,6-Diethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**81**) gave 2-acetoxy-3,6-diethylpyrazine (**82**,  $R = Me$ ) (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 90 min:80%)<sup>1311</sup> or 2-benzoyloxy-3, 6-diethylpyrazine (82, R = Ph) [BzCl, pyridine,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 61%;<sup>1311</sup> or BzOH, Et<sub>3</sub>N, (EtO)<sub>2</sub>P(=O)Cl, 20°C, 3 h; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 12 h: 75%];<sup>281</sup> also homologues likewise.<sup>1311</sup>
- *Note:* Some of the foregoing acyloxypyrazines proved to be selective acylating agents for primary aromatic amines.<sup>1311</sup>



- 6-Methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone gave 2-methyl-6-tosyloxypyrazine (**83**) (TsCl, pyridine, 20°C, 15 h: 52%).<sup>1461</sup>
- 5-Hydroxy-3,6-diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**84**) gave 2,5-diacetoxy-3,6-diphenylpyrazine (85) (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, AcOH, reflux, 4 h: 65%).<sup>1386</sup>

Also other examples.118,734,1347,1392,1695



#### **Formation of Alkoxycarbonyloxypyrazines**

- 3,6-Diisopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**86**) gave 2-isobutoxycarbonyloxy-3,6-diisopropylpyrazine (87) [ClC(=0)OBu<sup>*i*</sup>, pyridine,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: >95%; the method of choice when the alkyl chloroformate is readily available].<sup>1375</sup>
- The same substrate (**86**) gave 2-*tert*-butoxycarbonyloxy-3,6-diisopropylpyrazine (**89**), indirectly via the unisolated chloroformyloxy, intermediate (**88**) [NaH, dioxane, 20°C, until H<sub>2</sub> $\uparrow$  ceased; then Cl<sub>2</sub>COC(=0)Cl  $\downarrow$ , 0  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 12 h; then Bu<sup>*t*</sup>OH/pyridine  $\downarrow$ , 0  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 15 h: 53%. This method may be used when the required alkyl chloroformate is not readily available].<sup>1375, 1380</sup>

Also a variety of analogous examples.1375,1380

*Note:* The foregoing products can be used to alkoxycarbonylate aliphatic amines and amino acids. $1375,1380$ 


#### **Formation of N-Acylpyrazinones**

3,6-Dibenzyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**90**) gave a separable mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-1,4-diacetyl-3,6-dibenzyl-3, 6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*) pyrazinedione (91) (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 5 h: 46 and 6%, respectively).<sup>1028</sup>



3,6-Dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**92**) gave a separable mixture of methyl 2,5-dioxo-1-piperazinecarbodithioate (**93**) and dimethyl 2,5-dioxo-1,4-piperazinebiscarbodithioate (94) [NaH,  $CS_2$ , AcNMe<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 5 h; then MeI  $\downarrow$  (no further detail): 12 and 19%, respectively].<sup>3</sup>

Also other examples.44,1773, (cf. 1761)



*5.1.2.4. Miscellaneous Reactions*

Several rarely used but quite important reactions of tautomeric pyrazinones are typified in the following examples:

## **O-Silylation**

5-Benzylthio-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**95**) gave 2-benzylthio-5-trimethylsiloxypyrazine (96) [neat  $Me<sub>3</sub>SiNHSiMe<sub>3</sub>$ , trace  $(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>$ , reflux, 90 min: 93%], and thence, by a modified Hilbert–Johnson reaction, 5-benzylthio-1-(2-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-ribofuranosyl  $)-2(1H)$ -pyrazinone (97).<sup>1565</sup>



#### **Dimerization and/or Ring Contraction**

- 3,5,5-Trimethyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**98**) gave a separable mixture of *meso*- and *dl*-2,2',6,6,6',6'-hexamethyl-1,1',2,2',5,5',6,6'-octahydrobipyrazine-3,3'(4H, 4'H)-dione (99) [hv, Pr<sup>i</sup>OH,  $-25^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>, 3 weeks: -20% each; also recovered substrate (**98**) (44%) and a ring-contraction byproduct, 1,2,2,4-tetramethyl-3-imidazolin-5-one (**100**) (9%)].780
- In contrast, the same substrate (**98**) gave only 1,2,2,4-tetramethyl-3-imidazolin-5-one (100) (*hv*, H<sub>2</sub>O, 32 h: 62%).<sup>779</sup>



#### **Reductive Deoxygenation**

6-Hydroxy-4-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**101**) gave 1-methylpiperazine (102) (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF, 20°C,→ reflux, 4 h: 70%).<sup>1336</sup>



- 3-Hydroxymethyl-6-isobutyl-3, 6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**103**) gave 2-hydroxymethyl-5-isobutylpiperazine (104) (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF,  $0 \rightarrow 65^{\circ}$ C, 3 days: 65%; note survival of the extranuclear hydroxy group); also analogues likewise.<sup>229</sup>
- The polarographic reduction of 6-methyl-3-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**105**) has been studied.<sup>983</sup>

Also other examples.149,843,1653,1726



## **Addition Reactions**

3,6-Dibenzyl-5-hydroxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**106**) gave the endoperoxide, 1,4 dibenzyl-2,3-dioxa-5,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-6,8-dione (107) ( $hv$ , O<sub>2</sub> $\downarrow$ , Me<sub>2</sub>SO—CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, trace eosin, 20°C, 45 h: ~80%);<sup>5</sup> analogues were made similarly<sup>27</sup> and such processes have been reviewed.<sup>1159</sup>



6-Hydroxy-3,5-diphenyl-2(1*H* )-pyrazinone (**108**) gave 1,5,6-triphenyl-3,8 diazabicyclo<sup>[3.2.1]</sup>oct-6-ene-2,4-dione (109,  $Q = Ph$ ,  $R = H$ ) (PhC=CH, AcOEt, reflux,  $N_2$ , 1 h: 65%), the 1,5,6,7-tetraphenyl homologue (109,  $Q = R = Ph$ ) (PhC=CPh, AcOEt, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 9 h: 44%), or dimethyl 2,4dioxo-1,5-diphenyl-3,8-diazabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-6-ene-6,7-dicarboxylate (**109**,  $Q = R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me$ ) (MeO<sub>2</sub>CC≡CCO<sub>2</sub>Me, AcOEt, 20°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 1 h: 60%).<sup>13</sup>



1,4-Dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-2,3,5,6(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinetetrone (**110**) gave 6-(2,3-dimethylbut-2-enyl)-6-hydroxy-1,4-dimethyl-5,6-dihydro-2,3, 5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinetrione (111) (Me<sub>2</sub>C=CMe<sub>2</sub>, hv, MeCN, 3 h: 64%).<sup>796</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>959</sup>



# **5.2. EXTRANUCLEAR HYDROXYPYRAZINES (***H* **164, 181)**

These important hydroxyalkyl- and hydroxyarylpyrazines should be considered as regular alcohols or phenols simply because their methods of preparation and their reactions are only minimally affected by the attached pyrazine ring.

## **5.2.1. Preparation of Extranuclear Hydroxypyrazines (***H* **164)**

Many such hydroxypyrazines have been made by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2), some by *C- or N-hydroxyalkylation procedures* (see Sections 3.1.1.1 and 3.2.2.1), and a few by *hydrolysis of extranuclear halogenopyrazines* (see Section 4.4). Other preparative routes are illustrated in the following classified examples:

#### **By Reduction of Pyrazine Aldehydes or Ketones (***H* **167)**

- *Note:* Such reduction is usually done with sodium borohydride but related agents, for example, AlHBu<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>, can sometimes be used to advantage.<sup>1107</sup>
- 1,4-Dimethyl-2-methylthio-3,6-dioxo-2-piperazinecarbaldehyde (**112**) gave 3-hydroxymethyl-1,4-dimethyl-3-methylthio-3, 6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione  $(113)$  [LiAlH(OBu<sup>t</sup>)<sub>3</sub>, THF,  $-78 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 92%].<sup>760</sup>

2-Benzoylpyrazine gave  $2-(\alpha$ -hydroxybenzyl)pyrazine (114) (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH,  $0 \rightarrow 10^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 93%);<sup>181</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>217</sup>



- 2-Isobutyryl-3-methoxypyrazine (**115**) gave 2-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)- 3-methoxypyrazine (116) (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, 20°C, 2 h: > 95%).<sup>815</sup>
- 3-Amino-5-propionyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile gave 3-amino-5-(1-hydroxypropyl)- 2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (117) (Et<sub>3</sub>SiH, BF<sub>3</sub>. Et<sub>2</sub>O, A, 20°C, 48 h: 44%).<sup>1506</sup>

Also other examples.178,226,306,352,364,396,443,586,896,1030,1107,1123,1506,1564



#### **By Reduction of Pyrazinecarboxylic Acids or Esters**

- 5-Methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid 4-oxide  $(118, R = H)$  gave 2-hydroxymethyl-5-methyl pyrazine 4-oxide (119) [BH<sub>3</sub>.THF, (MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h:  $86\%$ ];<sup>676</sup> methyl 5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (118, R = Me) gave the same product (119) (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O,  $5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: 77%).<sup>676</sup> Ethyl 3-amino-6-benzyloxy-5-isobutyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (**120**,
- $R = CO<sub>2</sub>Et$ ) gave 5-benzyloxy-3-hydroxymethyl-6-isobutyl-2-pyrazinamine 1oxide (**120**,  $R = CH_2OH$ ) (Bu<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>AlH, CHCl<sub>3</sub>—C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>, -3°C, 45 min: 65%).<sup>848</sup>



- Methyl 6-benzyloxy-5-isobutyl-3-methoxy-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (**121**,  $R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me$ ) gave 2-benzyloxy-6-hydroxymethyl-3-isobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine 4-oxide (121,  $R = CH_2OH$ ) [LiAl(OBu<sup>t</sup>)<sub>3</sub>H, THF,  $0 \rightarrow 7^{\circ}C$ , 18 h: 38%].337
- $2,6-\text{Bis}(3-\text{ethoxycarbonylpyrazol-1-yl)pyrazine}$  (122,  $R = CO_2Et$ ) gave 2,6 $bis(3-hydroxymethylpyrazol-1-yl)pyrazine$  (122,  $R = CH_2OH$ ) (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 90 min: 85%).<sup>963</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>513,619,644,854,1091,1259,1634</sup>



## **By Extranuclear Oxidative Hydroxylation**

- $2$ -Isobutyl-3-methoxypyrazine (123,  $R = H$ ) gave  $2-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)$ -3-methoxypyrazine (123, R = OH) (Pr<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>NLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O—C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, -78  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 2 h; then  $O_2 \downarrow .5$  min: 58%).<sup>815</sup>
- 2-Acetylpyrazine (**124**) gave 2-(2-hydroxy-1, 1-dimethoxyethyl)pyrazine (**125**) [substrate, KOH, MeOH, 0°C, 30 min; then PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 12 h: 62%].<sup>283</sup>



## **By Hydrolysis of Acetoxyalkylpyrazines**

- *Note:* The commonly used 2-(1-acetoxyalkyl)pyrazine substrates are usually available by treatment of 2-alkylpyrazine 1-oxides with acetic anhydride (see Section 5.5.2.3).
- 2-Acetoxymethyl- (**126**) gave 2-hydroxymethyl-3-methoxy-5-methylpyrazine  $(127)$  (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 24 h: 89%).<sup>324</sup>

 $2-(1-Acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)-3-chloro-5-isobutylpyrazine (128,  $R = Ac$ ) gave$ 2-chloro-3-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-isobutylpyrazine (**128**, R - $R = H$  $(K_2CO_3, EtOH-H_2O,$  reflux, 30 min: 93%; note survival of the chloro substituent).<sup>78</sup>



- $2,5-B$  is (acetoxymethyl)-3,6-dichloropyrazine (129, R = Ac) gave 2,5-dichloro-3,6-bis(hydroxymethyl)pyrazine  $(129, R = H)$  (KHCO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 45<sup>o</sup>C, 3 h:  $67\%$ ).  $82$
- 2-Acetoxy-6-acetoxymethyl-3-isobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine (**130**) gave 6-hydroxymethyl-3-isobutyl-5-methoxy-2(1H)-pyrazinone (131) (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 30 min: 97%; note hydrolysis of both nuclear and extranuclear acetoxy groupings).329

Also other examples.16,333,1290



## **By Splitting Alkoxyalkyl- or Aryloxyalkylpyrazines**

2-Isobutyl-3-methoxy-5-[3-(tetrahydropyran-2-yloxy)propyl]pyrazine (**132**) gave 2-(3-hydroxypropyl)-5-isobutyl-6-methoxypyrazine (**133**) (TsOH, MeOH, 20°C, ultrasonication, 2 h:  $> 95\%$ ;<sup>295</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>298</sup>



 $2-(p$ -Methoxystyryl)pyrazine (134,  $R = Me$ ) gave  $2-(p$ -hydroxystyryl)pyrazine  $(134, R = H)$  (BF<sub>3</sub>.Me<sub>2</sub>S, N<sub>2</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 36 h: 93%).<sup>388</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>848</sup>



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### **5.2.2. Reactions of Extranuclear Hydroxypyrazines (***H* **181)**

Extranuclear hydroxypyrazines react as alcohols or phenols according to the type of substituent that bears the hydroxy group. Already covered are their *conversion into alkenylpyrazines by dehydration* (Section 3.2.1.5) or *into extranuclear halogenopyrazines* (Section 4.3.1).

The remaining reactions are illustrated by the following classified examples:

### **Oxidation to Pyrazine Aldehydes**

- 5-Hydroxymethyl-6-methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**135**) gave 5,6-dicyano-3-methyl-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde (136) (activated MnO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 22 h:  $45\%$ ).<sup>1599</sup>
- $2$ -Allyl-2-(2-hydroxyethyl)- (137,  $R = CH_2OH$ ) gave 2-allyl-2-formylmethyl-5isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(137, R = CHO)$  [Me<sub>2</sub>SO,  $(COCl)_2$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $-60^{\circ}C$ , A, 5 min; then substrate  $\downarrow$ ,  $-60 \rightarrow -15^{\circ}C$ , 20 min; then Et<sub>3</sub>N  $\downarrow$ ,  $-60 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C,  $\sim$  1 h (?): 77%; Swern oxidation].<sup>1615</sup>

Also other examples,  $476$ 



### **Oxidation to Pyrazine Ketones**

 $2,6$ -Dichloro-3-(1-hydroxyethyl)pyrazine  $(138, R = Me)$  gave 2-acetyl-3,5dichloropyrazine (139,  $R = Me$ ) (fresh MnO<sub>2</sub>, PhMe, reflux with H<sub>2</sub>O removal, 1 h:  $67\%$ );<sup>1455</sup> 2,6-dichloro-3-( $\alpha$ -hydroxybenzyl)pyrazine (138, R = Ph) gave 2-benzoyl-3,5-dichloropyrazine  $(139, R = Ph)$  (likewise:  $84\%$ ).<sup>1455</sup>



 $2-(\beta-Hydroxy-\alpha,\alpha\text{-dimethylphenethyl})\text{pyrazine}$  (140) gave  $2-(\alpha,\alpha\text{-dimethyl-}$ phenacyl)pyrazine (141) (CrO<sub>3</sub>—H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, AcMe, 0°C, 10 min: 71%).<sup>801</sup>

Also other examples.364,854,1092,1354,1395



## **Oxidation to Pyrazinecarboxylic Acids**

- 6-Hydroxymethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide (**142**) gave 6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-2 pyrazinecarboxylic acid 4-oxide (143) ("Ni peroxide", NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 4 h:  $40\%$ ).<sup>89</sup>
- 2-Hydroxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine  $(144, R = CH_2OH)$  gave 5-methyl-2pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(144, R = CO<sub>2</sub>H)$   $(KMnO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, <25°C, 1 h:$  $>$  50%).<sup>1353</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>988,1340</sup>



## **O-Alkylation**

2-Hydroxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine 4-oxide  $(145, R = H)$  gave 2-methoxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine 4-oxide  $(145, R = Me)$  (NaH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20<sup>o</sup>C, until  $H_2 \uparrow$  ceased, ; then MeI  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 2 h: 77%).<sup>676</sup>

2-(2-Hydroxyethyl)pyrazine (**146**) gave 2-[2-(prop-2-ynyloxy)ethyl]pyrazine  $(147)$  (Na, THF, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 3 h; then BrCH<sub>2</sub>C=CH  $\downarrow$ , 50 $^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 21%).<sup>366</sup>



- 1-( $\beta$ -Hydroxy-*p*-nitrophenethyl)-4-methylpiperazine (148,  $R = H$ ) gave 1-[ $\beta$ -(ethoxycarbonylmethoxy)-p-nitrophenethyl]-4-methylpyrazine (148,  $R = CH_2CO_2Et$ ) (ClCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et, PhH, reflux, 10 h: 62%; substrate is sufficiently basic to obviate any need for added base).<sup>443</sup>
- $2-(1-Hydroxybutyl)$   $(149, R = H)$  gave  $2-[1-(benzyloxy)butyl]-5-isobutyl-3,6$ dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (149,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) [Cl<sub>3</sub>CC(=NH)OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , F<sub>3</sub>CSO<sub>3</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20 $^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 67%].<sup>381</sup>



2-Benzyloxy-5-chloro-6-hydroxymethyl-3-isobutylpyrazine 4-oxide gave 2 benzyloxy-5-chloro-3-isobutyl-6-[(tetrahydropyran-2-yloxy)methyl]pyrazine 4-oxide (150) (3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran, TsOH.H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h:  $95\%$ )  $848$ 

Also other examples.329,340,717,896,1551



## **O-Acylation**

- $2-(1-Hydroxy-2-methylpropyl) (151, R = H)$  gave  $2-(1-acetoxy-2-methyl-2)$ propyl)-5-isobutylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(151, R = Ac)$   $(Ac_2O, AcONa, 95^{\circ}C,$ 90 min:  $75\%$ ).<sup>78</sup>
- $2-(1,2-Dihydroxyethyl)-5-methylpyrazine$   $(152, R = H)$  gave  $2-(1,2-diace$ toxyethyl)-5-methylpyrazine (152,  $R = Ac$ ) (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, 20°C, 20 h: 71%).1446



2-Benzyloxy-6-hydroxymethyl-3-isobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine 4-oxide (**153**) gave 2-benzyloxy-3-isobutyl-6-(mesyloxymethyl)-5-methoxypyrazine 4-oxide (**154**) (MsCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0<sup>o</sup>C, N<sub>2</sub>, 30 min:  $> 95\%$ ).<sup>848</sup> Also other examples.16,324,609,1614



#### **O-Trialkylsilylation**

- $2$ -Fluoro-3-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)pyrazine  $(155, R = H)$  gave  $2$ -[diphenyl- $(\text{trimethylsiloxy})$ methyl]-3-fluoro pyrazine (155,  $R = \text{SiMe}_3$ ) [O-lithiation of substrate (*in situ*), then Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl  $\downarrow$ , THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 60 min: 95%].<sup>406</sup>
- 3-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**156**,  $R = H$ ) gave 3-[2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsiloxy)ethyl]-1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro- $2,5(1H,4H)$ -pyrazinedione (156, R = SiBu<sup>*I*</sup>Me<sub>2</sub>) (Bu<sup>*I*</sup>Me<sub>2</sub>SiCl, trace 4-Me<sub>2</sub>Npyridine, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 3 days: 98%).<sup>453</sup>



# **Indirect Aminolysis**

 $2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-5-isobutyl-6-methoxypyrazine (157,  $R = Bu^i$ ) gave 2$ isobutyl-3-methoxy-5-(3-phthalimidopropyl)pyrazine  $(158, R = Bu^i)$  (phthalimide,  $EtO_2CN=NCO_2Et$ , Ph<sub>3</sub>P, A, 20°C, 12 h: 93%), and thence 2-(3-aminopropyl)-5-isobutyl-6-methoxypyrazine  $(159, R = Bu^i)$   $(H_2NNH_2.H_2O, EtOH,$ reflux, 4 h: 83%);295 2-(3-aminopropyl)-5-isopropyl-6-methoxypyrazine (**159**,  $R = Pr<sup>i</sup>$ <sup>298</sup> and other homologues<sup>295,298</sup> were made similarly.



A similar sequence of reactions using *N*-hydroxyphthalimide converted 2 hydroxymethylpyrazine (**160**) into 2-(phthalimidooxymethyl)pyrazine (**161**) (65%), and thence 2-(aminooxymethyl)pyrazine (**162**) (uncharacterized material used for further reactions).<sup>1164</sup>

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## **Cyclization**

1-Benzyl-3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-5-methoxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**163**) gave 9-benzyl-8-methoxy-2-oxa-7,9-diazabicyclo[4.2.2]dec-7-en-10-one (**164**) (dichlorodicyanobenzoquinone, PhH, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 90 min:  $47\%$ <sup>34</sup> also related cyclizations.168



# **5.3. NUCLEAR AND EXTRANUCLEAR ALKOXY- OR ARYLOXYPYRAZINES (***H* **168, 182)**

Although both types of pyrazine ethers are easily made, only the nuclear alkoxypyrazines can be used as substrates for nucleophilic displacement reactions. Some epoxides are included in the present discussion. Shape details of *cis*- and *trans*-2,5-dimethoxy-3,6-diphenyl-3,6-dihydropyrazine have been elucidated by X-ray analysis.1243

## **5.3.1 Preparation of Alkoxy- or Aryloxypyrazines (***H* **168, 189)**

Most alkoxy- or aryloxypyrazines have been made by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2), by *addition of alcohols to alkynylpyrazines* (see Section 3.2.4.9), by *alcoholysis or phenolysis of halogenopyrazines* (see Sections 4.2.3 and 4.4), by *O-alkylation of tautomeric pyrazinones or extranuclear hydroxypyrazines* (see Sections 5.1.2.2 and 5.2.2), or by *epoxidation of alkenylpyrazines* (see Section 3.2.4.1). Some of the few remaining routes (presently of minor preparative value) are illustrated briefly in the following recent examples:

#### **By Alcoholysis of Alkylsulfonylpyrazines**

- 5,6-Dimethyl-3-methylsulfonyl-2-pyrazinamine (**165**) gave 3-methoxy-5,6-dimethyl-2-pyrazinamine (**166**) (MeONa, MeOH, reflux, 27 h: ~60%).<sup>1012</sup>
- 2-Benzoyl-3-methylsulfonylpyrazine  $(167, R = SO<sub>2</sub>Me)$  gave 2-benzoyl-3methoxypyrazine (167, R = OMe) (MeONa, MeOH, 20°C (?), 3 h: 43%].<sup>1564</sup> Also other examples.1507



#### **By Alcoholysis of Pyrazinecarbonitriles**

- *Note:* Treatment of a pyrazinecarbonitrile with alkoxide ion may result in addition to afford the corresponding alkyl pyrazinecarboximidate (see Section 8.2.1) or in displacement to give an alkoxypyrazine (as here illustrated).
- 2,3-Pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**169**) gave 3-methoxy-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**168**) (MeOH, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 16 h: 30%) or dimethyl 2,3-pyrazinedicarboximidate (170) (MeOH, MeONa, 20°C, 18 h: 64%).<sup>1127</sup>



5-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile behaved somewhat similarly under a variety of conditions but the factors, that determine whether the addition or displacement reaction predominates, remain unclear.<sup>1379</sup>

#### **By Alcoholysis of Alkoxypyrazines (Transalkoxylation)**

*Note:* This potentially useful process is poorly represented in recent papers.

2,5-Dibenzyloxy-3-isobutyl-6-(tetrahydropyran-2-yloxymethyl)pyrazine 4-oxide (**171**) gave 2-benzyloxy-3-isobutyl-5-methoxy-6-(tetrahydropyran-2-yloxymethyl)pyrazine 4-oxide (172) (NaH, Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr, MeOH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20<sup>o</sup>C, N<sub>2</sub>, 40 min: 91%; the selective transalkoxylation of the 5-benzyloxy group may be due to activation by the adjacent *N*-oxide entity).<sup>848</sup>



## **5.3.2 Reactions of Alkoxy- or Aryloxypyrazines (***H* **182, 194)**

These pyrazine ethers, both nuclear and extranuclear, undergo several useful reactions. Their *hydrolysis to tautomeric pyrazinones or hydroxyalkylpyrazines* has been covered in Sections 5.1.1 and 5.2.1. Other reactions are illustrated in the following examples:

# **Dehydrogenation**

2,5-Dimethoxy-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**173**) gave 2,5-dimethoxypyrazine (**174**) [dichlorodicyanobenzoquinone, PhMe, reflux, 2 h: 43%;<sup>70</sup> or Bu'Me<sub>2</sub>- $SiOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)$ =CHTs, LiN(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (made *in situ*), HF, -40°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 2 days:  $21\%$ <sup>34</sup>

Also other examples.16

# **C-Deuteration**

 $2$ -Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(175, R = H)$  gave 5,5-dideutero-2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(175, R = D)$  (MeOD—D<sub>2</sub>O, KOH, reflux, 3 h: 84%; with no upset to chirality). $41$ 



# **Quaternization**

2-Methoxypyrazine gave 3-methoxy-1-methylpyrazinium iodide (**176**) (MeI, no details but confirmed in structure by  $^{13}C$ - and  $^{15}N NMR$  spectra).<sup>1224</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>367</sup>

# **Aminolysis**

2,5-Diethoxy-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**177**) gave 2,5-bisdimethylamino-3,6-dihydropyrazine (178) (neat Me<sub>2</sub>NH,  $60^{\circ}$ C, sealed, 6 h:  $77\%$ ).<sup>70</sup>



Ethyl 1-benzyl-5-ethoxy-2-piperazinecarboxylate (**179**) gave ethyl 7-benzyl-3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo [1,2-*a*] pyrazine-6-carboxylate (**181**)  $(H_2NCH_2C \equiv CH, PhMe, 100^{\circ}C, 7 \text{ h}: ?\%)$ , presumably via the primary aminolytic product  $(180)$ ; analogues likewise.<sup>1468</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>129</sup>



#### **Addition/Cyclization Reactions**

2,5-Dimethoxy-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**182**) gave 6,8-dimethoxy-1,4-dimethyl-2,3-dioxa-5,7-diazabicyclo<sup>[2.2.2]</sup>octa-5,7-diene (183) (*hv*, O<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, methylene blue, ? h: ?%), and thence methyl 5-methoxy-2,4-dimethyl-1 imidazolecarboxylate  $(184)$  or its isomer  $(Ph_3P, THF-H_2O, 20^{\circ}C, 5$  days:  $47\%$ ; mechanism suggested).<sup>165</sup>



2-(But-3-ynyloxymethyl)pyrazine (**185**) gave 3,4-dihydro-1*H*-pyrano[3,4-*c*]pyridine (**187**), presumably by loss of HCN from an intramolecular Diels–Alder adduct (186) ( $F_3CCO_2H$ , reflux, 45 h: 85%); also analogues likewise.<sup>367</sup>



2,5-Diethoxy-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**188**) and 3,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,4,5 tetrazine (**189**) gave 2-ethoxy-5,8-bis(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydropyrazino[2,3 *d*]pyridazine (190) by loss of  $N_2$  and EtOH from an intermediate Diels–Alder adduct (CCl<sub>4</sub>, reflux, 1 h:  $72\%$ ).<sup>708</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>130,715</sup>



# **5.4. NONTAUTOMERIC PYRAZINONES AND** *N***-ALKYLPYRAZINIUMOLATES (***H* **184)**

Tautomeric pyrazinones may be rendered nontautomeric by O-alkylation to afford alkoxypyrazines (see Section 5.3.1) or by N-alkylation to furnish 1-alkyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinones or 1-alkylpyrazinium-3-olates (see Section 5.1.2.2).

### **5.4.1 Preparation of Nontautomeric Pyrazinones (***H* **184)**

Most such pyrazinones have been made by *primary synthesis* (Chapters 1 and 2) or *N-alkylation of tautomeric pyrazinones* (Section 5.1.2.2). The minor route by *rearrangement of alkoxypyrazines* (*H* 184) appears to be unpresented in recent literature, but there are examples of the *hydrolysis of nontautomeric iminopyrazines to corresponding pyrazinones*. Thus 3-imino-4-methyl-3, 4-dihy $d$ ro-2-pyrazinamine hydriodide  $(191, R = H)$  (i.e., 2,3-diamino-1-methylpyrazinium iodide) underwent hydrolysis in 2 M sodium hydroxide during 1 h at 100°C to afford 3-amino-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (192, R = H) ( $\sim$ 40%) without any evidence of Dimroth rearrangement to 3-methylamino-2-pyrazinamine;<sup>1008</sup> 1-methyl-3-methylamino-2(1*H*)-pyrazinimine (191,  $R = Me$ ) likewise gave 1methyl-3-methylamino-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (192, R = Me)  $(\sim 50\%)$ ;<sup>1008</sup> and other examples have been reported.<sup>598</sup>



## **5.4.2 Reactions of Nontautomeric Pyrazinones (***H 185*)

Only a few of the recently reported reactions of fixed pyrazinones directly affect the oxo substituent. These and other reactions are illustrated in the following examples:

## **Oxidative or Reductive N-Debenzylation**

1-Benzyl-6-isobutyl-4-*p*-methoxybenzyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**193**) gave 1-benzyl-6-isobutyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**194**)  $[(NH_4)_2Ce(NO_3)_6, MeCN-H_2O, 20°C, 2 h: 96%; note selective removal of$ the *p*-methoxybenzyl group, leaving the *N*-benzyl (or in other examples, an *N*-methyl) group intact.<sup>576</sup>



In contrast, 1-benzyl-6-*m*-methoxybenzyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone gave only 6-*m*methoxybenzyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone on reductive debenzylation (liquid  $NH_3$ —THF, Na: 49%).<sup>44</sup>

## **Reduction of Oxo to Hydroxy Substituents**

Isopropyl 4-benzyl-2,5-dioxo-6-(2,4,5-trimethoxy-3-methylbenzyl)-3-(2, 4,5 trimethoxy-3-methylbenzylidene)-1-piperazinecarboxylate (**195**) gave isopropyl 4-benzyl-2-hydroxy-5-oxo-6-(2,4,5-trimethoxy-3-methylbezyl)- 3-(2,5-trimethoxy-3-methylbenzylidene)-1-piperazinecarboxylate (**196**) [LiAl(OBu<sup>t</sup>)<sub>3</sub>H, THF, 0°C, 1 h: 69%]; also related esters likewise.<sup>292</sup>

## **Thiation**

*Note:* Like tautomeric pyrazinones (Section 5.1.2.1), nontautomeric pyrazinones undergo thiation easily.



1-Methyl-5,6-diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (197,  $X = O$  gave 1-methyl-5,6diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione (197,  $X = S$ ) (Lawesson's reagent, PhH, reflux, 1 h:  $91\%$ ).<sup>269</sup>

### **Ring Contraction**

1,3,5,5-Tetramethyl-5,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**198**) gave 3,5-dimethylimidazolidin-4-one (199) ( $hv$ , H<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>, 4 days: 58%).<sup>779</sup>



### **Intramolecular Cyclization**

1,4-Diethyl-5,6-dihydro-2,3,5,6(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinetetrone (**200**) gave 7-ethyl- $2,3,8,8a$ -tetrahydro-5*H*-oxazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrazine-5,6,8(7*H*)-trione (201) (*hv*, MeCN, A,  $\lt 4$  h: 55%); homologues likewise.<sup>796</sup>



### **Dimerization**

Irradiation of the light-sensitive crystal form of 1-methyl-5,6-diphenyl-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (**202**) in the solid state gave the *syn-trans*-cyclodimer (**203**) (20 $^{\circ}$ C, <4 h: >86%);<sup>1417</sup> The anti-trans structure first proposed<sup>1417</sup> was revised $575$  in light of an X-ray analysis.<sup>60</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1327</sup>



### **Formation of Endoperoxy Derivatives**

1-Methyl-5,6-diphenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**204**) gave 5-methyl-4,8-diphenyl-2,3 dioxa-5,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-7-en-6-one (205) (*hv*, O<sub>2</sub>, Rose Bengal,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $-50^{\circ}$ C: 52%), and thence the MeOH adduct, 8-methoxy-5-methyl-4,8-diphenyl-2,3-dioxa-5,7-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octan-6-one (**206**) (MeOH, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, dark: >95%; or by conducting the irradiation in MeOH).<sup>1420</sup> The subsequent catabolic reactions of these and related endoperoxides have been studied.22,35,1073,1443



### **Diels–Alder Reactions**

3,5-Dichloro-1-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**207**) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate gave an unisolated adduct (**208**) that immediately underwent competitive retro-Diels–Alder reactions to afford dimethyl 2,6-dichloro-3,4-pyridinedicarboxylate (**209**) and dimethyl 5-chloro-6-oxo-1-phenyl-1,6-dihydro-2,



3-pyridinedicarboxylate (210) (neat MeO<sub>2</sub>CC=CCO<sub>2</sub>Me, 140<sup>o</sup>C, A, 30 min: 78 and 5%, respectively);370 also many analogous reactions, some in solvents and some using unsymmetrical dienophiles.370,1476

1,5-Dimethylpyrazin-1-ium-3-olate (**211**) with methyl acrylate gave methyl 8 methyl-4-methylene-2-oxa-3,8-diazabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-6-carboxylate (**212**) and the isomeric 7-carboxylate (**213**)[reactants, MeCN, reflux, 2 h: Chromatography afforded 6-*exo*-(**212**): 42%; 6-*endo*-(**212**): 13%; and (**213**):  $1\%$ ];<sup>341</sup> analogues behaved in a broadly similar way.<sup>341,1478</sup>



### **Formation of Radicals**

Radicals derived from 1,4-di-*tert*-butyl-5,6-dihydro-2,3(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (**214**),1454 1,4-di-*tert*-butyl-5,6-dihydro-2,3,5,6(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinetetrone  $(215)$ , <sup>1454</sup> and 1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione  $(216)$  (or related diones)<sup>67</sup> have been studied in some detail.



## **5.5. PYRAZINE** *N***-OXIDES (***H* **59, 116, 149, 186, 239, 302)**

Pyrazine *N*-oxides have continued to attract much attention in recent years, perhaps because the presence of an *N*-oxide entity can substantially modify the properties of the whole system, especially in respect of activities at other positions on the ring. For example, the aromaticity index for 2-methoxypyrazine is decreased by 23% on formation of its 4-oxide;383 and formation of an *N*-oxide activates adjacent positions toward direct bromination,<sup>782</sup> deuteration,<sup>1457</sup> and other electrophilic attack.1078

## **5.5.1. Preparation of Pyrazine** *N***-Oxides (***H* **59, 86, 116, 186, 239, 302)**

Some pyrazine *N*-oxides have been made by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2). Other preparative routes are discussed in the following subsections.

### *5.5.1.1. From N-Alkoxypyrazinones*

This minor route to pyrazine *N*-oxides involves either reductive or hydrolytic debenzylation of 1-benzyloxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinones, often available by primary synthesis.

For example, 1-benzyloxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (217,  $R = H$ ) afforded 70% of 1hydroxy-2( $1H$ )-pyrazinone (218,  $R = H$ ) [sometimes written as its tautomer, 2-pyrazinol 1-oxide  $(218a, R = H)$  on catalytic hydrogenation over palladium-oncharcoal in methanol for 20 min.588 The homologous 1-benzyloxy-5,6-dimethyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone (217, R = Me) gave 1-hydroxy-5,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone  $(218, R = Me)$ , either by a similar hydrogenation  $(76%)$  or by hydrolysis in acetic acid–hydrogen bromide under reflux for 10 min (81%, as hydrobromide).588,1085



*5.5.1.2. By Direct N*-Oxidation

This reaction is the most used route to pyrazine *N*-oxides. The choice of oxidant is not always clear<sup>208</sup> but the following classified examples may afford some help. In each case, the substrate was the corresponding *N*-deoxypyrazine, unless stated otherwise.

## **Using Potassium Persulfate–Sulfuric Acid**

2-Chloro-5,6-diethylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(219)$   $(K_2S_2O_8, H_2SO_4, 20^{\circ}C, 24 h:$ 84%);1250 2-chloro-3-isobutyl-6-methylpyrazine 1-oxide (**220**) (likewise: 78%);<sup>295</sup> and 2-fluoropyrazine 1-oxide (likewise:  $40\%$ ).<sup>276</sup>



Methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate 1-oxide  $(221)$  and the isomeric 4-oxide  $(K_2S_2O_8)$ ,  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $10 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 24 h, chromatographic separation: substrate (37%), 1-oxide (15%), 4-oxide (7%)].<sup>1300</sup>

Also other examples.92,298,1283

## **Using Sodium Perborate–Acetic Acid**

- 2,5-Diisopropylpyrazine 1-oxide (**222**) and 2,5-diisopropylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide  $(223)$  (NaBO<sub>3</sub>, AcOH, AcOH, 80°C, 5 h: 79 and 15%, respectively);<sup>208</sup> homologues likewise.<sup>208</sup>
- 2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine 4-oxide (224) and the 1,4-dioxide [NaBO<sub>3</sub>, AcOH, 80°C, 24 h: 56% and a trace, respectively; note the difference in orientation of the product (**224**) from that (**220**) obtained from an homologous substrate using persulfate].208



### **Using Sodium Tungstate–Hydrogen Peroxide**

1-Benzyl-2-piperazinone (**225**) gave 1-benzyl-5, 6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide (**226**), perhaps by dehydrogenation of the intermediate shown  $(Na_2WO_4. 2 H_2O, H_2O_2, EtOH–H_2O, 20°C, 24 h: 63%)$ .<sup>1539, cf. 156</sup>

Pyrazine 1,4-dioxide (Na<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, no details).<sup>995</sup>



#### **Using Hydrogen Peroxide–Formic Acid**

2-Pyrazinecarboxamide 4-oxide (227, R = H) (30%  $H_2O_2$ , 90% HCO<sub>2</sub>H, ~45°C, 5 h:  $66\%$ );<sup>1556</sup> 5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide 4-oxide (227, R = Me) (likewise: 87%).<sup>1508</sup>

# **Using Hydrogen Peroxide–Acetic Acid**

2,3-Dimethylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(228)$  and the 1,4-dioxide  $(229)$   $(30\%$  H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, AcOH, 55 $\degree$ C, 16 h: 46 and 38%, respectively).<sup>1272</sup>



- 2-sec-Butyl-3-methoxypyrazine 1-oxide (230) (30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, AcOH, 75°C, 18 h:  $87\%$ ).<sup>736</sup>
- 2-Azido-6-bromopyrazine 4-oxide (231) (30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, AcOH, 20°C, 48 h: 19%).<sup>891</sup> Also other examples.1059,1180,1237,1457

# **Using Hydrogen Peroxide–Trifluoroacetic Acid**

2-*p*-Acetoxybenzyl-3,6-dichloro-5-methylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide (**232**) and an inseparable mixture of the (mono) 1- and 4-oxide [80%  $H_2O_2$ ,  $F_3CCO_2H$ , 2, 6-Bu<sup>t</sup><sub>2</sub>-4-Me-phenol (radical inhibitor), 0°C, 30 min; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , 0°C, 24 h: 36% (dioxide) initially but 74% after reoxidation of the mono- $N$ -oxides).<sup>18</sup>

See also the last example in the *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid group below.



## **Using Hydrogen Peroxide–Maleic Anhydride**

- 2,5-Dibenzyl-3-methoxypyrazine 1-oxide (233) (60% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, maleic anhydride, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 95%);<sup>312</sup> 3-acetoxymethyl-5-isobutyl-3-methoxypyrazine 1-oxide (**234**) (likewise: 89%).329
- 2-Chloro-3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine 4-oxide (235) (60% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, maleic anhydride, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20°C, 12 h: 74%).<sup>1340</sup>



2,3-Diphenylpyrazine 1-oxide  $(236)$  and the 1,4-dioxide  $(237)$   $(90\%$  H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, maleic anhydride, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 2 h: 73 and 23%, respectively).<sup>1272</sup> several analogues likewise.1065, 1272

Also other examples.78,82,295,310,317,324,1307



#### **Using m-Chloroperoxybenzoic Acid**

- *Note:* This reagent appears to be convenient, reliable, and widely applicable for the *N*-oxidation of pyrazines.
- 2-Pyrazinamine 1-oxide  $(238, R = H)$   $(m-CIC_6H_4CO_3H, HF, Me_2NCHO$ MeOH, 25°C, 30 min: >95%;<sup>342</sup> or *m*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, AcMe, 20°C, 24 h:  $63\%$ );<sup>1374</sup> 3-phenyl-2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide (238, R = Ph) (*m*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, AcMe, 20°C, 24 h: 87%).1374
- 2-Methoxypyrazine 4-oxide (239,  $R = H$ ) (*m*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, ? h:  $81\%)$ ;<sup>1221</sup> 2-methoxy-6-methylpyrazine 4-oxide (239, R = Me) (likewise:  $68\%)$ ;<sup>1221</sup> both structures were checked by X-ray analysis.<sup>1221</sup>
- 2-Chloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine 4-oxide (240) (*m*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl, 75°C, 30 min: 83%).<sup>1594</sup>



2-Methoxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine  $(242)$  gave its 1-oxide  $(241)$   $(36\%$  H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 7 h: 67%);<sup>676</sup> in contrast, the same substrate (242) gave either 2-methoxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine 4-oxide  $(243)$   $[m-CIC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H]$  $(1 \text{ mol})$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 3 h: 72%] or 2-methoxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine 1, 4-dioxide (244) [ $m$ -ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, (2.2 mol), reflux, 4 h: 92%].<sup>676</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>46,89,147,199,231,574,669,1565,1582</sup>



#### **Using Dibenzoyl Peroxide (Indirect Procedure)**

Piperazine  $(245)$  gave 1,4-dibenzoyloxypiperazine  $(246)$   $(Bz<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,$  reflux, 4 h: 93%), and thence a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-1,4-dimethylpiperazine 1,4 dioxide (247) (MeOSO<sub>2</sub>F, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 10 h: >95%).<sup>768</sup>



### **5.5.2. Reactions of Pyrazine** *N***-Oxides (***H* **88, 149, 191, 242, 303)**

Pyrazine *N*-oxides undergo a variety of reactions. Of these, *deoxydative chlorination to C-chloropyrazines* has been covered in Section 4.1.3; other reactions are discussed in the following subsections.

### *5.5.2.1. Deoxygenation*

Because pyrazines are often converted into their *N*-oxides in order to facilitate other reactions, subsequent removal of the oxide entity without untoward effects has become quite important. The choice of a procedure from several possibilities is clearly governed by the type(s) of passenger groups present. The following examples, classified according to reagent, may assist in this choice:

### **Using Phosphorus Trichloride**

- 2-Isobutyl-5-methylpyrazine from its 4-oxide (248) (neat PCl<sub>3</sub>, 100°C, sealed, 30 min:  $56\%$ ;<sup>295</sup> homologues likewise.<sup>298</sup>
- 2,5-Distyrylpyrazine from its 1,4-dioxide  $(249)$  (neat PCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 1 h: 81%).<sup>81</sup>



- 3-Amino-5,6-diphenyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile from its 4-oxide (250) (PCl<sub>3</sub>, THF,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 45 min: 85%).<sup>258</sup>
- Ethyl 3-amino-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate from its  $4$ -oxide  $(251)$   $(PCl<sub>3</sub>)$ THF,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 40 min: 79%).<sup>1522</sup>

Also other examples.544,1339,1517,1530



#### **Using Phosphorus Tribromide**

- 2,5-Di-*sec*-butyl-3-*p*-toluoylpyrazine from its 4-oxide (252) (PBr<sub>3</sub>, AcOEt, reflux, 1 h: 94%).316
- $2$ -sec-Butyl-6-methoxy-5-methylpyrazine from its 4-oxide  $(253)$  (PB $r_3$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: 97%).<sup>317</sup>



## **Using Trimethyl Phosphite**

- 3-Amino-6-dimethoxymethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile from its 4-oxide (**254**) [neat  $(MeO)<sub>3</sub>P$ , reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h: 68%].<sup>759,767</sup>
- Ethyl 6-amino-2-chloromethyl-5-cyano-2-pyrazinecarboxylate from its 1-oxide  $(255)$  [(MeO)<sub>3</sub>P, PrOH, 20  $\rightarrow$  5°C, 12 h: 77%].<sup>773</sup>



#### **Using Raney Nickel**

3-Benzyl-5-*p*-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-2-pyrazinamine from its 1-oxide (**256**,  $R = CF_3$ ) [Raney Ni catalyst (20 X wt of substrate), EtOH, reflux, H<sub>2</sub> (atm), 90 min:  $83\%$ ; it seems doubtful if the H<sub>2</sub> plays any role other than that of an inert atmosphere];73 also 3-benzyl-5-*p*-methoxyphenyl-2-pyrazinamine from its 1-oxide (256, R = OMe) (likewise but at  $20^{\circ}$ C, 4 days: >90%).<sup>397</sup>

Also other examples.728,1283



#### **Using Sodium Dithionite**

- 3-Amino-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide from its 4-oxide (257) (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 24 h:  $97\%$ );<sup>1517</sup> also substituted-phenyl analogues likewise.<sup>1517</sup>
- 6-Phenyl-2( $1H$ )-pyrazinone from its 4-oxide ( $258$ ) (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, EtOH—H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 30 min; then more  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ , reflux, 30 min: 59%).<sup>88</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1457</sup>



### **Using Other Reducing Agents**

- 1-Hydroxy-6-methyl-3-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone from its 4-oxide  $(259)$  (TiCl<sub>3</sub>, THF,  $\sim$ 40°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 2 h: 57%);<sup>1250</sup> also analogues likewise in mediocre yields.1250
- 5-Bromo-3,6-diisobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone from its 4-oxide (**260**) (Zn, NH4Cl, H<sub>2</sub>O—THF, 20°C, 20 min: >95%);<sup>234</sup> also analogues.<sup>234</sup>
- 2-Dimethylaminopyrazine from its 1-oxide  $(261)$   $(47\%$  HI, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 45 min: 78%; also a separable byproduct, 2-dimethylamino-5-iodopyrazine: 19%).278

Also other examples.1594

*Note:* It should be remembered that deoxygenation of pyrazine *N*-oxides is *not* usually achieved by treatment with hydrogen or formate ion in the presence of palladium or platinum catalysts.290,1283



*5.5.2.2. O-Alkylation or O-Acylation (H 193)*

It is obvious that simple pyrazine *N*-oxides cannot undergo O-alkylation or acylation. However, tautomeric *N*-oxides, for example, (**262**), can do so. The following examples will illustrate conditions required and results to be expected:



(**262**)

- 1-Hydroxy-5,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (263, R = H) gave 1-benzyloxy-5,6dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (263,  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) (PhCH<sub>2</sub>Cl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 20°C, 24 h: 98%).<sup>346</sup>
- 1-Hydroxy-5,6-diisopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (264,  $R = H$ ) gave 1-benzoyloxy-5,6-diisopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (264,  $R = Bz$ ) (BzCl, pyridine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $5 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 64%);<sup>1515</sup> several analogues like 5-chloro-1-(*p*-chlorobenzoyloxy)-6-ethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (265), were made similarly.<sup>101,1515</sup>
- *Note: N*-Hyroxypiperazines can also undergo O-acylation.<sup>814</sup>



*5.5.2.3. Conversion into C-Acyloxypyrazines (H 90, 192)*

Unlike the tautomeric pyrazine *N*-oxides considered in the foregoing subsection (5.5.2.2), regular pyrazine *N*-oxides undergo rearrangement with acylating agents to afford *C*-acyloxypyrazines: The new acyloxy group may be attached at any nuclear carbon not already bearing a substituent or at the  $\alpha$ -position of a suitably placed alkyl susbtituent. These possibilities are illustrated in the following examples but it is clearly impossible at present to forecast accurately the position of attachment:

## **Formation of Nuclear C-Acyloxypyrazines**

2-Chloro-3,5-diphenylpyrazine 1-oxide (**266**) gave 2-acetoxy-6-chloro-3, 5-diphenylpyrazine  $(267)$  (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 1 h: 81%).<sup>1307</sup>



2-Phenylpyrazine 4-oxide (**268**) gave a separable mixture of 2-acetoxy-6 phenylpyrazine (**269**), 2-acetoxy-3-phenylpyrazine (**270**), and 2-acetoxy-5 phenylpyrazine  $(271)$   $[Ac_2O, Et_3N,$  reflux, A, 6 h: 68, 11, 8% respectively (by NMR), isolated in much lower yields<sup>1575</sup>



2-Methoxypyrazine 4-oxide (**273**) gave 2-acetoxy-6-methoxypyrazine (**272**) (neat AccO, reflux, A, 2 h: 60%) or 2-acetoxy-3-methoxypyrazine (**274**)  $(Ac_2O, Et_3N, reflux, A, 2 h: 63\%).$ <sup>1575</sup>



3-Benzyl-5-methyl-2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide (**275**) gave 2-acetoxy-5-benzyl-6-diacetylamino-3-methylpyrazine (276) (Ac<sub>2</sub>O-AcOK, reflux, 10 min: 67%).<sup>883</sup>



2,5-Diisobutyl-3-methoxypyrazine 1-oxide (**277**) gave a separable mixture of 2 acetoxy-3,6-diisobutyl-5-methoxypyrazine (**278**) and 2-(1-acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)-5-isobutyl-3-methoxypyrazine (279) (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 90 min: 73 and  $12\%$ , respectively).<sup>310</sup>

Also other examples.1065



## **Formation of Extranuclear C-Acyloxypyrazines**

2,3-Dimethylpyrazine 1-oxide (**280**) gave 2-acetoxymethyl-3-methylpyrazine (281) (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 30 min:  $77\%$ );<sup>1272</sup> the isomeric 2,6-dimethylpyrazine 1-oxide gave a separable mixture of 2-acetoxymethyl-6 methylpyrazine  $(282, R = Ac)$  and 2-hydroxymethyl-6-methylpyrazine  $(282,$  $R = H$ ), the latter arising presumably by hydrolysis during the work up (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 1 h: 40 and 12%, respectively).<sup>1307</sup>



2-Methoxy-3,6-dimethylpyrazine 4-oxide (**283**) gave only 2-acetoxymethyl-3 methoxy-5-methylpyrazine (284) (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 1 h:  $88\%$ );<sup>324</sup> in contrast, the homologous substrate, 2,5-dibenzyl-3-methoxypyrazine 1-oxide (**285**), gave a separable mixture of  $2-(\alpha\text{-acetoxybenzy} - 5\text{-benzy} - 3\text{-methoxy}$ pyrazine (**286**) and 2-acetoxy-3,6-dibenzyl-5-methoxypyrazine (**287**) (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 90 min: 55 and 20%, respectively).  $312$ 

Also other examples.78,329,1047,1340



# *5.5.2.4. Conversion into C*-Amino-, *C*-Azido-, *C-Cyano-, or C-Alkylthiopyrazines*

Just as pyrazine *N*-oxides may be converted into *C*-halogeno- (Section 4.1.3) or *C*-acyloxypyrazines (Section 5.5.2.3), so they can afford *C*-amino-, *C*-azido-, *C*-cyano-, or *C*-alkylthiopyrazines, although such reactions are not well developed yet. The following examples will illustrate such procedures as used in recent literature:

Pyrazine 1-oxide (**288**) gave a 1:1 mixture of 2-chloropyrazine (**289**) and the 1-(pyrazin-2-yl)pyrazinium salt (**290**), of which the second afforded 2-pyrazinamine  $(291)$  during mildly alkaline work up [POCl<sub>3</sub>, 70 $\degree$ C, 2 h; removal of (**289**); residue to pH 10: 11% of amine (**291**)]; the intermediate salt (**290**) was subsequently isolated and purified (POCl<sub>3</sub>, 20°C, 10 min:  $\sim$ 70%).<sup>574</sup>



2-Pyrazinamine 4-oxide  $(292)$  gave 3-azido-2-pyrazinamine  $(293)$  (Me<sub>3</sub>SiN<sub>3</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>NCOCl, MeCN, reflux, A, 18 h:  $>95\%$ ;<sup>46</sup> analogues such as 2-azido-3,5-(95%),46 2-azido-5,6- (85%),46 and 2-azido-3,6-diphenylpyrazine (**294**)  $(67\%)^{231}$  were made similarly.



- The same substrate  $(292)$  gave 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(295)$  [Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl, NaCN, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 100°C, 6 h: 98%; Me<sub>3</sub>SiCN, Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN, reflux, 6 h: 93%; or (EtO)<sub>2</sub>POCN, Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN, reflux, 18 h: 49%];<sup>38,1556</sup> also analogues, like 3-phenyl-  $(296, R = CN)$   $(76%)$  or 3-chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (297) (68%), using slightly modified procedures with  $\text{ZnBr}_2$  added.<sup>38</sup> The variations of this reaction have been analyzed in terms of mechanism.<sup>589</sup>
- 2-Phenylpyrazine 4-oxide gave a mixture of 2-*p*-methoxybenzylthio-3 phenylpyrazine (296,  $R = \text{SCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OMe-}p$ ), its 5-phenyl isomer, and its 6-phenyl isomer [HSCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe-*p*, Et<sub>2</sub>NCOCl, MeCN, reflux, 6 h: 63, 43, 0% (isolated); or likewise with the addition of  $ZnBr_2$ : 21, 38, 41% (estimated by NMR)]; $43$  also other examples, all with the same thiol. $43$



*5.5.2.5. Miscellaneous Reactions*

Pyrazine *N*-oxides undergo several minor reactions, illustrated in the following examples:

### **Ring Fission**

2,2,3,3,5,6-Hexamethyl-2,3-dihydropyrazine 1,4-dioxide (**298**) gave 2,3-dimethyl-2,3-dinitrobutane (299)  $[O_2 + O_3]$ , CDCl<sub>3</sub>, -78°C, 15 min: 93%; diacetyl (300) was also identified in the reaction mixture (by NMR)].<sup>880</sup>



## **Cyclocondensation**

6,6-Diethyl-5-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide (**301**) gave dimethyl 4,4-diethyl-3a-methyl-6-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-3a*H*-isoxazolo[2,3 *a*]pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate (302) (MeO<sub>2</sub>CC= $CCO<sub>2</sub>Me$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 3 h:  $64\%$ );<sup>544</sup> homologues likewise.<sup>544</sup>



# **Reduction**

2,2,3,3-Tetramethyl-2,3-dihydropyrazine 1,4-dioxide (**303**) gave 2,2,3,3-tetramethyl-1,4-piperazinediol (304) (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 24 h: 81%; homologues likewise).702 Also analogous reductions.702



1,5-Dihydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide (**305**) gave 1,4-dihydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-2,5-piperazinedione  $(306)$  (H<sub>2</sub>, PtO<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, 40°C,  $\sim$ 3 atm, until colorless: 38%; homologues likewise).<sup>1283</sup>



#### **Rearrangement**

3,3-Dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-2-pyrazinol 1,4-dioxide (**307**) gave 2,3-dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide (308) (neat HSO<sub>2</sub>F-SbF<sub>5</sub>, 140°C, 30 min: 87%).<sup>439</sup>



## **Metal Complexation**

- Pyrazine 1-oxide gave 4-oxidopyrazinium chlorochromate (309) (CrO<sub>3</sub>, HCl, 20 $^{\circ}$ C: 70%); for comparison, pyrazine gave the 1:1 complex (310) (CrO<sub>3</sub>,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , N<sub>2</sub>, 20  $\rightarrow$  0°C, 4 h: 55%). Both products proved to be mild oxidizing agents for alcohols.279
- 3-[2-(5-Aminopentanoyl)ethyl]-1-benzyloxy-5,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**311**) and a coligand afforded a gallium complex that showed promise for extraction of primary ammonium ions.<sup>179</sup>



# **5.6. APPENDIX: TRIVIAL NAMES FOR PYRAZINE DERIVATIVES (***H* **1, 6, 8)**

Because most pharmaceutical, agrochemical, and naturally occurring pyrazines are in fact oxypyrazines of one sort or another,  $1218,1281$  an alphabetical list of many such recently mentioned pyrazines (under their trivial names, if any) is presented at this point. Each entry includes a chemical name or indication of structure, the type of bioactivity and/or natural source (as appropriate), and the CAS Registrary number and/or leading reference(s) (to facilitate any search for detailed information).

- Acipimox, 5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid 4-oxide, antihyperlipidaemic [51037-30-0].
- Albonoursin, 3-benzylidene-6-isobutylidene-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione, antibacterial and antineoplastic [1222-90-8].<sup>1710</sup>
- Amiloride (*H* 9, 279), *N*-amidino-3,5-diamino-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (hydrochloride), K-sparing diuretic and antihypertensive [2906-46-3].<sup>124,450,</sup> 879,970,986,1245,1281
- Amperozide, 4-[4,4-bis(*p*-fluorophenyl)butyl]-*N*-ethyl-1-piperazinecarboxamide, analgesic and tranquilizer [75558-90-6].<sup>1711</sup>
- Arglecin (*H* 7), 6-(3-guanidinopropyl)-3-isobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, a *Streptomyces* sp metabolite [34098-41-4].<sup>295</sup>
- Argvalin, 6-(3-guanidinopropyl)-3-isopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, a *Streptomyces* sp metabolite [52159-72-5].298
- Aspergillic acid (*H* 65, 195), 6-*sec*-butyl-1-hydroxy-3-isobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, a mycotoxic *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [490-02-8].<sup>1024</sup>
- Astechrome, 3-(1-hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrazin-2-ylmethyl)-7-(3-methylbut-2-enyl)indole Fe complex, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [75310-10-0].<sup>90</sup>
- Atevirdine, 2-[4-(3-ethylaminopyridin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-5-methoxyindole (mesylate), reverse transcriptase inhibitor: anti-HIV [136816-75-6].
- $1,2-\text{Bis}(3,5,6-\text{trimethylpyrazin-2-yl)propene}$ , platelet aggregation inhibitor.<sup>1242</sup>
- Cairomycin A, 3-carboxymethyl-6-isopropyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione, a *Streptomyces* sp metabolite: antibacterial and antifungal [78859-46-8].
- Cinepazet, 1-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-4-[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl]piperazine (and maleate), coronary vasodilator: antianginal [23887-41-4].
- Coelenteramide, 2-benzyl-3-[2-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)acetamido]-6-*p*-hydroxyphenylpyrazine, light emitter from a jelly fish [50611-86-4].73
- Cryptoechinulin A (also C, G), polysubstituted piperazine–indole structures, *Aspergillus* sps metabolites [55179-54-9, 57944-03-3, 68836-03-3].
- Cyclizine, 1-(diphenylmethyl)-4-methylpiperazine (hydrochloride or tartrate), histamine  $H_1$ -receptor antagonist: sedative and antiemetic [82-92-8].
- Deoxyaspergillic acid (*H* 50, 158), 6-*sec*-butyl-3-isobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [21641-71-4].<sup>122,980</sup>
- Deoxymutaaspergillic acid (*H* 158, 193), 3-isobutyl-6-isopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [22318-05-4].<sup>122</sup>
- Dexrazoxane: See Razoxane
- 2,5-Dibenzyl-1,4-dimethylpiperazine, a *Rutaceae* sp metabolite.778
- 3,6-Dibenzyl-5-methoxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Albatrellus* sp mushroom metabolite.742
- 3,6-Di-*sec*-butyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite.980
- Diethylcarbamazine, *N*,*N*-diethyl-4-methyl-1-piperazinecarboxamide, antihelmintic [90-89-1].
- Draflazine, 1-[*N*-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)carbamoylmethyl]-4-[5,5-bis (*p*-fluorophenyl)pentyl]-2-piperazinecarboxamide, purine uptake inhibitor: vasodilator and antiarrhythmic [120720-34-3].
- Dragmacidine (dragmacidon) (also A, B, D), 2,5-bis(6-bromoindol-3-yl)-1 methylpiperazine (A), *Dragmacidon* or *Hexadela* sp sponge metabolites [114582-72-8, 128364-31-8, 128629-37-8, 142979-34-8].1704
- Dysamide A-T, 1,4-dimethyl-3,6-bis[2-(trichloromethyl)propyl]-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (A) and analogues (B-T: for structures, see reference), *Dysidea* sp metabolites  $[149377-31-1(A),$  etc.].<sup>1658</sup>
- Echinulin, a polysubstituted piperazine–indole structure, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [1859-87-61].
- Emeheterone, 3,6-dibenzyl-5-methoxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide, an *Emericella* sp fungus metabolite [117333-12-7].310,312,cf.1397,1725
- Emimycin (*H* 6, 191), 2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide, a *Streptomyces* sp metabolite [3735-46-4].
- Esaprazole, 1-(*N*-cyclohexylcarbamoylmethyl)piperazine, gastric secretion inhibitor: antiucerogenic [64204-55-3].
- Etioluciferamine, 3-[5-amino-6-(3-aminopropyl)pyrazin-2-yl]indole, light emitter from a *Cypridine* sp sponge [7256-95-3].<sup>1707</sup>
- Flavacol (*H* 6), 3,6-diisobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [495-98-7].122,980
- Flunarizine, 1-[bis(*p*-fluorophenyl)methyl]-4-(3-phenylallyl)piperazine (and hydrochloride), histamine H<sub>1</sub>-receptor antagonist and Ca-channel blocker: vasodilator and antimigraine agent [52468-60-7].
- Flutamide, 1-hydroxy-3,5-diisobutyl-3,6-dihydro-2,6-dihydro-2,6(1H)-pyrazinedione (or tautomer), antiandogenic: for prostate cancer [162666-34-3].
- Glipizide (*H* 9), *N*-{*p*-[(cyclohexylcarbamoyl)sulfamoyl]phenethyl}-5-methyl-2 pyrazinecarboxamide, antihyperglycaemic [29094-61-9].851,893,964,1576
- Hydroechinulin, a polysubstituted piperazine–indole structure, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [22839-28-7].
- Hydroxyaspergillic acid (*H* 6), 1-hydroxy-6-(1-hydroxy-1-methylpropyl)-3 isobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite.<sup>727</sup>
- Impacarzine, *N*,*N*-diethyl-4-[2-(2-oxo-3-tetradecylimidazolidin-1-yl)ethyl]piperazine-1-carboxamide, virostatic [41340-31-0].<sup>1708</sup>
- Isoechinulin A-C, complicated piperazine–indole structures, *Aspergillus* sp metabolites [60422-87-9, 60422-88-0, 60422-89-11].
- Lifarizine, 1-diphenylmethyl-4-[(5-methyl-2-*p*-tolylimidazol-3-yl)methyl]piperazine, Na- and Ca-channel blocker: vasodilator [119514-66-8].
- Ligustrazine  $(H 4)$ , 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine from processed cocoa beans [1124-11-4].1242
- *N*-Methoxyseptorine, 3-*sec*-butyl-6-*p*-hydroxybenzoyl-1,5-dimethoxy-2(1*H*) pyrazinone, a *Septoria* sp fungus metabolite.740,1354,1695
- $N$ -Methoxyseptorinol, 3-*sec*-butyl-6- $(\alpha, p$ -dihydroxybenzyl)-1,5-dimethoxy-2(1*H*)pyrazinone, a *Septoria* sp fungus metabolite.740,741,1354
- Mutaaspergillic acid (*H* 66), 1-hydroxy-6-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-3-isobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [15272-17-0].
- Neihumicin, 3,6-dibenzylidene-5-methoxy-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, a *Micromenospora* sp fungus metabolite: a cytotoxic antibiotic [111451-12-8].<sup>1156,</sup> 1158,1161,1201
- Neoaspergillic acid (*H* 187), 1-hydroxy-3,5-diisobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [5021-35-2].
- Neoechinulin (also A-D), complicated piperazine–indole structures, *Aspergillus* sps metabolites [25644-25-1, 51551-29-2, 55179-53-8, 55179-54-9 (see Cryptoechinulin A); 55765-86-3].
- Neohydroxyaspergillic acid (*H* 6,193), 1-hydroxy-6-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-3-isobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite.<sup>78, 727</sup>
- OPC-15161, 3-[(5-isobutyl-3-methoxy-4-oxido-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrazine-2-yl)methyl]indole (X-ray confirmation), a *Thielavia* sp fungus metabolite: inhibitor of superoxide anion generation  $[121071-92-9]$ <sup>1166</sup>
- Perfenazine (perphenazine), 2-chloro-10-{3-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}phenothiazine, antipsychotic and antiemetic [58-39-9].
- Phevalin, 6-benzyl-3-isopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, a *Streptomyces* sp metabolite: antineurodegenerative agent [170713-71-0].<sup>1168</sup>
- Picroroccellin, 3, 6-dibenzyl-3-hydroxy-6-methoxy-1(or 4)-methyl-3, 6-dihydro-2, 5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (revised structure), a *Roccella* sp lichen metabolite [87291-18-7].<sup>1036,1702</sup>
- Piperafizine A and B, 3, 6-dibenzylidene-1-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*) piperazinedione (A), a *Streptoverticillium* sp metabolite [130603-59-7, 74720-33-5].1705
- Piperazine (salts, etc.), hexahydropyrazine, antihelmintic.
- Prazosin (hydrochloride), 2-[4-(fur-2-oyl)piperazin-1-yl]-6,7-dimethoxy-4-quinazolinamine,  $\alpha$ -adrenoreceptor antagonist: antihypertensive [19216-56-9].
- Preechinulin, a polysubstituted piperazine–indole structure, an *Aspergillus* sp metabolite [21008-43-5].
- Pulcherriminic acid (*H* 6), 1, 5-dihydroxy-3, 6-diisobutyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone 4-oxide, a *Candida* sp yeast metabolite, initially as an Fe complex (pulcherrimin) [957-86-8].
- Pyrazinamide (*H* 8), 2-pyrazinecarboxamide [98-96-4], antibacterial and antitubercular.
- Pyrazinoic acid, 2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid [98-97-5].
- Razoxane (dexrazoxane), 1, 2-bis(3, 5-dioxopiperazin-1-yl)propane [21416-87- 5], chelating agent: decreases toxicity of some antineoplastic agents by removal of Fe.
- Septorine, 3-*sec*-butyl-6-*p*-hydroxybenzoyl-5-methoxy-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone, a Septoria sp fungus metabolite: phytotoxic agent [67332-36-9].<sup>310,317,740,</sup> 1354,1438,1695
- Sildenafil (citrate), a complicated piperazine–pyrazolopyrimidine structure, vasodilator and small muscle relaxant: for erectile dysfunction [139755-83-2].
- Suriclone, a piperidine–1,8-naphthyridine–dithiinopyrazole structure, anxiolytic and hypnotic [53813-83-5].
- Teflutixol, a polysubstituted piperazine–thioxanthene structure, neuroleptic and antipsychotic [55837-23-5].1709
- Tenilsetam, 3-(thien-2-yl)-2-piperazinone, nootropic [86696-86-8].1706
- Terazosin (hydrochloride), 6,7-dimethoxy-2-[4-tetrahydrofuran-2-carbonyl)piperazin-1-yl]-4-quinazolinamine,  $\alpha$ -adrenoreceptor antagonist: antihypertensive [63074-08-8].
- Terezine A-D,  $6-(\alpha-hydroxybenzyl)-3-isopropyl-5-methoxy-2(1H)-pyrazinone$ (A) and analogues B-D (for structures, see reference) (A), *Sporormiella* sp fungus metabolites [165133-88-0].<sup>1434</sup>
- Tiaramide (hydrochloride), a polysubstituted piperazine–benzothiazole structure, cyclooxygenase inhibitor: analgesic, antiinflammatory, and antipyretic [32527-55-2].
- Trimazosin (hydrochloride), 2-[4-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropoxy)carbonylpiperazin-1-yl]-6,7,8-trimethoxy-2-quinazolinamine,  $\alpha$ -adrenoreceptor antagonist: antihypertensive [35795-16-5].
- Trimetazidine (hydrochloride), 1-(2,3,4-trimethoxybenzyl)piperazine, antiischaemic: antianginal [5011-34-7].
- Zopiclone, a polysubstituted piperazine–pyridine–pyrrolopyrazine structure, a benzodiazepam binding-site antagonist: sedative and anticonvulsant [43200- 80-2].
- Zuclopenthixol, a polysubstituted piperazine–thioxanthene structure, antipsychotic [53772-83-1].

# CHAPTER 6

# **Thiopyrazines (***H* **196)**

The general term *thiopyrazines* is used here to cover any pyrazine with a sulfurcontaining substituent that is attached directly or indirectly to the pyrazine ring through its sulfur atom. Relationships with the extended family of thiopyrazines are simple. Thus the parent tautomeric pyrazinethione or pyrazinethiol (both nuclear and extranuclear) may undergo S-alkylation to afford an alkylthiopyrazine (thioether: RSR') that may then undergo oxidation to an alkylsulfinyl- [sulfoxide:  $RS(=O)R'$ ] or alkylsulfonylpyrazine [sulfone:  $RS(=O)_2R'$ ]; alternatively, the parent may suffer oxidation directly to furnish a dipyrazinyl disulfide (RSSR), pyrazinesulfenic acid (RSOH), pyrazinesulfinic acid (RSO<sub>2</sub>H), or pyrazinesulfonic acid  $(RSO<sub>3</sub>H)$ . Any recently described nontautomeric pyrazinethiones and dipyrazinyl sulfides are included in appropriate sections of this chapter but thiocyanatopyrazines (RSC $\equiv$ N) are relegated to Chapter 8, wherein the isomeric isothiocyanatopyrazines  $(RN=C=S)$  are covered also. In fact, there is little or no recent information on several of the foregoing categories of thiopyrazine.

# **6.1. PYRAZINETHIONES AND PYRAZINETHIOLS (***H* **196, 198)**

This section is mainly about tautomeric pyrazinethiones but the meagre available information on nontautomeric pyrazinethiones and pyrazinethiols is also included.

Aspects of the tautomerism of tautomeric pyrazinethiones have been studied $931$ , 1398, 1424 and the acute toxicities of 2-mercaptomethylpyrazine and bis(pyrazin-2-ylmethyl) disulfide have been determined.674,1204

#### **6.1.1. Preparation of Pyrazinethiones and Pyrazinethiols (***H* **196)**

Most tautomeric pyrazinethiones have been made by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2), *thiolysis of halogenopyrazines* (see Section 4.2.4), or *thiation of tautomeric pyrazinones* (see Section 5.1.2.1); a few nontautomeric pyrazinethiones by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2) or *thiation of nontautomeric pyrazinones* (see Section 5.4.2); and nearly all extranuclear pyrazinethiols by *thiolysis of extranuclear halogenopyrazines* (see Section 4.4). Other routes to such pyrazinethiones and pyrazinethiols are illustrated in the following examples:

# **From Alkylthiopyrazines**

5-Benzylthio-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**1**) gave 5-thioxo-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (3) (Na, liquid NH<sub>3</sub>,  $-76^{\circ}$ C, 1 h:  $\sim$  70%); a small yield of the intermediate 5-mercapto-2( $1H$ )-pyrazinone (2) was obtained when the proportion of sodium to substrate was decreased.<sup>1565</sup>



2,5-Bismethylthio-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**4**) gave 3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedithione  $(6)$  by addition of  $H<sub>2</sub>S$  and subsequent loss of MeSH from the intermediate (**5**) (H<sub>2</sub>S  $\downarrow$ , pyridine–THF, 0°C, 3 h: 64%).<sup>714</sup>



- 3-( $p$ -Methoxybenzylthio)-2-pyrazinamine (8,  $R = NH<sub>2</sub>$ ) gave 3-amino-2(1*H*)pyrazinethione  $(7)$  (6 M HCl, reflux, 1 h: 38%).<sup>43</sup>
- 2-Methoxy-3-( $p$ -methoxybenzylthio)pyrazine (8, R = OMe) gave 3-methoxy- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinethione (9) [Hg(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, trace anisole, F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, 0°C, 15 min; residue from evaporation, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 90 min: 87%; also other exam $ples)$ <sup>43</sup>



# **From Dipyrazinyl Disulfides**

Bis(3,6-dioxopiperazin-2-ylmethyl) disulfide (**10**) gave 3-mercaptomethyl-3,6 dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedione (11) (HSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, no details).<sup>1440</sup>



Bis(5-methylamino-6-methylcarbamoylpyrazin-2-yl) disulfide (**12**) gave 6 acetylthio-*N*-methyl-3-methylamino-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**13**) (NaBH4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>—EtOH, 20 $\degree$ C, 4 h; residue from evaporation, AcCl, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 $\degree$ C, 15 min: 72%), and thence *N*-methyl-3-methylamino-6-thioxo-1,6-dihydro-2 pyrazinecarboxamide (**14**), isolated and characterized as the Na salt (EtONa, EtOH—CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20°C, 15 min:  $\sim$  90%).<sup>940</sup>



#### **From Acylthiopyrazines** (see also the preceding example)

2-Benzoylthio-3,6-diethylpyrazine (**15**) (prepared *in situ*) and benzylamine gave 3,6-diethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione (**16**) and *N*-benzylbenzamide (**17**) (MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 20°C, 10 min:  $\sim$  90 and > 95%, respectively);<sup>270</sup> also other examples of the use of such acylthiopyrazines as acylating agents for amines, alcohols, and the like.<sup>270</sup>



# **6.1.2. Reactions of Pyrazinethiones and Pyrazinethiols (***H* **200)**

The *hydrolysis* and *desulfurization* of these thiones and thiols appear to have escaped attention recently. Other reactions are illustrated in the following examples:

# **Oxidative Reactions**

2-Mercaptomethylpyrazine (18) gave bis(pyrazin-2-ylmethyl) disulfide (19) (I<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, warm, briefly:  $\frac{2\%}{574}$  also other such oxidations.<sup>1211</sup>



2(1*H*)-Pyrazinethione (**20**) gave *N*,*N*-diethyl-2-pyrazinesulfonamide (**21**) (KHF2, Et<sub>2</sub>NH, MeOH, Cl<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 10°C, 45 min: 68%);<sup>1602</sup> also analogous examples.<sup>1381</sup>



# **S-Alkylation**

- 3-Amino-6-bromo-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione (**22**) gave 5-bromo-3-methylthio-2 pyrazinamine (23) (1 M NaOH, MeI, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 20 min:  $\sim 80\%$ ).<sup>1012</sup>
- $2(1H)$ -Pyrazinethione gave 2-(but-3-ynylthio)pyrazine (24) (ICH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C=CH, Et<sub>2</sub>N, H<sub>2</sub>O, 70°C, 3 h: 44%).<sup>361</sup>



3,6-Diisopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione gave 2-ethoxycarbonylmethylthio-3,6 diisopropylpyrazine  $(25)$  (EtO<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>Cl, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, AcMe, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 15 h:  $> 95\%$ ).<sup>308</sup>

5-Chloro-1-methyl-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone gave 5-chloro-1 methyl-3-{*N*-[*N*-phenyl(thiocarbamoyl)]carbamoylmethylthio}-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (26) [PhHNC( $=$ S)NHC( $=$ O)CH<sub>2</sub>Cl, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 4 h: 70%].1381



2-Mercaptomethyl-3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine gave 2-allylthiomethyl-3.5,6-trimethylpyrazine  $(27)$  (BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr, 50% NaOH, 20<sup>o</sup>C, ? h:  $85\%$ ).<sup>1551</sup>

Also other examples.103,297,302,319,547,1015,1033,1138,1180,1233



## **S-Acylation**

- 3,6-Diisopropyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione (**28**) gave 2-isobutoxycarbonylthio-3,6 diisopropylpyrazine (29) (ClCO<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>i</sup>, pyridine,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: >95%);<sup>1375</sup> also the 2-methoxycarbonylthio analogue (likewise but only 35% yield).<sup>1375</sup>
- The same substrate (**28**) gave 2-benzyloxycarbonylthio-3,6-diisopropylpyrazine (**31**) by a modified three-stage one-pot procedure, said to involve the intermediate (30) (NaH, dioxane, 20°C, until H<sub>2</sub>  $\uparrow$  ceased; then ClCO<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 0  $\rightarrow$ 20°C, 12 h; then PhCH<sub>2</sub>OH  $\downarrow$ , pyridine  $\downarrow$ , 0  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 15 h: 55%);<sup>1380</sup> also analogues likewise.1375,1380



*Note:* The foregoing acylthiopyrazines may be used as N-acylating agents for amino acids, and so on.1375

# **Aminolysis**

- *Note:* There appear to be no regular aminolyses in recent literature but the example here amounts to a *de facto* aminolysis of a nontautomeric pyrazinethione.
- 1,4-Dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*,4*H*)-pyrazinedithione (**32**) and *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide gave a separable mixture of 1,4-dimethyl-5-tosylimino-3,4,5,6 tetrahydro-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione (**33**) and 1,4-dimethyl-2,5-bistosyliminopiperazine (34) [xylene,  $130^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 12 h (?): 35 and 13%, respectively).1362



# **Cyclization Reactions**

3-Amino-2(1*H*)-pyrazinethione (36) gave thiazolo[4,5-*b*]pyrazine (35, R = H) [neat (EtO)<sub>3</sub>CH, reflux, 3 h:  $\sim$  45%], its 2-methyl derivative (35, R = Me)  $[(EtO)<sub>3</sub>CMe, likewise: ~ 30%]$ , or thiazolo $[4,5-b]$ pyrazine-2(3*H*)-thione (37) (EtOCS<sub>2</sub>K, pyridine, reflux, 21 h:  $\sim$  90%);<sup>1012</sup> also analogous examples.<sup>1019</sup>



2,3(1*H*,4*H*)-Pyrazinediselone (**38**) gave 1,3-diselenolo[4,5-*b*]pyrazine-2-thione (39) ( $O=SCl_2$ , H<sub>2</sub>O,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 90 min: 29%, based on the dichloro precursor of the substrate);1076 1,3-dithiolo[4,5-*b*]pyrazine-2-thione (**40**) was made similarly.<sup>1046</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>225</sup>



# **6.2. ALKYLTHIOPYRAZINES AND DIPYRAZINYL SULFIDES (***H* **197)**

Since dipyrazinyl sulfides are simply alkylthiopyrazines in which the alkyl group is replaced with another pyrazinyl group, information on such sulfides is included here. Alkylthiopyrazines are the most frequently encountered thiopyrazines, both as end products and as useful intermediates for other types of pyrazine.

# **6.2.1. Preparation of Alkylthiopyrazines (***H* **197)**

All the important routes to alkylthiopyrazines have been discussed already: by *primary synthesis* (Chapters 1 and 2), by *alkanethiolysis of halogenopyrazines* (Sections 4.2.5 and 4.4), or by *S-alkylation of pyrazinethiones* (Section 6.1.2). The remaining minor routes are either unrepresented in recent literature or are illustrated in the following examples:

#### **By C-Alkylthiation**

2-Iodopyrazine (41) was converted into its lithio derivative (42) (BuLi, Me<sub>4</sub>piperidine, THF,  $-50 \rightarrow -20^{\circ}$ C, 20 min; substrate  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 5 min), and thence into 2-iodo-3-phenylthiopyrazine  $(43)$  (PhSPh  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 1 h:  $82\%)$ ;<sup>1613</sup> also analogous examples.<sup>451,760</sup>



#### **By Nuclear Dehydrogenation**

 $2,5$ -Bismethylthio-3,6-dihydropyrazine gave  $2,5$ -bismethylthiopyrazine (ClCO<sub>2</sub>Me, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20 $^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 65%).<sup>714</sup>

## **By Introduction as a Passenger Group**

2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**44**) gave 2-(2-benzylthioethyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**45**) (lithiation *in situ*, THF; then  $ICH_2CH_2SCH_2Ph$ ,  $-70^{\circ}C$ , 24 h: 80%).<sup>198</sup>



## **By Intramolecular Dehydration of Sulfoxides**

2-Cyclohexylsulfinylpyrazine gave 2-(cyclohex-1-enylthio)pyrazine [(F<sub>3</sub>CCO)<sub>2</sub>O, MeCN, 20°C, 12 h: 74%];<sup>318</sup> see also Section 6.2.2.1

# **6.2.2. Reactions of Alkylthiopyrazines (***H* **200)**

The *dealkylation of alkylthiopyrazines to pyrazinethiones* has been covered already (Section 6.1.1). Of the other possible reactions of alkylthiopyrazines, those represented in recent literature are discussed in the following subsections.

*6.2.2.1. Oxidation to Sulfoxides or Sulfones (H* 200)

Several peroxyacids or related oxidants have been used to convert alkylthio- into alkylsulfinyl- or alkylsulfonylpyrazines; the choice of reagent appears to be unimportant but the amount of reagent determines whether the major (or only) product is a sulfoxide or a sulfone. The following examples illustrate typical oxidation procedures:

#### **Using m-Chloroperoxybenzoic Acid**

2-*tert*-Butylthiopyrazine (**47**) gave 2-*tert*-butylsulfinylpyrazine (**46**) [*m*- $CIC_6H_4CO_3H$  (1.5 mol), THF,  $-20^{\circ}C$ , 45 min: 70%] or 2-*tert*-butylsulfonylpyrazine (48)  $[m-CIC_6H_4CO_3H (3 \text{ mol}), 20^{\circ}C, 90 \text{ min}: 74\%]$ ;<sup>1602</sup> and 2-(but-3-ynylthio)- gave 2-(but-3-ynylsulfonyl)pyrazine (likewise: 63%).<sup>361</sup>

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\hline\n\begin{array}{c}\n(1.5 \text{ mol}; -20^{\circ}\text{C})\n\end{array}\n\end{array}\n\begin{array}{c}\nN\n\end{array}\n\end{array}\n\begin{array}{c}\nSBu' \\
\hline\n\begin{array}{c}\n\text{m-CIC}_{6}H_{4}CO_{3}H \\
\hline\n\begin{array}{c}\n(3 \text{ mol}; 20^{\circ}\text{C})\n\end{array}\n\end{array}\n\begin{array}{c}\n\begin{array}{c}\nN\n\end{array}\n\end{array}\n\end{array}\n\end{array}\n\begin{array}{c}\nS(=O)_{2}Bu' \\
\hline\n\begin{array}{c}\n(46)\n\end{array}\n\end{array}
$$

3-Phenylthio-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile gave 3-phenylsulfonyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (49) (*m*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 10  $\rightarrow$  20 $^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 91%);<sup>1507</sup> and 5-bromo-3methylthio- gave 5-bromo-3-methylsulfonyl-2-pyrazinamine (**50**) (likewise,  $4 \text{ days:} \sim 70\%)$ .<sup>1012</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>1551</sup>



## **Using Hydrogen Peroxide–Maleic Anhydride (Peroxymaleic Acid)**

- 2-Cyanomethylthio-3,6-diethylpyrazine  $(51, R = Et)$  gave 2-cyanomethylsulfinyl-3,6-diethylpyrazine (52, R = Et) (maleic anhydride, 90%  $H_2O_2$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h; then reflux, 2 h: 81%);<sup>297</sup> the 3,6-diisopropyl (52, R = Pr<sup>*i*</sup>) (78%) and other homologues were made similarly.<sup>297</sup>
- 2-Cyclohexylthiopyrazine gave 2-cyclohexylsulfinylpyrazine (53,  $R = C_6H_{11}$ ) (as preceding examples:  $66\%)$ ;<sup>318</sup> 2-phenylsulfinylpyrazine (**53**, R = Ph)  $(75\%)$ ,<sup>318</sup> and many other analogues were made similarly.<sup>302,308,318,319</sup>



## **Using Sodium Periodate**

- 2-Allylthiomethyl- (**54**) gave 2-allylsulfinylmethyl-3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine (**55**) (NaIO<sub>4</sub>, MeOH,  $\leq$  5°C, 12 h: 81%).<sup>1551</sup>
- 2-(But-3-ynylthio)pyrazine gave 2-(but-3-ynylsulfinyl)pyrazine (**56**) (NaIO4, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 62%).<sup>361</sup>





## **Using Other Oxidants**

- 2-Benzoyl-3-methylthiopyrazine gave 2-benzoyl-3-methylsulfonylpyrazine (**57**) [Oxone (2 KHSO<sub>5</sub>.KHSO<sub>4</sub>.K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> complex; 2 mol), H<sub>2</sub>O-MeOH, 20<sup>°</sup>C, 3 days: 75%].1564
- 2-(6-Methylpyridin-2-ylthio)pyrazine gave 2-(6-methylpyridin-2-ylsulfonyl) pyrazine (58) [Mg( $o$ -HO<sub>2</sub>CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.6 H<sub>2</sub>O, MeOH, 0°C, 45 min: > 76%].<sup>871</sup>
- 3-Ethylthio-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile afforded 3-ethylsulfonyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**59**) ( $H_2O_2$ —AcOH: for details see original);<sup>858</sup> also many analogous oxidations.681,858,1211



*6.2.2.2. Miscellaneous Reactions*

Minor reactions of alkylthiopyrazines are illustrated by the following examples:

## **Desulfurization**

5-Ethylthio-1-methyl-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxy-3-methylbenzyl)-3,6-dihydro-2(1*H*) pyrazinone (**60**) gave 1-methyl-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxy-3-methylbenzyl)-2 piperazinone  $(61)$  (Al—Hg, THF—H<sub>2</sub>O, 0°C, 4 h: 59%; note concomitant nuclear reduction).103

#### **Metal Complexation**

2-(Pyridin-2-ylthio)pyrazine (**62**) with coligand (s) formed several Ru complexes.126



# **6.3. DIPYRAZINYL DISULFIDES AND PYRAZINESULFONIC ACID DERIVATIVES (***H* **202)**

The formation of such pyrazines by *primary synthesis* has been covered in Chapters 1 and 2; the meagre literature on their formation *by oxidation of pyrazinethiones or pyrazinethiols* is mentioned in Section 6.1.2.

Treatment of 2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**63**) with thionyl chloride and triethylamine appears to give both 2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-1-pyrazinesulfinyl chloride (**64**) and 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinesulfinyl chloride (**65**) (no details).1400 In contrast, 2,3 diphenylpyrazine (66, R = H) with chlorosulfonic acid at  $170^{\circ}$ C, for  $\sim 1$  h underwent chlorosulfonation to afford 2,3-bis[m-(chlorosulfonyl)phenyl]pyrazine  $(66, R = SO<sub>2</sub>Cl)$   $(83\%)$ ;<sup>20,1376</sup> this reacted subsequently with methanolic dimethylamine under reflux for 6 h (or with aqueous methanolic dimethylamine at 20°C for 2 h) to furnish 2,3-bis[*m*-(dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]pyrazine (**66**,  $R = SO<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>$  (85%),<sup>20,1376</sup> with methanolic hydrazine hydrate at 20°C for 5 h to give  $2,3$ -bis[m-(N-aminosulfamoyl)phenyl]pyrazine (66,  $R = SO<sub>2</sub>NHNH<sub>2</sub>$ )  $(56\%)$ ,<sup>1376</sup> or with sodium azide in aqueous acetone at 20 $\degree$ C for 4 h to give 2,3bis[m-(azidosulfonyl)phenyl]pyrazine (66, R =  $SO_2N_3$ ) (92%).<sup>1376</sup> Other extranuclear pyrazinesulfonamides have been prepared as antihyperglycaemics.<sup>859,888</sup>



# **6.4. PYRAZINE SULFOXIDES AND SULFONES (***H* **202)**

A few such pyrazine derivatives have been made by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2) but the main preparative route is by *oxidation of alkylthiopyrazines*, discussed in Section 6.2.2.1.

The remaining minor routes appear to be represented in recent literature only by the reaction of ethyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**67**) with prelithiated dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) in THF at 20°C during 3 h to afford 2-(methylsulfinylacetyl)pyrazine (**68**) (30%);896 and by the reaction of chloropyrazines (**69**) with sodium *p*-acetamidobenzenesulfinate to give the corresponding *p*-acetamidophenylsulfonylpyrazines (**70**).882

Reactions of alkylsulfinyl- and alkylsulfonylpyrazines also have limited representation in recent literature. Their *alcoholysis or phenolysis* is covered in Section 5.3.1; other reactions are illustrated in the following examples:



#### **Aminolysis**

3-Phenylsulfonyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(71)$  gave 3-amino-  $(72, R = H)$ , 3-methylamino-  $(72, R = Me)$ , or 3-benzylamino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(72,$  $R = CH_2Ph$ ) (amine, Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF—H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, for 1–24 h: 82, 84%, or 70% respectively);1507 homologues like 5,6-diphenyl-3-*p*-tolylamino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**73**) (40 h: 34%) were made similarly.1507



#### **-Alkylation**

2-Methylsulfonylpyrazine (**74**) gave 2-(2-hydroxypropylsulfonyl)pyrazine (**75**) (lithiation *in situ*, MeCHO  $\downarrow$ , THF,  $-75^{\circ}$ C, 30 min: 32%).<sup>1597</sup>



#### **Intramolecular Dehydration or C-Hydroxylation**

*Note:* Appropriate 2-cyclohexylsulfinylpyrazines, in the presence of trifluoroacetic anhydride, undergo concomitant intramolecular dehydration to 2-

(cyclohex-1-enylthio)pyrazines and C-hydroxylation to 5-cyclohexylthio- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinones.<sup>318</sup>

2-Cyclohexylsulfinylpyrazine  $(76, R = H)$  gave mainly 2-(cyclohex-1enylthio)pyrazine (77,  $R = H$ ) with a little 5-cyclohexylthio-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone  $(78, R = H)$  [(F<sub>3</sub>CCO)<sub>2</sub>O, MeCN, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h: 74% and a trace, respectively]; in contrast, 2-cyclohexylsulfinyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine  $(76, R = Me)$  gave comparable yields 2-(cyclohex-1-enylthio)-3,6-dimethylpyrazine  $(77, R = Me)$ and 5-cyclohexylthio-3,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**78**,  $R = Me$ ) (likewise: 55:45 mixture but lower isolated yields).<sup>318</sup> When the 5-position was occupied, only dehydration took place.<sup>318</sup>



# **Pyrazine Sulfoxides as Reagents**

- *Note:* The pyrazinylsulfonyl grouping has been employed as a leaving group in the formation of unsaturated aliphatic compounds and aliphatic or aromatic aldehydes.297,302,308,319
- 2-Cyanomethylsulfonyl-3,6-diisopropylpyrazine (**79**) gave cinnamonitrile (**81**) via the unisolated intermediate (80) (NaH, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 10 min; then PhCH<sub>2</sub>Br  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 15 min: 67%);<sup>297</sup> the formation of other such products required significant variations on this procedure.<sup>297,302,308,319</sup>



The *dipole moments* of six alkylsulfonylpyrazines have been measured in benzene. Their values (4.56–4.63 D) are significantly lower than corresponding alkylsulfonylbenzenes ( $\sim$  4.75) despite the fact that pyrazine (like benzene) is nonpolar.1088

# CHAPTER 7

# **Nitro-, Amino-, and Related Pyrazines (***H* 265)

This chapter covers pyrazines bearing nitrogenous substituents that are joined directly or indirectly to the nucleus through their nitrogen atom; exceptionally, any isocyanato- or isothiocyanatopyrazines are relegated to Chapter 8 in order to be close to pyrazinecarbonitriles and the like.

# **7.1 NITROPYRAZINES (***H* **237)**

Neither nuclear nor extranuclear nitropyrazines are commonly encountered in the pyrazine literature1638 but some have been made, usually with no subsequent use evident.

# **7.1.1 Preparation of Nitropyrazines (***H* **237)**

A few nitropyrazines have been prepared by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2). Other routes to nitropyrazines are illustrated in the following examples:

# **By Direct Nitration**

- 3-Amino-5,6-dichloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**1**) gave 5,6-dichloro-3-nitro-2-pyrazinamine (2)  $(H_2SO_4\rightarrow HNO_3, 15 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C, 4 \text{ h}: 46\%; CO_2 \uparrow \text{ during}$ the reaction).<sup>607,1313</sup>
- 2,5-Diethoxy-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**3**) gave 2,5-diethoxy-3,6-dinitropyrazine (**4**)  $[N_2O_4, \text{MeCN}, 20 \rightarrow 50^{\circ} \text{C}, ? \text{ h}: \sim 30\%; \text{ or } \text{KNO}_3, (\text{F}_3\text{CCO})_2\text{O}, 20^{\circ} \text{C}, ? \text{ h}:$  $\sim$ 30%; if nuclear dehydrogenation was done before nitration, yields were even lower].<sup>1460</sup>
- 2-(Thien-2-yl)pyrazine (**5**) gave a mixture of 2-(5-nitrothien-2-yl)- (**6**) and 2-(4 nitrothien-2-yl)pyrazine (7)  $(H_2SO_4 \rightarrow HNO_3, 70^{\circ}C, 4 \text{ h: good yield of}$ mixture).560,1134

Also other examples.1458,1636



## **From Dimethylsulfimidopyrazines via Nitrosopyrazines**

*Note:* Pyrazinamines may be converted into the corresponding dimethylsulfimidopyrazines (sometimes called dimethylsulfiliminopyrazines: neither name is satisfactory!) as outlined in Section 7.3.2.5; these derivatives may be oxidized successively to unstable *C*-nitrosopyrazines and forthwith to nitropyrazines, as illustrated here.

2-Dimethylsulfimidopyrazine  $(8, X = H)$  gave 2-nitropyrazine  $(10, X = H)$  via unisolated 2-nitrosopyrazine (9) ( $m$ -ClC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0°C, 45 min; then  $O_2 + O_3 \downarrow$ , 2 h: 70%).<sup>776</sup>



2-Chloro-5-dimethylsulfimidopyrazine  $(8, X = C)$  likewise gave 2-chloro-5-nitropyrazine (10, X = Cl) ( $m$ -ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -5  $\rightarrow$  0°C, 40 min; then Me<sub>2</sub>S  $\downarrow$ , 10 min; then O<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$  until colorless: 60°C);<sup>607,1310</sup> similar procedures gave 2-chloro-3-nitropyrazine  $(11, Q = H, R = Cl)$   $(56\%)$ ,<sup>607,1310</sup> 2-bromo-5nitropyrazine  $(10, X = Br)$   $(82\%)$ ,<sup>361</sup> methyl 3-nitro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(11,$  $Q = H$ ,  $R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me$ ) (55%),<sup>1310</sup> and methyl 6-chloro-3-nitro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(11, Q = Cl, R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me)$   $(51\%)$ .<sup>607</sup>

#### **By Passenger Introduction of a Nitro Group**

*Note:* This reaction has been done in many ways, such as that indicated here.

Piperazine  $(12)$  gave  $1,4$ -bis(nitroacetyl)piperazine  $(13)$  [MeO<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, imidazole (catalyst), EtOH, reflux, 90 min:  $46\%$ ].<sup>1113</sup>



## **7.1.2 Reactions of Nitropyrazines (***H* **237)**

There is little recent information in this area. The fine structure of 3-acetoxy-1, 4-dinitro-2-piperazinol (**14**) has been elucidated by X-ray analysis.1212 Treatment of 5,6-dichloro-3-nitro-2-pyrazinamine (**15**) with refluxing ethanolic sodium cyanide for 4 days induced displacement of the nitro by a cyano group as well as ethanolysis of one chloro substituent to afford 3-amino-6-chloro-5-ethoxy-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**16**) in 55% yield.1313 1-Methyl-4-(*p*-nitrobenzoyl)piperazine (**17**) gave 1-(*p*-aminobenzoyl)-4-methylpiperazine (**18**) (75%) on refluxing in ethanolic hydrazine hydrate with a little Raney nickel catalyst for 6  $h$ ;<sup>135, cf. 1032</sup> other reduction procedures have been reported.<sup>496,1741</sup>



# **7.2 NITROSOPYRAZINES**

Although nuclear *C*-nitrosopyrazines can be made, they appear to be too unstable for isolation and characterization as such; in contrast, many N-nitrosated derivatives of piperazine or other partially reduced pyrazines are quite stable.

## **7.2.1** *C***-Nitrosopyrazines**

Despite being inisolable, *C*-nitrosopyrazines have been made in solution by the peroxyacid oxidation of dimethylsulfimidopyrazines for subsequent further oxidation to nitropyrazines (see Section 7.1.1). Such unisolated nitrosopyrazines can also be converted into other derivatives. Thus 2-nitrosopyrazine (**20**) with *p*-chloroaniline in methylene chloride–acetic acid at 20°C, for 12 h gave 2-*p*-chlorophenylazopyrazine (19,  $R = Cl$ ) (63%, including the initial oxidation step);<sup>776</sup> with *p*-anisidine, it likewise gave 2-*p*-methoxyphenylazopyrazine  $(19, R = OMe)$  $(64\%)$ ;<sup>776</sup> and with 2,3-dimethylbuta-1,3-diene in methylene chloride at 20 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 min it gave 4,5-dimethyl-2-(pyrazin-2-yl)-3,6-dihydro-1,2-oxazine (**21**) (40%).776



#### **7.2.2** *N***-Nitrosopiperazines and Related Compounds**

There are several *preparative routes* to *N*-nitrosopiperazines, illustrated by the following examples:

#### **By Regular Nitrosation**

2-Piperazinecarboxylic acid  $(22, R = H)$  gave 1,4-dinitroso-2-piperazinecarboxylic acid (23, R = H) (substrate. 2 HCl, NaNO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20  $\rightarrow$  45°C, 90 min; then  $20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 69%); the methyl ester  $(22, R = Me)$  likewise gave methyl 1,4-dinitroso-2-piperazinecarboxylate  $(23, R = Me)$  (substrate. 2HCl, NaNO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 5°C, 90 min; then to pH 4, 20°C, 12 h: 79%).<sup>418</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>955,1016,1029</sup>

*Note*: The mechanism of such nitrosations has been studied.<sup>65</sup>



## **Using Hydroxylamine and Fremy's Salt**

Piperazine (25) gave 1-nitrosopiperazine (26) [substrate,  $(KSO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NO$ , Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—pyridine; H<sub>2</sub>NOH.HCl  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 15 min: 98%; the mechanism appears to involve the unisolated complex (**24**)].1074



## **By Oxidation of N-Aminopiperazines**

*Note:* Although such a procedure was successful in related series, 4-methyl-1-piperazinamine (**27**) failed to give 1-methyl-4-nitrosopiperazine (**28**) on treatment with tri-tert-butylamine oxide in tetranitromethane.<sup>1082</sup>



#### **By Nitrosolysis of 1,4-Dialkylpiperazine**

 $1,4$ -Dimethyl- (29, R = Me), 1-ethyl-4-methyl- (29, R = Et), 1-isopropyl-4methyl-  $(29, R = Pr^t)$ , or 1-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpiperazine  $(29, R = Bu^t)$  gave 1,4-dinitrosopiperazine (30) (N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  50  $\rightarrow$  20 °C, 15 h: 90, 81, 55, or 8%, respectively).25,30 The conformational structure of the carcinogenic product (**30**) has been determined by X-ray analysis.1210



A few *reactions* of *N*-nitrosopiperazines have been reported recently. At least some such piperazines undergo facile transnitrosation and may be used to nitrosate other secondary bases or the like. For example, 2,6-dimethyl-1,4 dinitrosopiperazine (**31**) with piperidine (**32**), at pH 1.7 in the presence of sodium thiocyanate as catalyst, gave 2,6-dimethyl-4-nitrosopiperazine (**33**) and 1-nitrosopiperidine (**34**).763, cf. 954



The reduction of *N*-nitroso- to *N*-aminopiperazines is sometimes useful. Thus 1 methyl-4-nitrosopiperazine (**35**) afforded 4-methyl-1-piperazinamine (**36**) by refluxing with aluminum hydride in ether for 10 h  $(88\% \text{ yield})^{449}$  or by treatment with zinc in acetic acid ( $>$ 30% yield).<sup>1016, cf. 982</sup>



The rodential metabolism of 1,4-dinitrosopiperazine (**37**) gave *N*-nitrosodiethanolamine (**38**) (7%) and *N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)-*N*-nitrosoglycine (**39**)  $(30\%)$ , as well as other minor products.<sup>1225</sup>



# **7.3 REGULAR AMINOPYRAZINES (***H* **205)**

This section covers primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary aminopyrazines (both nuclear and extranuclear) but not (functionally substituted amino)pyrazines such as hydrazino-, hydroxyamino-, or azidopyrazines. General discussions have appeared on the spectra of 2-pyrazinamine,<sup>255,257,991</sup> the protonsponge properties of 2,3,5,6-tetra(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine in relation to its fine structure,  $925$  the fluorescene properties of 3,6-diamino-2,5-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid derivatives in relation to their fine structures, 1646,1659 the basic properties of aminopyrazines and other such azines in relation to their electronic structures, $4^{12,928}$  and the fine structures of 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid<sup>1340</sup> and 1,4-diacetyl-2,3-diphenylpiperazine.559

## **7.3.1 Preparation of Regular Aminopyrazines (***H* **205)**

Of the many synthetic routes to aminopyrazines, those already discussed are indicated in the following list that includes the potential scope of each method:

- By *primary synthesis* (nuclear, extranuclear: primary, secondary, tertiary): Chapters 1 and 2.
- By *aminolysis of halogenopyrazines* (nuclear, extranuclear: primary, secondary, tertiary, quaternary): Sections 4.2.1 and 4.4.
- By *aminolysis of alkoxypyrazines* (nuclear: primary, secondary, tertiary): Section 5.3.2.
- By *aminolysis of tautomeric pyrazinethiones* (nuclear: primary, secondary, tertiary): Section 6.1.2.
- By *aminolysis of pyrazine sulfoxides or sulfones* (nuclear: primary, secondary, tertiary): Section 6.4.
- By *reduction of nitropyrazines* (nuclear, extranuclear: primary): Section 7.1.2.
- By *reduction of nitrosopyrazines* (nuclear: primary): Section 7.2.2.

The remaining routes to regular aminopyrazines are illustrated in the following classified examples, where necessary with explanatory notes:

## **By C-Amination**

*Note:* For nuclear primary, secondary, or tertiary (?) amines.

Pyrazine (**40**) gave 2-pyrazinamine (**42**) via the anionic ammonia adduct (**41**) (KNH<sub>2</sub>, liquid NH<sub>3</sub>, 10 min; then KMnO<sub>4</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 10 min: 65%).<sup>1295</sup>



2-Phenylpyrazine (**44**) gave a separable mixture of 5-phenyl- (**43**) and 3-phenyl-2-pyrazinamine (43a) (KNH<sub>2</sub>, liquid NH<sub>3</sub>,  $-33^{\circ}$ C, 24 h:  $\sim$ 40 and  $\sim$ 10%, respectively); the same substrate (44) gave only 2-methylamino-5-phenylpyrazine (45) (KNHMe, MeNH<sub>2</sub>,  $-6^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 60%).<sup>1457</sup>



## **By N-Amination**

*Note:* For nuclear *N*-aminopyrazinium salts only; the zwitterionic bases have not been isolated.

Pyrazine (46) gave 1-aminopyrazinium nitrate (47) [H<sub>2</sub>NOSO<sub>3</sub>H, BaO,  $Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 100 \rightarrow 20°C, 2 h: 38\%$ ].<sup>862</sup>



 $1-(\beta-D-Ribofuranosyl)-2(1H)$ -pyrazinone gave 1-amino-3-oxo-4- $(\beta-D-ribofura-Pb)$ nosyl)-3,4-dihydropyrazinium mesitylenesulfonate (**48**) (*O*-mesitylenesulfonylhydroxylamine: for details, see original).<sup>1231</sup>



#### **By Deacylation of Acylaminopyrazines**

*Note:* Such deacylation may be done by hydrolysis or treatment with hydrazine to afford primary or secondary nuclear or extranuclear aminopyrazines.

- 3-Acetamido-*N*-methyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide  $(49, R = Ac)$  gave 3-amino-*N*-methyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide  $(49, R = H)$   $(5\%$  HCl,  $95^{\circ}$ C, 30 min: 16%).1265
- 2-Acetoxy-5-benzyl-6-diacetylamino-3-methylpyrazine (**50**) gave 6-amino-5 benzyl-3-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (51) neat H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h: 67%; note additional *O*-deacylation).883

Also other examples.<sup>960</sup>

*Note:* 1/4-Acylpiperazines can give piperazines likewise.<sup>1538</sup>



#### **From Alkylideneaminopyrazines**

*Note:* Hydrolysis removes the alkylidene group as an aldehyde or ketone to afford a nuclear or extranuclear primary aminopyrazine; reduction could afford a secondary aminopyrazine of either type, but there appear to be no recent examples.

6-Dimethoxymethyl-3-dimethylaminomethyleneamino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile 4-oxide (**52**) gave 3-amino-6-dimethoxymethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile 4-oxide (53) [TsOH, (MeO)<sub>3</sub>CH, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 7 days: 55%].<sup>759</sup>



## **By Reduction of Anils or Oximes of Pyrazine Aldehydes or Ketones**

*Note:* For the production of extranuclear primary or secondary aminopyrazines.

5-Methyl-3-methylamino-6-phenyliminomethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**54**) gave 6-anilinomethyl-5-methyl-3-methylamino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (55) (Et<sub>3</sub>SiH,  $F_3CCO_2H$ , CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 4 h: > 95%).<sup>1599</sup>



Methyl 3-amino-6-chloro-5-ethoxalyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate oxime (**56**) gave 3-  $\alpha$ -ethoxycarbonylmethyl)-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(57)$  [Rh/C, H<sub>2</sub> (2 atm), AcONH<sub>4</sub>, AcOH—EtOH, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 2.5 h: 70%].<sup>808</sup> Also other examples.<sup>683</sup>



#### **By Hydrolysis of Triphenylphosphoranylideneaminopyrazines**

*Note:* For making nuclear or extranuclear primary aminopyrazines; these substrates are easily made from azidopyrazines (see Section 7.5).

2-Methoxy-3-(triphenylphosphoranylideneamino)pyrazine (**58**) gave 3-methoxy-2-pyrazinamine (59) (THF-H<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 3 days: 79%).<sup>232</sup>

2-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-[4-(triphenylphosphoranylideneamino)but-2-ynyl]-  $2,5$ -dihydropyrazine (60,  $R = N:PPh_3$ ) (made *in situ*) gave 2-[4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)but-2-ynyl]-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**60**,  $R = NHCO_2CH_2Ph$  (ClCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—dioxane,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 5 h:  $>79\%$ );<sup>1348</sup> also analogous reactions.<sup>228</sup>



## **By Reduction of Cyanopyrazines**



1-Benzyl-4-cyanomethylpiperazine (**61**) gave 1-(2-aminoethyl)-4-benzylpiperazine (62) (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF, N<sub>2</sub>, 20°C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 24 h: 91%;<sup>635</sup> LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF, N<sub>2</sub>,  $10^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 6 h: 80%).<sup>660</sup>



4-Benzyl-1-methyl-2-piperazinecarbonitrile (**63**) gave 2-acetamidomethyl-4-benzyl-1-methylpiperazine (64) (H<sub>2</sub>, Raney Ni, Ac<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, until finished:  $49\%$ ).<sup>117</sup>

Also other examples.446



## **By Aminolysis of Nuclear Cyanopyrazines**

*Note:* For the formation of nuclear primary, secondary, or tertiary aminopyrazines.

- $2,3$ -Pyrazinedicarbonitrile (65,  $R = CN$ ) gave 3-methylamino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (65, R = NHMe) (MeNH<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF—H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 5 h: 74%).<sup>1389</sup>
- 5-Methyl-6-phenyliminomethyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**66**) gave selectively 5-methyl-3-methylamino-6-phenyliminomethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**67**) (MeNH<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Et<sub>2</sub>O-THF, 20°C, 7 h: 65%).<sup>1599</sup>



In contrast, 5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**68**) gave a separable mixture of 3-butylamino-6-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-(**69**) and 3 butylamino-5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**70**) (BuNH<sub>2</sub>, MeCN, 20°C, 5 h: 35 and 52%, respectively).<sup>1298</sup>

Also other examples.1013,1298



#### **By Reduction of Pyrazinecarboxamides**

*Note:* For the formation of extranuclear primary, secondary, or tetrtiary aminopyrazines; the only available examples gave a primary amine.

4-Methyl-2-piperazinecarboxamide (**71**) gave 2-aminomethyl-4-methylpiperazine (**72**) (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF, reflux, 12 h:  $\sim 65\%$ ).<sup>128</sup>



## **By Hofmann Degradation of Pyrazinecarboxamides**

- *Note:* For the preparation of nuclear or extranuclear primary aminopyrazines.
- 3-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**73**) gave 3-chloro-2-pyrazinamine (**74**) [NaOBr (made *in situ*), H<sub>2</sub>O, 80°C, 2 h: 83%).<sup>1681</sup>



- $2$ -Pyrazinecarboxamide 1-oxide (75,  $R = \text{CONH}_2$ ) gave 2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide  $(75, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  (NaOCl, H<sub>2</sub>O, 70°C, 1 h: 78%);<sup>1556</sup> also 5-methyl-2-pyrazinamine 4-oxide (likewise:  $75\%$ ).<sup>1508</sup>
- $3$ -Oxo-6-(pyridin-4-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**76**,  $R = \text{CONH}_2$ ) gave 3-amino-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**76**,  $R = NH_2$ ) [NaOBr (made *in situ*), H<sub>2</sub>O,  $\leq$ 5°C, 4 h: 63%].<sup>314</sup>



Ammonium 3-carbamoyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**77**) gave 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**78**) (NaOCl, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20  $\rightarrow$  80 $^{\circ}$ C, 10 min: 67%).<sup>1318</sup>

Also other examples.598,1008,1119,1125



## **By the Curtius Reaction on Pyrazinecarbonyl Azides**

*Note:* Could be used for the preparation of nuclear or extranuclear primary aminopyrazines.

A benzene solution of methyl 3-azidoformyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**80**), obtained by treatment of the chloroformyl ester (**79**) with sodium azide, gave methyl 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (81) (reflux, 24 h: >86% overall).<sup>1185</sup> Also other examples.<sup>1671</sup>



## **By Reduction of Azidopyrazines**

*Note:* The reduction of azido- to aminopyrazines appears to be somewhat unpredictable but a reasonably good yield can usually be obtained with one or other of the reducing agents mentioned in these examples. For nuclear or extranuclear primary aminopyrazines only.

2-Azido-3,5-diphenylpyrazine (**82**) gave 3,5-diphenyl-2-pyrazinamine (**83**)  $(SnCl_2.2 H_2O, HCl, MeOH-H_2O, 60^{\circ}C, 4 h: 86\%; H_2, Pd/C, NH_4OH,$ MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe $-H_2O$ : 0%);<sup>231</sup> in contrast, 2-azido-5,6-diphenylpyrazine  $(84, R = N_3)$  gave 5,6-diphenyl-2-pyrazinamine  $(84, R = NH_2)$   $(H_2, Pd/C,$ NH<sub>4</sub>OH, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 1 h: >95%).<sup>231</sup>



2,3-Diazidopyrazine (**85**) gave 3-azido-2-pyrazinamine (**86**) (NaBH4, EtOH, 20–55°C, 30 min: 90%), and thence 2,3-pyrazinediamine  $(87)$   $(H_2, Pd/C,$ NH<sub>4</sub>OH, MeoCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 20°C, 4 h: 58%).<sup>1124</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>228,891,1609</sup>



**7.3.2 Reactions of Regular Aminopyrazines (***H* **215)**

Some reactions of aminopyrazines have been discussed already: the *conversion of primary amino- into halogenopyrazines* (Sections 4.1.4 and 4.3.2) and the *conversion of aminopyrazines into pyrazinones* (Section 5.1.1). The many remaining reactions are covered in the subsections that follow.

# *7.3.2.1 N-Acylation of Aminopyrazines and Subsequent Cyclizations (H 215, 377)*

The N-acylation of a primary or secondary aminopyrazine or of a piperazine (at ring-NH) may be carried out for a variety of reasons, one of which is for subsequent intramolecular cyclization. The following examples illustrate the process of acylation (in the widest sense) and a few typical cyclizations:

#### **N-Acylation of Aminopyrazines**

3-Amino-6-bromo-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**88**) gave 3-benzamido-6-bromo-2 pyrazinecarboxamide (**89**) (BzCl, pyridine, 20°C, 10 h: 91%), and thence 6-bromo-2-phenyl-4(3*H*)-pteridinone (**90**) (0.1 M NaOH, reflux, 20 min: 80%).4



2-Pyrazinamine  $(91, R = H)$  gave 2-formamidopyrazine  $(91, R = CHO)$  [neat HC(NHCHO)<sub>3</sub>, 165 $^{\circ}$ C, sealed, 25 min: 59%]<sup>246</sup> or 2-benzamidopyrazine (91,  $R = Bz$ ) (BzCl, pyridine—CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20°C, 2 h: 61%).<sup>152</sup>



 $5-p$ -Methoxyphenyl-2-pyrazinamine  $(92, R = H)$  gave 2-acetamido-5*p*-methoxyphenylpyrazine (92, R = Ac) (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, 20  $\rightarrow$  50°C, 4 h:  $81\%$ <sup>587</sup> 3-benzyl-5-p-methoxyphenyl-2-pyrazinamine (93, R = H) gave 2-benzyl-6-p-methoxyphenyl-3-pivalamidopyrazine  $[93, R = C(.)Bu']$ (Bu<sup>t</sup>COCl, pyridine—CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 7 h: 90%).<sup>397</sup>



 $1-(2-Aminoethyl)-4-benzylpiperazine (94, R = H) gave 1-(2-benzamidoethyl)-$ 4-benzylpiperazine  $(94, R = Bz)$  (BzCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF, 0°C, 5 h: 45%, isolated as dihydrochloride).635



2,3-Pyrazinediamine (**95**) and 2-methoxy-4-methylthiobenzoyl chloride (made *in situ*) gave 2-(2-methoxy-4-methylthiophenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyrazine (**96**) by loss of water from an unisolated 3-acylamino-2-pyrazinamine [substrate, 2-MeO-4-MeSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, neat POCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 4 h: 45%].<sup>681</sup> Also other examples. 87,261,369,448,648,884,960,1026,1124,1132,1296,1313,1517,1522,1580,1589,1662



## **1/4-Acylation of Piperazines**

*Note:* This procedure is very common, especially for introducing a piperazinyl or substituted-piperazinyl grouping into parent molecules showing promise of bioactivity.

Piperazine (98) gave 1-(3-hydroxybutyryl)piperazine (97) [MeCH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et, 110°C, 10 h: 90%],<sup>1651</sup> 1,4-diisobutyrylpiperazine (99) [Pr<sup>i</sup>COCl, pyridine, 1 h, then PhH  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 15 min: 65%;<sup>1612</sup> or Pr<sup>*i*</sup>, CO (20 atm), Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeOH, 80°C, 10 h: 57%],<sup>1660</sup> a 3:4 mixture of 1-piperazinecarbothioaldehyde (100, R = H) and 1,4-piperazinedicarbothioaldehyde  $[100, R = C(.S)H]$  (for details see original),<sup>800</sup> 1,4-piperazinedicarbaldehyde (101) [neat  $(HO_2C)_2$ , 300°C, rapidly: 60°C with loss of  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$ <sup>19</sup> or diethyl 1,4-piperazinebis(carbodithioate) (102) (substrate, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20°C, 20 min; then CS<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 20 min; then EtBr  $\downarrow$  , 20°C, until complete by TLC: 84%).<sup>1674, cf. 430</sup>



1-Methylpiperazine (**104**) gave 1-*o*-iodobenzoyl-4-methylpiperazine (**103**) (*o*-IC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>COCl, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 2 h: 78%, as hydrochloride),<sup>496</sup> 5-(4methylpiperazin-1-ylsulfonyl)isoquinoline (**105**) (5-isoquinolinesulfonyl chloride, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 1 h: 71%),<sup>110</sup> 1-chloroacetyl-4-methylpiperazine (**106**) (ClCH<sub>2</sub>COCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, PhH, 20°C, 12 h: 62%),<sup>149</sup> or 1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-4-methylpiperazine (107) [Bu<sup>t</sup>OC(:O)N<sub>3</sub>, THF—H<sub>2</sub>O, 35°C, 30 min; then NaOH  $\downarrow$ , 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: > 90%].<sup>147</sup>



1-Phenylpiperazine  $(108, R = H)$  gave 1-difluoronitroacetyl-4-phenylpiperazine [108, R = C(:O)CF<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>] (O<sub>2</sub>NF<sub>2</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>Me, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h: 60%);<sup>1104</sup> likewise the 4-*p*-fluorophenyl analogues (70%), confirmed in structure by X-ray analysis.1104



Pyrazine (109) gave 1,4-diacetyl-1,4-dihydropyrazine (110,  $R = H$ ) (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, Zn dust, reflux, 75 min: 38%; or Ac<sub>2</sub>O, Et<sub>4</sub>NBr, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, N<sub>2</sub>, cathodic reduction, 30°C: 44%;514 2,5-bismethylthio-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**111**) gave 1,4-diacetyl-2,5-bismethylthio-1,4-dihydropyrazine (**110**, R - SMe) (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 2 h: 75%; note prototropy prior to acetyla $tion).<sup>714</sup>$ 



5,*N*-Dimethyl-2-piperazinecarboxamide  $(112, R = H)$  gave 1,4-diacetyl-5,*N*dimethyl-2-piperazinecarboxamide (112,  $R = Ac$ ) ( $H<sub>2</sub>O$ , NaOH to pH 7,  $H_2C=CO \downarrow$ , 20°C, 30 min; or Ac<sub>2</sub>O, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 80°C, 1 h: ?%).<sup>477</sup>



- 1-Methylpiperazine (**113**) gave tris(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methane (**115**), presumably via the diethoxymethyl intermediate  $(114)$  [excess substrate,  $(EtO)_{3}CH$ , trace AcOH, boiled under a short condenser to lose EtOH, 2 h: 71%],<sup>762</sup>
- Also other examples. 83,95,132,135,142,146,154,209,265,334,393,430,492,498,499,501,502,613,618,621,626, 647,663,672,805,818,824,872,890,982,1018,1020,1053,1066,1100,1113,1133,1149,1154,1176,1179,1189,1342,1356, 1499,1516,1581,1590,1647,1661,1683 – 1685,1749,1754



*7.3.2.2 N-Alkylidenation of Aminopyrazines and Subsequent Cyclizations (H 215)*

The N-alkylidenation of a primary aminopyrazine is usually done with an eye to a subsequent cyclization of one sort or another: indeed, more often than not, the intermediate Schiff base is unisolated in such a sequence. The following examples indicate typical procedures:
# **With Isolation of the Schiff Base**

3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**116**) gave 3-dimethylaminomethyleneamino-2 pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(117)$  [Me<sub>2</sub>NCH(OMe)<sub>2</sub>, neat  $(?)$ ,  $20^{\circ}$ C,  $?$  h: 89%], and thence 4-pteridinamine (118) (NH<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 20°C, 7 days: 58%).<sup>243</sup>



- 2-Pyrazinamine gave  $2-(\alpha$ -amino-*p*-chlorobenzylideneamino)pyrazine (119)  $(CIC_6H_4CN-p, Pr'NLi, THF-Me_2SO, 140 \rightarrow 20°C, 2 \text{ days: } 51\%$ ; confirmed in structure by X-ray analysis).  $378$
- 2-Pyrazinamine gave 2-(hexafluoroisopropylideneamino)pyrazine (**120**) (hexafluoroacetone; no details), and thence 3-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[1, 2-*a*]pyrazine (121) (SnCl<sub>2</sub>, THF, 110°C, <48 h: 17%).<sup>219</sup>

Also other examples.253,668,775,982,1592,1657



### **Without Isolation of the Schiff Base**

2-Pyrazinamine (122) gave imidazo $[1,2-a]$ pyrazine (123,  $Q = R = H$ ) (ClCH<sub>2</sub>- $CH(OEt)_2$ , HCl, dioxane  $-H_2O$ , reflux, 1 h: 40%),<sup>1449, cf. 1712</sup> 2-trifluoromethylimidazo $[1,2-a]$ pyrazine  $(123, Q = CF_3, R = H) (BrCH_2COCF_3,$ EtOH, reflux, 5 h:  $\sim$ 10%),<sup>1387</sup> 3-methoxy-2-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine  $(123, Q = Me, R = OMe)$  [MeCOCH(OMe)<sub>2</sub>, HCl—MeOH, 20°C, 3 days:  $\sim$ 10%],<sup>737, cf. 827</sup> 3-(1-hydroxyethyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine [**123**, Q = H,  $R = CH(OH)Me$ ]{2,3-epoxybutyraldehyde, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h:



26%; orientation checked by oxidation to 3-acetylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine  $(123, Q = Ac, R = H)$  (MnO<sub>2</sub>, AcMe, 20°C, 7 days: 81%) and X-ray analysis thereof  $\frac{770}{70}$  or other such derivatives.<sup>673,675,688</sup>

 $3$ -Ethoxy-2-pyrazinamine  $(125, R = Me)$  gave 8-ethoxy-2-phenylimidazo[1, 2-*a*]pyrazine (124) (PhCOCH<sub>2</sub>Br, EtOH, reflux, 6 h:  $29\%$ );<sup>1146</sup> in contrast, 3-methoxy-2-pyrazinamine  $(125, R = Et)$  gave 8-methoxy-2-phenylimidazo- $[1,2-a]$  pyrazin-3-o1 (126) (PhCOCHO, trace BF<sub>3</sub>.Et<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 25 h: 72%);330 and many other imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazines were made by broadly similar reactions.<sup>203</sup> 620,641,739,1146,1313,1361,1367



5,6-Diphenyl-2,3-pyrazinediamine  $(128, Q = R = Ph)$  gave 2,3-dimethyl-6, 7-diphenylpyrazino[2,3-b]pyrazine (127) (Ac<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 30 min:  $34\%$ );<sup>558</sup> 5-bromo-2,3-pyrazinediamine (128, Q = Br, R = H) gave 5-bromo-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyrazine (129) [neat AcOCH(OEt)<sub>2</sub>, 143°C, 3 h:  $\sim$ 90%];<sup>1017</sup> and 2,3-pyrazinediamine (128, Q = R = H) gave 7,16-diethyl-5,14-dihydrodipyrazino[2,3-*b*: 2 ,3 -*i*][1,4,8,11]tetraazacyclotetradecine (**130**) (EtOHC=CEtCHO, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO- $C_6H_{11}OH$ , reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h: 3% after chromatographic purification).<sup>1529</sup>



3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**131**) gave 2-ethoxymethyl-4(3*H*)-pteridinone (**132**) [EtOCH<sub>2</sub>C(OEt)<sub>3</sub>, Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 3 h: 44%].<sup>691</sup>

Also a variety of other examples.<sup>504,583,585,604,634,640,1035,1044,1474,1508,1511</sup>



*7.3.2.3 N-Alkylation of Aminopyrazines and Subsequent Cyclizations (H 220)*

Nuclear primary or secondary aminopyrazines can undergo alkylation on exocyclic nitrogen to give products of the type (**133**) or on ring nitrogen to give products like the imine (**134**); indeed some products (**133**) may be formed by Dimroth rearrangement<sup>657</sup> of the corresponding imines (134). Extranuclear aminopyrazines usually undergo exocyclic alkylation to give products of the type (**135**).

Such processes are illustrated in the following examples (the analogous 1/4 alkylation of piperazines has been covered fully in Section 3.2.2.1):



#### **Alkylation at the Amino Group**

- 2-Pyrazinamine (**137**) gave 2-(2,2-dicyanovinylamino)pyrazine (**136**) [EtOCH= $C(CN)_{2}$ , EtOH, 25°C, 24 h: 28%; or H<sub>2</sub>C(CN)<sub>2</sub>, HC(OEt)<sub>3</sub>, 110°C, 10 min: 62%]797 or 2-[1-(phenylhydrazono)acetonylamino]pyrazine (**138**)  $(AccCI=NNHPh, Et<sub>3</sub>N, EtOH, reflux, 3 h: 40\%).$ <sup>571</sup>
- 3-Methoxy-2-pyrazinamine (**139**) gave 2-(2,2-diethoxycarbonylvinyl)amino-3 methoxypyrazine  $(140)$  [neat EtOCH= $C(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)$ <sub>2</sub>, 110<sup>o</sup>C, 40 min: 75%], and thence ethyl 9-methoxy-4-oxo-4*H*-pyrazino[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxylate (**141**) (Dowtherm A, 250°C, 15 min: 65%).1562





2-Pyrazinamine (**142**) gave 3-benzamido-4*H*-pyrazino[1,2-*a*]pyrimidin-4-one  $(144)$  without isolation of the intermediate  $(143)$   $[Me<sub>2</sub>NCH=CCO<sub>2</sub>Me)$ NHBz, AcOH, reflux, 7 h: 30%].<sup>1557</sup>

Also other examples.360,395,853,1193,1251,1562,1573



# **Alkylation at Ring Nitrogen**

 $2,3$ -Pyrazinediamine  $(145, R = H)$  gave  $3$ -imino-4-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinamine hydriodide  $(146, R = H)$  (MeI, MeNO<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 6 days:  $\sim$ 90%), which in alkali underwent hydrolysis to 3-amino-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone  $(148, R = H)$  rather than Dimroth rearrangement into 3-methylamino2-pyrazinamine (147, R = H) (2 M NaOH, 95°C, 1 h:  $\sim$ 40%);<sup>1008</sup> 3-methylamino-2-pyrazinamine  $(145, R = Me)$  behaved similarly to give 1-methyl-3methylamino-2(1*H*)-pyrazinimine hydriodide (146,  $R = Me$ ), and thence with alkali, 1-methyl-3-methylamino-2( $1H$ )-pyrazinone ( $148$ , R = Me)<sup>.1008</sup>



2-Pyrazinamine (**149**) gave only 3-phenylimino-3*H*-[1,2,4]thiadiazolo[4,3 *a*]pyrazine (**150**) (PhN=CClSCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 0  $\rightarrow$  20 $^{\circ}$ C, 3 H: 44%).<sup>214</sup> Also other examples.<sup>598</sup>



*7.3.2.4 Conversion into Ureidopyrazines or Related Products (H 234)*

Primary or secondary aminopyrazines may be converted directly into ureido- or thioureidopyrazines by treatment with isocyanates or isothiocyanates; primary aminopyrazines may also be converted into such products indirectly via the corresponding isocyanato- or isothiocyanatopyrazines; piperazines may be converted into 1/4-carbamoyl- or thiocarbamoylpiperazines by treatment with isocyanates, *N*-nitrourea, or isothiocyanates; and aminopyrazines may be converted into guanidinopyrazines by treatment with *S*-methylisothioureas or cyanamide. These processes (and some subsequent intramolecular cyclizations or other reactions) are illustrated in the following examples:

- 2-Pyrazinamine (**151**) gave 2-*N* -*tert*-butyl(thioureido)pyrazine (**152**) (Bu*<sup>t</sup>* NCS, NaH, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 4 h: 79%), and thence *N-tert*-butyl-*N'*-(pyrazin-2-yl)carbodiimide (153) (MeI, Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr, ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl; then 8 M NaOH  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 3 h:  $67\%$ ; via the *S*-methyl derivative).<sup>1591</sup>
- The same substrate (**151**) gave pyrazino[1,2-*b*][1,2,4,6]thiatriazin-3(2*H*)-one *S*,*S*-dioxide (**155**) via the unisolated chlorosulfonylureidopyrazine (**154**) (ClO<sub>2</sub>SNCO, NeCN,  $0^{\circ}$ C; the Et<sub>3</sub>N  $\downarrow$ , conditions?: 50%).<sup>240</sup>



3-Methylamino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile gave 4-imino-1,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-pteridinone (**156**) without isolation of an intermediate ureido derivative (NaH, THF, N<sub>2</sub>, 20°C, 20 min; then MeNCO  $\downarrow$ , 20°C, 19 h: 75%).<sup>1389</sup>



Methyl 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**157**) gave methyl 3-isothiocyanato-2 pyrazinecarboxylate (158) (SCCl<sub>2</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 5  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 48 h: 53%), and thence methyl 3-[*N'*-phenyl(thioureido)]-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (159) (PhNH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 4 h: 74%); analogues likewise.<sup>1558</sup>



- 1-Methylpiperazine (**160**) gave 1-methyl-*N*-*p*-nitrophenyl-4-piperazinecarbothioamide (161)  $(p-O_2NC_6H_4NCS, PhH, 20°C, 3 h: 82%)$ ; also analogues likewise.<sup>133</sup>
- 1-Phenylpiperazine gave 4-phenyl-1-piperazinecarboxamide  $(H<sub>2</sub>NCONHNO<sub>2</sub>)$ , H<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, until gas  $\uparrow$  ceased, then 60<sup>o</sup>C, 30 min: 55%).<sup>972</sup>



1-*p*-Iodophenylpiperazine (**162**) gave 4-*p*-iodophenyl-1-piperazinecarboxamidine (163) [2MeSC(=NH)NH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 120°C, 120°C, 1 h: 61%, as sulfate].<sup>1369, cf. 1066</sup>



- 2-(3-Aminopropyl)-5-isobutyl-6-methoxypyrazine (**164**) gave 2-isobutyl-3 methoxy-5-[3-(3-nitroguanidino)propyl]pyrazine (165) [MeSC(=NH)NHNO<sub>2</sub>, EtOH,  $40^{\circ}$ C, 5 min, then  $20^{\circ}$ C, 24 h:  $85\%$ ].<sup>295</sup>
- Also other examples.144,291,332,448,633,662,689,721,828,966,968,994,1007,1032,1131,1148,1173,1189,1198, 1304,1742



*7.3.2.5 Conversion into Trialkylsilylamino-, Triphenylphosphoranylideneamino-, or Dimethylsulfimidopyrazines*

These (substituted-amino)pyrazines and piperazines have proved to be useful intermediates for subsequent cyclizations and other reactions. Their formation from aminopyrazines and a few cyclizations are illustrated in the following examples:

# **Trialkylsilylaminopyrazines and 1/4-Trialkylsilylpiperazines**

Methyl 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**166**) gave methyl 3-trimethylsilylamino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (167) (BuLi, THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C; then Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl  $\downarrow$ , 78°C: 98%), and thence 9-methoxypyrazino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-9(5*H*)-one (**168**) [3-methoxybenzyne (generated from *m*-bromoanisole *in situ*), lithiated  $(167)$ ,  $-40$ °C, 10 min: 31%].<sup>320</sup>



2,5-Dimethylpyrazine (**169**) gave 2,5-dimethyl-1,4-bis(triisopropylsilyl)-1,4-dihydropyrazine (**170**) (ClSiPr*<sup>i</sup>* 3, K, 20°C, 2 days: 43%; confirmed in structure by X-ray analysis);<sup>552</sup> analogues likewise or by transtrial kylsilylation.<sup>552</sup>

1-Methylpiperazine gave methyltris(4-methylpyrazin-1-yl)silane (171) [Cl<sub>3</sub>SiMe, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 6.5 h; then LiN(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NMe  $\downarrow$ , 20 $^{\circ}$ C 10 h: 65%; for more detail see original].553

Also other examples.140,452



#### **Triphenylphosphoranylideneaminopyrazines**

- $2$ -Pyrazinamine (172,  $R = H$ ) gave 2-triphenylphosphoranylideneaminopyrazine  $(173, R = H)$  (PPh<sub>3</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>, MeCN, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h, then reflux, 6 h: 64%;<sup>230</sup> PPh<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>, PhH, reflux, N<sub>2</sub>, 3.5 h: 64%;<sup>405</sup> or PPh<sub>3</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CCl<sub>4</sub>, MeCN,  $40 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 79%).<sup>927</sup>
- Methyl 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(172, R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me)$  gave methyl 3-triph- $\text{enylphosphorany}$ lideneamino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (173,  $R = CO_2Me$ ) (PPh<sub>3</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>, PhH, reflux, 5 h: 96%), and thence 2-methoxy-3-phenyl-4(3*H*)-pteridinone (174) (PhNCO, PhH, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 12 h; then MeOH  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 3 h: 70%; without isolation of intermediates).<sup>54,1089</sup>

Also other examples.974,1652



#### **Dimethylsulfimidopyrazines**

*Note:* These entities have been used almost exclusively to make nitroso- or nitropyrazines bearing halogeno or other hydrolysis-sensitive passenger groups (see Sections 7.1.1 and 7.2.1).

- 3-Chloro-2-pyrazinamine (**175**) gave 2-chloro-3-dimethylsulfimidopyrazine (**176**) [Me<sub>2</sub>SO, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, 25<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , 25<sup>o</sup>C, 3 h: 76%;<sup>429</sup> or Me<sub>2</sub>SO,  $(F_3CSO_2)_2O$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $-78^\circ C$ , N<sub>2</sub>, then substrate  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78 \rightarrow -55^\circ C$ , 3 h: 79%].607,1427
- 5-Bromo-2-pyrazinamine gave 2-bromo-5-dimethylsulfimidopyrazine (**177**,  $X = Br$ ) [Me<sub>2</sub>SO, (F<sub>3</sub>CSO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O, MeCN, -75°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 30 min; then substrate  $\downarrow$ ,  $-75 \rightarrow -40^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 85%];<sup>361</sup> 2-chloro-5-dimethylsulfimidopyrazine (177,  $R = Cl$ ) was made similarly in 79% yield.<sup>1310</sup>

Also other examples.212,776



# *7.3.2.6 Miscellaneous Minor Reactions*

Aminopyrazines undergo a variety of reactions that must be considered as minor when judged by recent usage. The following classified examples illustrate such reactions:

### **Transamination**

2-(2-Dimethylaminovinyl)pyrazine (**178**) gave 2-formylmethylpyrazine oxime (179) (H<sub>2</sub>NOH.HCl, MeOH, 20°C, 15 min: 78%).<sup>1276,1593</sup>

Also other examples.1771



### **Unusual Displacement Reactions**

2-Dimethylaminomethyleneaminopyrazine  $(180)$  and 2-phenyl- $\Delta^2$ -oxazolin-5one (181) gave 2-phenyl-4-[*N*-(pyrazin-2-yl)iminomethyl]-Δ<sup>2</sup>-oxazolin-5-one that (according to NMR data) exists as the tautomeric 2-phenyl-4- [*N*-(pyrazin-2-yl)aminomethylene]- $\Delta^2$ -oxazolin-5-one (182) (Ac<sub>2</sub>O, 70°C, 2 h:  $46\%$ ).<sup>299</sup>



2-Methyl-5-(trimethylammoniomethyl)pyrazine hydroxide (**183**) (made *in situ* from the corresponding chloride and silver oxide) gave among other products two separable dimeric isomers of the general formula (**184**) (PhMe, trace of phenothiazine, reflux with water removal, 8 h: low yields; for details and related products, see originals).550,1481



# **Reactions with Dienophiles**

5-Chloro-3-diethylamino-1-phenyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (**185**) and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate gave dimethyl 2-cyano-5-diethylamino-6-oxo-1 phenyl-1,6-dihydro-3,4-pyridinedicarboxylate (**187**) by loss of HCl from the unisolated Diels–Alder adduct (**186**) (PhMe, 60°C, 3 h: 95%); analogues likewise.<sup>865</sup>



1-Benzyl-3-(but-3-ynylamino)-5-chloropyrazine (**188**) gave 6-benzyl-7-oxo-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*c*]pyridine-5-carbonitrile (**190**) by loss of HCl from the unisolated intramolecular Diels–Alder adduct (**189**) (PhBr, reflux, 2 days:  $93\%$ ).<sup>481</sup>



# **Ring Fission**

1,4-Diacetyl-2,3-di(indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrazine (**191**) isomerized into 1-[*N*-(2-acetamidovinyl)acetamido]-1,2-di(indol-3-yl)ethylene (**192**) (KOH, EtOH, reflux, 10 min: 66%).<sup>421</sup>



### **Metal Complexation**

- $2,3-\text{Bis}(4-\text{amino-6-ani}$ lino-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)pyrazine (193) formed a Pd<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>4</sub> complex.177
- 1,4-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-4-yl)piperazine (**194**) with coligands produced some interesting Re complexes.468



# **Diazotization**

2-Pyrazinamine 1-oxide gave  $1,3$ -bis(1-oxidopyrazin-2-yl)triazene (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, 40% HF, 0°C, 48 h: structure of unstable product postulated on spectral grounds).277

# **7.4 PREPARATION AND REACTIONS OF HYDRAZINOPYRAZINES (***H* **205)**

The major preparative routes to hydrazinopyrazines have been covered already: by *primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2) and by *hydrazinolysis of halogenopyrazines* (see Sections 4.2.1 and 4.4). Minor routes (like the hydrazinolysis of alkylthio-, alkylsulfinyl-, alkylsulfonyl-, or mercaptopyrazines) appear to be unrepresented in the recent literature.

The reactions of hydrazinopyrazines often lead to intermediates for subsequent cyclization to heterobicyclic products. The reactions and some resulting cyclizations are illustrated in the following classified examples:

# **Acylation**

2-Hydrazinopyrazine 4-oxide (**196**) gave 2-(*N* -formylhydrazino)pyrazine 4-oxide (**195**) (neat HCO2H, 60°C, 30 min: 56%) or 1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*a*] pyrazine 7-oxide (197) [neat  $HCO<sub>2</sub>H$ , reflux, 4 h: 27%; or  $HC(OEt)_{3}$ , xylene, 100–110°C, until EtOH $\uparrow$  ceased: 63%; presumably via the formyl intermediate (**195**)].9



2-Hydrazino-(**198**) gave 2-[*N* -(ethoxycarbonylacetyl)hydrazino]-3-(2-methylthioethyl)-5-phenylpyrazine (199) (EtO<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>COCl, AcOEt, 0°C, 1 h: 87%), and thence ethyl 8-(2-methylthioethyl)-6-phenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrazine-3-carboxylate (**200**) (TsOH, PhMe, reflux, 3 h: 74%).315

Also other examples.303,605,748,1117,1640



# **Alkylidenation**

2-Hydrazino- (**201**) gave 2-benzylidenehydrazino- (**202**) (PhCHO, EtOH, reflux, 2.5 h: 58%), and thence 2-(*N*-benzyl-*N'*-benzylidenehydrazino)-3,6dimethylpyrazine (203) (NaH, THF, 15 min; then PhCH<sub>2</sub>Br  $\downarrow$ , reflux, 2 h:  $66\%$ ).<sup>72</sup>



2-Hydrazinopyrazine 4-oxide (**204**) gave 1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrazine 7-oxide (**206**) by loss of AcOH from the unisolated intermediate (**205**) [neat AcOCH(OEt)<sub>2</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 43%].<sup>765</sup>



2-Chloro-6-hydrazinopyrazine (**207**) gave 2-(2-benzamidoethylidene)hydrazino-6-chloropyrazine (208) [ClCH=C(NHBz)CO<sub>2</sub>H, Et<sub>3</sub>N, EtOH, reflux, 11 h: 52%].1192



2-Hydrazinopyrazine (**209**) gave 2-(4-ethoxycarbonylpyrazol-1-yl)pyrazine  $(211)$  by loss of H<sub>2</sub>O from the unisolated intermediate  $(210)$   $[(OHC)<sub>2</sub>]$ CHCO<sub>2</sub>Et, EtOH,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 66%].<sup>1509</sup>

Also other examples.385,664,733,1090,1370



#### **Alkylation**

2-Hydrazinopyrazine (**212**) gave 2-[*N*-(2-cyanoethyl)hydrazino]pyrazine (**213**)  $(H_2C=CHCN, 2 M NaOH, THF, 30 \rightarrow 60 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C, 30 min: 38\%).$ <sup>622</sup>



# **Conversion into Semicarbazidopyrazines**

*Note:* All recent examples appear to be thiosemicarbazidopyrazines.

2,5-Dimethyl-3-(*N*-methylhydrazino)pyrazine (**214**) gave 2,5-dimethyl-3-[1 methyl-4-phenyl(thiosemicarbazido)]pyrazine (215) (PhNCS, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 24 h: 69%), and thence the zwitterionic bicyclic product, 1,5,8-trimethyl-1,2,4 triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrazinium-3-phenylaminide (216)  $(H_{11}C_6N=CC=NC_6H_{11},$ AcMe, 20°C, 2 days: 75%); analogues likewise.72



2-Chloro-3-hydrazinopyrazine (**217**) gave 2-chloro-3-[4-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)- (thiosemicarbazido)]pyrazine (218) (EtO<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>NCS, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 1 h: 63%), which underwent cyclization with loss of HCl to afford 3-ethoxycar-



bonylmethylamino-  $(219, R = Et)$  or 3-methoxycarbonylmethylamino-1*H*pyrazino $[2,3-e]$ -1,3,4-thiadiazine (219, R = Me) [EtOH, reflux, 30 min: 44%; or MeOH, reflux, 1 h: 40% (including a transesterification step), respectively] or cyclization with loss of  $H_2NCH_2CO_2Et$  to afford 3-thioxo-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyrazin-8(7*H*)-one (**220**) (MeOH, reflux, 3 h: 37%; note hydrolysis of the Cl substituent); $^{284}$  also analogous reactions. $^{284,1144}$ 

### **Conversion into Azidopyrazines**

- 2-Chloro-3-hydrazinopyrazine (**221**) gave 2-azido-3-chloropyrazine (**222**) (5 M HCl, NaNO<sub>2</sub>,  $\leq 5^{\circ}$ C, 30 min: 60%); analogues likewise.<sup>891</sup>
- 3-Amino-5-hydrazino-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(223, R = NHNH<sub>2</sub>)$  gave 3amino-5-azido-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(223, R = N_3)$  (4 M HCl, NaNO<sub>2</sub>,  $0^{\circ}$ C, ? min: 53%).<sup>1180</sup>

Also other examples.272



# **Oxidative Removal of the Hydrazino Group**

2-Hydrazino-6-methyl-3-phenylpyrazine 4-oxide gave 2-methyl-5-phenylpyrazine 4-oxide (CuSO<sub>4</sub>, AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 95°C, 1 h: >42%).<sup>80</sup>

# **7.5 PREPARATION, STRUCTURE, AND REACTIONS OF AZIDOPYRAZINES**

The major and recently used preparative routes to azidopyrazines have been covered already: by *azidolysis of halogenopyrazines* (Sections 4.2.6 and 4.4) and by *treatment of hydrazinopyrazines with nitrous acid* (Section 7.4). In addition, *direct C-azidation of pyrazines* has been used: for example, the lithio intermediate (**225**), generated in THF by treatment of 2-methoxypyrazine (**224**) with lithium 2,2,6,6 tetramethylpiperidine, gave 2-azido-3-methoxypyrazine (**226**) (87%) on subsequent treatment with *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide.<sup>232</sup>



Since the excellent 1973 summary of azido-tetrazolo valence-tautomerism in nitrogenous heterocycles,1713 little has been added to our knowledge of factors governing such tautomerism  $(227 \rightleftharpoons 228)$  in the pyrazine series. However, it has been shown by NMR studies that 2-azidopyrazine 4-oxide (**229**) exists as such in chloroform, as tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrazine 7-oxide (**230**) in dimethyl sulfoxide, and as a mixture in acetone.<sup>272</sup> For obvious pragmatic reasons, all such compounds are named as azidopyrazines in this book, irrespective of their predominant structures.

The direct and indirect *conversion of azido- into aminopyrazines* has been covered in Section 7.3.1. The remaining reactions of azidopyrazines are illustrated in the following examples:



# **Conversion into Triphenylphosphoranylideneaminopyrazines**

2-Azido-3-methoxypyrazine (**231**) gave 2-methoxy-3-triphenylphosphoranylideneaminopyrazine (232) (PPh<sub>3</sub>, PhH, reflux, 65 h: 90%).<sup>232</sup>



2-(4-Azidobut-2-ynyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**233**) gave 2-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-[4-(triphenylphosphoranylideneamino)but-2-ynyl]- 2,5-dihydropyrazine  $(234)$  (PPh<sub>3</sub>, THF-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 19 h: product isolated but not characterized), and thence 2-[4-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)but-2-ynyl]- 5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2,5-dihydropyrazine (235) (ClCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>,  $H_2O$ ,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 4.5 h: 79% overall).<sup>1348</sup>



### **Conversion into Triazolylpyrazines**

2,6-Diazidopyrazine (**236**) gave a separable mixture of 2-azido-6- (4,5-dimethoxycarbonyl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)pyrazine (**237**) and 2,6-bis(4,5 dimethoxycarbonyl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)pyrazine (237a) [MeO<sub>2</sub>CC=CCO<sub>2</sub>Me, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe(?), reflux, 19 h: 18 and 15%, respectively].<sup>1124</sup>



# **Ring Contraction to Imidazoles**

2-Azido-3,6-dimethylpyrazine (**238**) gave 2,5-dimethyl-1-imidazolecarbonitrile (239) with loss of N<sub>2</sub> (neat, 230°C, in preheated metal bath, 1 min: 89%);<sup>1314</sup> the same substrate (**238**) gave a separable mixture of product (**239**) and 2,

5-dimethylimidazole (**240**) (*h*, EtOH, 20°C, 2 h: 13 and 73%, respectively; the ratio (240:239) increased with irradiation time];<sup>1314</sup> and many homologous products were made similarly.242,1314

Also other examples of pyrolysis.<sup>1561</sup>



### **Ring Expansion to 1,3,5-Triazepines**

2-Azido-6-methoxypyrazine (**242**) gave 2,7-dimethoxy-1,3,5-triazepine (**241**)  $(hv, \text{MeO}^{-}$ , MeOH—dioxane, 25 min:  $>40\%$ ) or 2-diethylamino-7-methoxy-1,3,5-triazepine (243) ( $hv$ , Et<sub>2</sub>NH, MeOH—dioxane, 25 min: >40%); it appears that the substrate must bear an electron-donating group for this reaction to occur.<sup>171</sup>



# **7.6 NONTAUTOMERIC IMINOPYRAZINES**

Nontautomeric imino derivatives are only rarely encountered in the pyrazine series.

A few such imines have been made by *primary synthesis* (see, e.g., Section 1.2.1.1) or by *alkylation of aminopyrazines on ring-N* (see Section 7.3.2.3); in addition, 2-formylmethylpyrazine oxime (**244**) gave a little 2-cyanoimino-1-methyl-1,2 dihydropyrazine (**245**) by heating with dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal in refluxing toluene.1276 Products somewhat analogous to these imines, have also been made: for example, treatment of pyrazine with *O*-(mesitylenesulfonyl)hydroxylamine afforded successively the quaternary product, 1-aminopyrazinium mesitylenesulfonate (246) (CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 30 min: 85%); the zwitterionic derivative, pyrazinium-1-ethoxycarbonylimide (247) (ClCO<sub>2</sub>Et, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 15 h:

65%); and the ring-contracted entity, ethyl 1-pyrazolecarboxylate (**248**) (*h*, AcMe, 3 h: 45%; a rational mechanism for this step was proposed).87

The fine structure of 2,6-bis(hydroxyimino)piperazine has been elucidated by X-ray analysis.<sup>866</sup>

The only reported reaction of nontautomeric iminopyrazines is *hydrolysis to corresponding pyrazinones*, already covered in Section 5.4.1.



# **7.7 ARYLAZOPYRAZINES**

In contrast to the situation in the pyrimidine series,<sup>1688</sup> few arylazopyrazines have been reported. However, some have been made easily, either by *condensation of nitrosopyrazines with aromatic amines* (see Section 7.2.1) or by *azo coupling*, as represented in the reaction of 2,6-pyrazinediamine (**249**) with diazotized *p*-anisidine, *p*-toluidine, or aniline to afford  $3$ -*p*-methoxyphenylazo- (250,  $R = OMe$ )  $(96\%)$ ,  $3-p$ -tolylazo-  $(250, R = Me)$   $(96\%)$ , or  $3$ -phenylazo-2,6-pyrazinediamine  $(250, R = H)$  (97%), respectively.<sup>1124</sup>

No examples of the reduction or other reactions of arylazopyrazines appear to have been reported recently.



# CHAPTER 8

# **Pyrazinecarboxylic Acids and Related Derivatives (***H* **247)**

This chapter includes not only nuclear and extranuclear pyrazinecarboxylic acids and anhydrides, but also the related esters, acyl halides, amides, hydrazides, nitriles, aldehydes, ketones, and any of their thio analogues; a few rare isothiocyanatopyrazines and pyrazinecarbonitrile oxides are also included. To avoid repetition, interconversions of these pyrazine derivatives are discussed only at the first opportunity: for example, the esterification of carboxylic acids is discussed as a reaction of carboxylic acids rather than as a preparative route to carboxylic esters, simply because the section on carboxylic acids precedes that on carboxylic esters. To minimize any confusion, many cross-references have been inserted.

# **8.1. PYRAZINECARBOXYLIC ACIDS (***H* **247)**

As well as the extensive recent literature on the preparation and reactions of pyrazinecarboxylic acids (see following subsections), their ionization constants, vibrational spectra, and electronic spectra have been revisited. $63,1067,1241$ 

### **8.1.1. Preparation of Pyrazinecarboxylic Acids (***H* **247)**

Several important preparative routes to pyrazinecarboxylic acids have been discussed already: by *primary synthesis* (Chapters 1 and 2), by *oxidation of alkylpyrazines* (Section 3.2.4.1), by the *indirect (?) oxidation of halogenoalkylpyrazines* (end of Section 4.4), and by *oxidation of hydroxyalkylpyrazines* (Section 5.2.2). The remaining methods of preparation are indicated in the following classified examples:

### **By Direct Carboxylation**

2-Chloropyrazine  $(1, X = C)$  gave 3-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(3, X = C)$ Cl) via the lithio intermediate  $(2, X = C1)$  [LiN(CMe<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, THF,  $-70 \rightarrow 0^{\circ}C$ , 30 min; then CO<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70^{\circ}C$ , 30 min: 30%];<sup>220</sup> 2-iodopyrazine  $(X, X = I)$  likewise gave 3-iodo-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(X, X = I)$  $(24\%)$ <sup>1613</sup>



- 2-Propionylpyrazine (**4**) gave 2-[2-(dithiocarboxy)propionyl]pyrazine (**5**) (Bu*<sup>t</sup>* OK,  $CS_2$ , THF, 20°C, 2 h: ?%, crude material).<sup>1487</sup>
- Piperazine gave disodium 1,4-piperazinebis(carbodithioate) (6) (CS<sub>2</sub>, NaOH, MeOH, 20°C, 96%).<sup>430</sup>



### **By Hydrolysis of Pyrazinecarboxylic Esters**

- Methyl 3-amino-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(7, R = Me)$  gave 3-amino-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(7, R = H)$  (NaOH, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 1 h:  $88\%$ ).<sup>599</sup>
- Methyl 6-chloro-5-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(8, R = Me)$ gave 6-chloro-5-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**8**,  $R = H$ ) (NaOH, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 12 h: 96%, isolated as hydrochloride). $645$
- 1-Benzyloxy-3-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)-  $(9, R = Me)$  gave 1-benzyloxy-3-(2carboxyethyl)-5,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone  $(9, R = H)$  (NaOH, MeOH- $H_2O$ ,  $0 \rightarrow 20$ °C, 6.5 h: 89%).<sup>897</sup>
- Kinetic parameters for the alkaline hydrolysis of methyl<sup>68</sup> and ethyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate<sup>136</sup> have been reported.

Also other examples.<sup>89,418,850,1123</sup>



#### **By Hydrolysis of Pyrazinecarboxamides**

- 5-Methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide 4-oxide  $(10, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  gave 5-methyl-2pyrazinecarboxylic acid 4-oxide  $(10, R = OH)$   $(2.5 M NaOH,$  reflux, 30 min: 70%).669
- 6-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide 4-oxide (**11**) gave 6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid 4-oxide (12) (NaNO<sub>2</sub>, 50% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 20°C, 1 h, then 60°C, 1 h: 75%; presumably this indirect method was adopted to avoid hydrolysis of the chloro substituent).<sup>669</sup>

Also other examples.1765



### **By Hydrolysis of Pyrazinecarbonitriles**

- *Note:* Such hydrolyses can be done in acidic or alkaline media: the use of acid tends to increase the risk of subsequent decarboxylation.
- 5-Methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**13**) gave 5-methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid (14) (NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O—EtOH, reflux, 2 h: 60%; a little HCN  $\uparrow$  due to a side reaction).477



 $1,4-\text{Bis}(2-\text{cyanoethyl})$ piperazine  $(15, R = \text{CN})$  gave  $1,4-\text{bis}(2-\text{carboxyethyl})$ piperazine  $(15, R = CO<sub>2</sub>H)$  (48% HBr, reflux, 30 min: >85%, isolated as dihydrochloride);1345 1-(2-aminoethyl)-4-(2-cyanoethyl)piperazine gave 1-(2-aminoethyl)-4-(2-carboxyethyl)piperazine (10 M HCl, 100°C, 6 h: 87%, as dihydrochloride).<sup>933</sup>



2-Cyanomethyl-3-phenylpyrazine (**16**) gave 2-methyl-3-phenylpyrazine (**18**) via the unisolated carboxylic acid  $(17)$  (6 M HCl, reflux, 3 h: 66%).<sup>1272</sup>

Also other examples.971,1015,1027



# **By Oxidation of Pyrazine Aldehydes or Ketones**

- $3$ -Amino-5-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde  $(19, R = H)$  gave  $3$ -amino-5phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(19, R = OH)$  (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h: 28%).1385
- 2-Acetyl-3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl-2-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**20**) gave potassium 3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl-2-methyl-2,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**21**,  $R = K$ ) (KOCl, dioxane—H<sub>2</sub>O, 4  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 1 h: crude) that was characterized as the corresponding ester, methyl 3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl-2-methyl-2,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(21, R = Me)$  (MeI, THF, 0°C, 48 h: 46% overall).<sup>170,371</sup>



# **8.1.2. Reactions of Pyrazinecarboxylic Acids (***H* **253)**

The *reduction of pyrazinecarboxylic acids to extranuclear hydroxypyrazines* has been covered in Section 5.2.1. Other reactions are illustrated by the following classified examples:

#### **Decarboxylation**

- 3-Amino-5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(22, R = CO<sub>2</sub>H)$  gave 6-methyl-2-pyrazinamine (22,  $R = H$ ) (tetralin, 202°C, 1 h: 64%;<sup>1125</sup> or tetralin, reflux, 30 min: 73%).693
- 2,3-Pyrazinedicarboxylic acid  $(23, R = CO<sub>2</sub>H)$  gave 2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(23, R = H)$  (AcOH- $H_2SO_4$ , reflux, 2 h: 85%).<sup>143</sup>
- 5-Methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid  $(24, Q = R = CO<sub>2</sub>H)$  gave a mixture of 5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(24, Q = H, R = CO<sub>2</sub>H)$  and 6-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(24, Q = CO<sub>2</sub>H, R = H)$ , in which the former predominated (sublimed at 185°C under reduced pressure: 72% before separation as derivatives).477
- 5-Benzoyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid gave 2-benzoylpyrazine (dry distillation of a mixture with Cu powder at 150 $\degree$ C under reduced pressure: 84%).<sup>217</sup>

Also other examples.7,170,711,739,759,1057,1765



### **Conversion into Anhydrides**

- *Note:* Cyclic anhydrides are made easily by dehydration of 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acids but linear anhydrides are rare in the pyrazine series.
- 2,3-Pyrazinedicarboxylic acid  $(25, R = H)$  gave 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic anhydride (26, R = H) (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O, reflux, 5–10 min:  $83-94\%$ <sup>185,1318,1572</sup> or  $C_6H_4N=$ C $=$ NC $_6H_4$ , THF, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 92%).<sup>1572</sup>
- 5,6-Dichloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid  $(25, R = C)$  gave the corresponding anhydride (26, R = Cl) (neat SOCl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 30 min:  $62\%$ ).<sup>462</sup>
- 3,5-Diamino-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid gave 3,5-diamino-6-chloro-2 pyrazinecarboxylic *N*,*N*-diphenylcarbamic anhydride (27) (Ph<sub>2</sub>NCOCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20°C, 24 h: ~30%; or Ph<sub>2</sub>NCO N<sup>+</sup>(CH)<sub>5</sub> Cl<sup>-</sup>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, EtOH,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h:  $\sim$ 40%).<sup>1317</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>85,104,107</sup>



### **Conversion into Acyl Halides**

*Note:* Pyrazinecarbonyl chlorides are often used as reactive intermediates but they are not always characterized as such.

- 2-Pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(28, R = H)$  gave 2-pyrazinecarbonyl chloride  $(29,$  $R = H$ ) (SOCl<sub>2</sub>, PhH, reflux, 2 h: 74%).<sup>639,651</sup>
- 6-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(28, R = Cl)$  gave 6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonyl chloride  $(29, R = Cl)$  (SOCl<sub>2</sub>, PhH, reflux, 90 min: 73%);<sup>505</sup> and 6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(28, R = Ph)$  gave 6-phenyl-2pyrazinecarbonyl chloride  $(29, R = Ph)$  (neat  $S OCl<sub>2</sub>$ , reflux, 2 h: uncharacterized product).<sup>1015</sup>

Also other examples.275,477,1091



# **Esterification**

- *Note:* Most of the classical methods for esterification have been used recently in the pyrazine series. The choice of a suitable procedure is often restricted by the passenger group(s) present, as illustrated in these examples.
- 3,6-Dichloro-5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(30, R = H)$  gave methyl 3,6dichloro-5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(30, R = Me)$  (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 30 min: 84%).<sup>80</sup>
- $3,5$ -Diamino-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(31, R = H)$  gave cyanomethyl 3,5-diamino-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(31, R = CH_2CN)$  (ClCH<sub>2</sub>CN, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 20°C, 24 h: ~90%).<sup>1317</sup>
- 2-Pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(32, R = H)$  gave methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(32,$  $R = Me$ ) (MeOH, trace H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, reflux, 48 h: 85–95%)<sup>236,460</sup> or the corresponding ethyl ester (82, R = Et) (EtOH,  $H_2SO_4$ , reflux, 7 h: 74%);<sup>896</sup> 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid gave methyl 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (MeOH,  $H_2SO_4$ , 65°C, 2 h: 57%).<sup>332</sup>



5-Methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(33, R = H)$  gave ethyl 5-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(33, R = Et)$  (EtOH, HCl gas  $\downarrow$ , 0°C; then 20°C, 12 h; then reflux 2 h: 58%).<sup>646</sup>

- $N$ -Carboxymethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(34, R = H)$  gave *N*-methoxycarbonylmethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (34, R = Me) (MeOH, HCl gas  $\downarrow$ , 0°C, 25 min; then  $20^{\circ}$ C, 15 h: 68%).<sup>488</sup>
- 5-Methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid 4-oxide  $(35, R = H)$  gave methyl 5methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide  $(35, R = Me)$   $(BF<sub>3</sub>.Et<sub>3</sub>O, MeOH,$ reflux, 6 h:  $\sim 75\%$ ).<sup>669</sup>



- 2-Pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(32, R = H)$  gave methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(32, R)$ = Me) (ClSiMe<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 65°C, 1 h: 82%);<sup>139</sup> in contrast, the same substrate  $(32, R = H)$  gave trimethylsilyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(32, R = SiMe<sub>3</sub>)$  [neat (?) Me<sub>3</sub>SiNHSiMe<sub>3</sub>, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, then warmed until violent gas  $\uparrow$  ceased: 92%; note that such products are usually considered as esters, although some may disagree $l.^{362}$
- 2-Carboxymethyl-3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine  $(36, R = H)$  gave  $2,3,5$ -trimethyl-6-[ $(1$  $methylallyloxy)$ carbonyl $methyl]pyrazine$  (**36**,  $R = CHMeCH : CH<sub>2</sub>$ ) [substrate Li salt, HOCHMeCH=CH<sub>2</sub>, pyridine, PhOP(=O)Cl<sub>2</sub>, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>, 18 h: 33%].<sup>1384</sup>
- 2,3-Pyrazinedicarboxylic anhydride (**37**) gave 3-methoxycarbonyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**38**) [MeOH, 20°C, 13 h: 95%; *Note:* Since the anhydride was made from the corresponding dicarboxylic acid (see the first category in this subsection), this procedure provides a good way to monoesterify such a dicarboxylic acid].<sup>1185</sup>

Also other examples.7,85,89,353,619,713,729,846,854,971,1047,1057,1060,1091,1271,1298,1500,1668



### **Conversion into Pyrazinecarboxamides**

*Note:* The conversion of pyrazinecarboxylic acids into pyrazinecarboxamides is usually done via a more reactive ester (Section 8.2.2), carbonyl chloride (Section 8.3.2), or anhydride (exemplified here). However, direct aminolysis is possible providing it is done in the presence of a suitable condensing agent to facilitate (directly or indirectly) the required aminolysis.

- 3,5-Diamino-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (39, R = OH) gave 3,5-diamino-6-chloro-*N*-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (39, R = NHPh) [PhNH<sub>2</sub>, ethyl 2-ethoxy-1,2-dihydro-1-quinolinecarboxylate, Me<sub>2</sub>SO, 30 $^{\circ}$ C, 24 h: 84%; probably via a mixed anhydride]. $1317$
- 3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (40, R = H) gave 3-amino-*N*-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(40, R = NHCH_2CO_2Me)$  [H<sub>2</sub>N- $CH_2CO_2Me$ ,  $(EtO)_2POCN$ ,  $MeOCH_2CH_2OMe$ ,  $Et_3N$ ,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 2 h: 76–78%].1331, 1652
- 2-Pyrazinecarboxylic acid gave 1-benzyl-4-methyl-6-[*C*-(pyrazin-2-yl)formamido]perhydro-1,4-diazepine (**41**) (1-benzyl-4-methylperhydro-1,4-diazepin-6-amine, *N,N'*-carbonyldiimidazole, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 18 h:  $71\%$ ).<sup>119</sup>



- 1-Benzyl-3-(2-carboxyethyl)- gave 1-benzyl-3-{2-[*N*-(1-methoxycarbonylethyl) carbamoyl]ethyl}-5,6-dimethyl-2(1*H*)-pyrazinone (42)  $[H_2NCHMeCO_2-$ Me.HCl, Me<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N=C=NEt.HCl, 1-hydroxybenzotriazole, MeN- $(CH_2CH_2)_2O$ , Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $-10 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 12 h: 71%].<sup>897</sup>
- 2,3-Pyrazinedicarboxylic anhydride gave 3-carbamoyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (43, R = H) (NH<sub>3</sub>  $\downarrow$ , THF, 20°C, 10 min: 95%, as NH<sub>4</sub> salt)<sup>1318</sup> or 3-*o*aminophenylcarbamoyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(43, R = \text{NHC}_6H_4\text{NH}_2-o)$  $[C_6H_4(NH_2), 0.20^{\circ}C, ?$  min: 88%].<sup>711</sup>



- 5-Methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(44, R = OH)$  gave *N*,*N*-diethyl-5-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (44,  $R = NEt_2$ ) (ClCO<sub>2</sub>Et, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 15<sup>o</sup>C, 10 min; then Et<sub>2</sub>NH  $\downarrow$  20°C, 12 h: ~55%; via a mixed anhydride).<sup>669</sup>
- 5,6-Dichloro-2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic anhydride  $(45, X = 0)$  gave 5,6dichloro-*N*-methyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarboximide  $(45, X = NMe)$  (MeNH<sub>2</sub>.HCl, Ac<sub>2</sub>O, 120°C, sealed, 20 min: 94%).<sup>462</sup>
- Also other examples.104,107,392,462,1650,1679,1721



# **Conversion into Pyrazine Ketones**

2,3-Pyrazinedicarboxylic anhydride (**46**) gave 3-(2,5-difluorobenzoyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (47) (AlCl<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>2</sub>-*p*, reflux, 16 h: 75%).<sup>1572</sup>

# **Cyclizations**

2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic anhydride (**46**) gave pyrazino[2,3-*d*]pyrazine-5,8-  $(6H,7H)$ -dione (48, R = H) ( $H_2NNH_2$ : for details, see original) or its 6-methyl derivative  $(48, R = Me)$  (MeHNNH<sub>2</sub>, likewise).<sup>844</sup>



*N*-(Carboxymethyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**49**) gave *N*-(4,6-dimethyl-2-oxo-2*H*pyran-3-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (50) [Me<sub>2</sub>NCMe=CHAc (made *in situ*), Ac<sub>2</sub>O, 90°C, 4 h: 11%]; also analogues similarly.<sup>1635</sup>



# **Formation of Salts and Complexes**

- *Note:* Some interesting examples of recently described pyrazinecarboxylic acid salts and complexes are listed here.
- Bis(*o*-carboxyanilinium) 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylate (**51**): X-ray analysis.1238
- *m*-Carboxyanilinium hydrogen 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylate dihydrate (**52**): X-ray structure.<sup>1238</sup>



- *p*-Carboxyanilinium hydrogen 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylate (**53**): X-ray structure;1040 also analogous adducts with 3-pyridinol, 1,2,4-triazol-3-amine, and so on.1040
- The system, 2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid  $(54)$  + tetrabutylammonium metavanadate  $[(Bu_4N)VO_3]$  + hydrogen peroxide, in acetonitrile at ~0°C induced effective oxidation of alkanes or cyclohexane to hydroperoxides, alcohols to aldehydes or ketones, and aromatic hydrocarbons to phenols.1110,1715



# **8.2. PYRAZINECARBOXYLIC ESTERS (***H* **264, 303)**

This section covers the preparation and reactions of nuclear or extranuclear pyrazinecarboxylic esters, pyrazinecarboximidates, and the like. Pyrazinecarboxylic esters exhibit antimycobacterial activities akin to those of pyrazinecarboxamides;<sup>651</sup> the structure–activity relationship of such esters has been studied.<sup>656</sup>

# **8.2.1. Preparation of Pyrazinecarboxylic Esters (***H* **264)**

Many such esters have been made *by primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2), *from halogenopyrazines by displacement* (see Section 4.2.9), or *by esterification of pyrazinecarboxylic acids* (see Section 8.1.2). The remaining methods are illustrated in the following examples:

# **From Pyrazinecarbonyl Halides**

- 2-Pyrazinecarbonyl chloride (**55**) gave propyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**56**, R Pr) (PrOH, pyridine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h: 46%);<sup>639</sup> a similar procedure with appropriate alcohols gave benzyl  $(56, R = CH_2Ph)$   $(84\%)$ , <sup>651</sup> 2,2,2trifluoroethyl (**56**,  $R = CH_2CF_3$ ) (79%), allyl (**56**,  $R = CH_2CH = CH_2$ )  $(58\%)$ , biphenyl-4-yl  $(56, R = C_6H_4Ph-p)$   $(39\%)$ ,<sup>639</sup> and other alkyl or aryl 2-pyrazinecarboxylates.639, 651
- 1,4-Piperazinedicarbonyl dichloride  $(57, R = C)$  gave *S*,*S'*-diethyl-1,4-piperazinedicarbothioate (57, R = SEt) [EtSNa (made *in situ*), EtOH, reflux, 3 h: 96%].1359



### **From Pyrazinecarbonitriles**

- *Note:* The addition of alcohols to pyrazinecarbonitriles gives pyrazinecarboximidic esters ('imino esters'): these undergo facile hydrolysis $864,1068,1127,1256$  to regular esters and/or amides.
- 2,3-Pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(59, R = H)$  gave dimethyl 2,3-pyrazinedicarboximidate (**58**) (MeONa, MeOH, 20°C, 18 h: 64%); in contrast, 5,6-diphenyl-2,3 pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(59, R = Ph)$  gave methyl 3-cyano-5,6-diphenyl-2pyrazinecarboximidate (60) (MeONa, MeOH,  $\leq$  5°C, 4 h: 75%).<sup>1127</sup>



3,5-Diamino-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonotrile (**61**) gave ethyl 3,5-diamino-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboximidate hydrochloride (**62**) (HCl gas, EtOH,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 3 days:  $> 95\%$ ).<sup>595</sup>

Also other examples.116,719,864,1068,1186,1256,1379



# **By Homolytic Alkoxycarbonylation**

- Pyrazine (63) gave ethyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (64) (EtO<sub>2</sub>CAc, 30%  $H_2O_2$ ,  $-5^{\circ}$ C, then substrate  $\downarrow$ , H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O - CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0°C, 15 min: 89%<sup>359</sup> or EtO<sub>2</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, AgNO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 90 min:  $86\%$ )<sup>1467</sup> or methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (using MeO<sub>2</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H in the second procedure:  $93\%$ ).<sup>1467</sup>
- 2-Pyrazinamine gave ethyl 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(65, R = Et)$  $(EtO_2CAc, H_2SO_4, FeSO_4, 30\% H_2O_2, -10 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C, 1 \text{ h}: 71\%)^{500}$  or methyl 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(65, R = Me)$  (MeO<sub>2</sub>CAc, likewise:  $72\%$ ).<sup>500</sup>



# **By Other Alkoxycarbonylation Procedures**

- 2,6-Dichloro-3-(3,4-dibenzyloxy-5-benzyloxymethyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)pyrazine  $(66, R = H)$  gave ethyl 3,5-dichloro-6-(3,4-dibenzyloxy-5-benzyloxymethyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(66, R = CO<sub>2</sub>Et)$  [lithiated substrate (generated *in situ*), THF; then EtO<sub>2</sub>CCN  $\downarrow$ , 1 h: 78%].<sup>667</sup>
- *tert*-Butyl 2-*tert*-butoxycarbamoyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1-pyrazinecarboxylate (**67**, R = H) gave *tert*-butyl 2-tert-butoxycarbamoyl-4-phenoxycarbonyl-1,4,5,6tetrahydro-1-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(67, R = CO_2Ph)$  (PhO<sub>2</sub>CCl, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, AcOEt, MeCN, 50°C, 30 min: 79%).<sup>1673</sup>
- 2,3-Diphenylpyrazine gave dimethyl 2,3-diphenyl-1,4-dihydro-1,4-pyrazinedicarboxylate (68) (MeO<sub>2</sub>CCl, electrolytic reduction: 15%; for details see original).785



1-Methylpiperazine (**70**) gave butyl 4-methyl-1-piperazinecarboxylate (**69**) (BuCl, Bu<sub>2</sub>NSO<sub>4</sub>H, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, *n*-C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>, reflux,  $\sim$ 4 h: 75%; note the incorporation of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$ ) but only 1-butyl-4-methylpiperazine (71) in the absence of a phase-transfer catalyst (BuBr, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeCN, reflux,  $\sim$  2.5 h: 86%).<sup>209</sup>

Also other examples.  $40,831,1728$ 



#### **By Insertion of Carbon Dioxide into** *N***-Trimethylsilylpyrazines**

1,4-Bistrimethylsilyl-1,4-dihydroppyrazine (**72**) gave trimethylsilyl 4-trimethylsilyl-1,4-dihydro-1-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(73)$   $[CO<sub>2</sub> (1 atm), 20°C, 2 days:$ ~30%, unstable] or bistrimethylsilyl 1,4-dihydro-1,4-pyrazinedicarboxylate (**74**) [CO<sub>2</sub> (50 atm), 20°C, 3 days:  $\sim$  60% (cis + trans), sufficiently stable for analysis];<sup>456</sup> the same substrate  $(72)$  gave only *O*-trimethylsilyl 4-trimethylsilyl-1,4-dihydro-1-pyrazinecarbothioate  $(75)$  [COS  $(1 \text{ atm})$ ,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h:  $\sim$ 30%, isolable and analyzed) or trimethylsilyl 4-trimethylsilyl-1,4-dihydro-1 pyrazinecarbodithioate (76) (CS<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 24 h: crude only).<sup>1456</sup>



### **8.2.2. Reactions of Pyrazinecarboxylic Esters (***H* **266)**

Several reactions of pyrazinecarboxylic esters have been discussed already: *reduction to N-alkylpiperazines* (Section 3.2.2.2), *reduction to extranuclear hydroxypyrazines* (Section 5.2.1), and *hydrolysis to pyrazinecarboxylic acids* (Section 8.1.1). Other reactions to be expected of carboxylic or carboximidic esters are typified in the following classified examples:

# **Conversion into Pyrazinecarboxamides or Pyrazinecarboxamidines**

- *Note:* Carboxylic esters give amides by aminolysis; carboximidic esters give amides and/or esters by hydrolysis but amidines by aminolysis.
- Ethyl 5-methoxy-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**77**) gave 5-methoxy-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**78**) (NH<sub>3</sub>—EtOH, 20°C, sealed, 12 h:  $> 95\%$ );<sup>1681</sup> ethyl 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(79, R = OEt)$  gave 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2pyrazinecarboxamide (79,  $R = NH_2$ ) (NH<sub>4</sub>OH, 100°C, sealed, 3.5 h:  $>95\%$ ).<sup>1681</sup>



- Ethyl 3-amino-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(80, R = OEt)$  gave 3-amino-Nmethyl-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(80, R = NHMe)$  [MeNH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 80°C, sealed (?), 2 h: 85%];<sup>1522</sup> also many analogues and homologues likewise].1339,1517,1522,1604
- Ethyl 4-methyl-2-piperazinecarboxylate  $(81, R = OEt)$  gave 4-methyl-2-piperazinecarboxamide (81, R = NH<sub>2</sub>) (NH<sub>3</sub>—MeOH, 30°C, 9 days: ~80%).<sup>128</sup>
- *N*-Methoxycarbonylmethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (82, R = OMe) gave *N*-carbamoylmethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(82, R = NH<sub>2</sub>)$  (NH<sub>3</sub>—MeOH, 0°C, 2 h: 48%).488



Methyl 3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(83, R = OMe)$  gave 3-amino-*N*-hy $d$ roxy-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (83, R = NHOH) ( $H_2$ NOH, EtOH, reflux, 5 h: 24%).1121



- Ethyl 3,5-diamino-6-chloro-2-pyrazinecarboximidate hydrochloride (**84**) gave 3,5 diamino-6-chloro-*N*-cyano-2-pyrazinecarboxamidine  $(85)$   $(H<sub>2</sub>NCN, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>)$ , MeOH,  $20^{\circ}$ C,  $30$  h:  $> 64\%$ ).<sup>595</sup>
- Dimethyl 2,3-pyrazinedicarboximidate (**86**) gave a mixture of 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxamide (**87**) and methyl 3-carbamoyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**88**) (10 M HCl,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 8 h: 16 and 15%, respectively, after separation).<sup>1127</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>38,89,116,144,488,597,611,648,713,846,971,1011,1047,1068,1256,1555,1668</sup>



### **Conversion into Pyrazinecarbohydrazides or Pyrazinecarboxamidrazones**

Methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**90**) gave *N*-methyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (89) without any of the *N*-methyl isomer (91) [MeHNNH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 12 h: 81%; the isomer (**91**) can be made from 2-pyrazinecarbonyl chloride: see Section 8.3.2]; analogous esters behaved similarly to give, for example, 3 amino-*N'*-methyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (71%).<sup>1265</sup>



Methyl 3-(pyrrol-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(92, R = OMe)$  gave 3-(pyrrol-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**92**,  $R = NHNH_2$ ) ( $H_2NNH_2$ .  $H_2O$ , EtOH, reflux, 1 h:  $54\%$ ).<sup>94</sup>


Methyl 2-pyrazinecarboximidate (**93**) gave *N*-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamidrazone (**94**) [2-hydrazinopyridine, dioxane, rapidly (no details): 62%]; analogues likewise.719

Also other examples.<sup>488,603,858,941</sup>



#### **Conversion into Guanidinocarbonylpyrazines or Related Derivatives**

- *Note:* Guanidinocarbonyl, ureidocarbonyl, and related derivatives might be known more logically as guanidinoformyl or the like. However, in view of established usage (e.g., *H* 270), the carbonyl nomenclature is retained in this book.
- Methyl 2-amino-6-phenoxy-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**95**) gave 3-guanidinocarbonyl-5-phenoxy-2-pyrazinamine (**96**) [HN =  $C(NH_2)_2$ , MeOH, 40°C, 5 min: 90%].713



Methyl 3-amino-6-methyl-5-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate gave 3-guanidinocarbonyl-5-methyl-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinamine (97) [HN=C(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, boiling MeOH, 1 min: 83%].<sup>941</sup>

Methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**98**) gave 2-ureidocarbonylpyrazine (**99**)  $(H_2NCONH_2, KH, THF$ ; then substrate  $\downarrow$ ,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 2 h: 78%).<sup>1625</sup>

Also other examples.725



## **Reduction to Pyrazinecarbaldehydes**

Methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**100**) gave 2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**101**) (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, THF,  $-70^{\circ}$ C, 45 min:  $67\%$ ;<sup>236,476</sup> HAlBu<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, no details: 26%).460



#### **Claisen Conversion into Pyrazine Ketones**

- *Note:* Reactions of the mixed-Claisen type afford a convenient route from pyrazinecarboxylic esters to some pyrazine ketones.
- Methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(103, R = Me)$  gave 2-(methoxycarbonylacetyl)pyrazine (102) (AcOMe, NaH, trace MeOH, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, A, reflux,  $\leq 6$  h: 33%).<sup>410</sup>
- Ethyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(103, R = Et)$  gave 2-(methylsulfonylacetyl)pyrazine (**104**) [Me<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>, NaH, Me<sub>2</sub>SO (solvent), 65°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 30 min; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , THF, 65°C, 1 h: 30%].396
- Methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(103, R = Me)$  gave 2- $(m$ -trifluoromethylbenzoyl)pyrazine (105)  $[m-BrC_6H_4CF_3, BuLi, Et_2O—THF, -80°C, N_2, 2 h; then$ substrate  $\downarrow$ ,  $-80 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C (slowly): 80%].<sup>345</sup>
- Ethyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate  $(103, R = Et)$  gave 2-acetoacetylpyrazine  $(106)$ (AcMe, EtOK, THF, reflux, 6 h: crude), characterized by cyclocondensation with  $H_2NNH_2$  to give 2-(5-methylpyrazol-3-yl)pyrazine (107) (EtOH- $H_2O$ , reflux, 5 h:  $44\%$  overall).<sup>1501</sup>

Also other examples.729,837,1022,1057,1122,1563



## **Typical Cyclocondensations**

Methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**108**) and 3-aminocrotonamide gave 6-methyl-2- (pyrazin-2-yl)-4(3*H*)-pyrimidinone (**109**) (EtONa, EtOH, reflux, 3 h:  $25\%$ ).<sup>1006</sup>



Methyl 3-isothiocyanato-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**110**) and 1,1-dimethylprop-2 ynylamine gave an inseparable 5:6 mixture of the isomers, 8,8-dimethyl-7 methylene-7,8-dihydro-10*H*-thiazolo[2,3-*b*]pteridin-10-one (**111**) and 9,9-dimethyl-9*H*,11*H*-[1,3]thiazino[2,3-*b*]pteridin-11-one (**112**) (MeOH, reflux, 6 h: 62% of mixture).946



1-Ethyl-2,3-dimethoxycarbonylpyrazinium tetrafluoroborate (**113**) and *N*phenyl(thiourea) gave 7-ethyl-5,6-dimethoxycarbonyl-3-phenyl-3a,4,7,7atetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo $[4,5-b]$ pyrazine-2(3*H*)-thione (114) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, EtOH, 50°C, 2 h: 70%).<sup>415</sup>



## **Miscellaneous Reactions**

2,3,5-Trimethyl-6-(1-methylallyl)oxycarbonylmethylpyrazine (**115**) underwent a Carrol type<sup>1716</sup> rearrangement with loss of  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  to give 2,3,5-trimethyl-6-(pent-3-enyl)pyrazine (116) [Ph<sub>2</sub>O, 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol (radical inhibitor), 200°C, 18 h: 46%].1384



- 1-Ethyl-3,5-bis(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-4-methylpiperazine (**117**) gave 3 ethyl-9-methyl-3,9-diazabicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-7-one (**118**) (Bu*<sup>t</sup>* OK, PhH, reflux, ? min; then dilute HCl, reflux, ? min:  $64\%$ ).<sup>1494</sup>
- *S*,*S*-Diethyl 1,4-piperazinedicarbothioate (**119**) underwent oxidation to 1,4-bis (ethylsulfonylformyl)piperazine (120) ( $m$ -ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -16  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 5 h: 97%).1359



## **8.3. PYRAZINECARBONYL HALIDES (***H* **260, 264)**

These useful intermediates are often used crude without characterization as such. This section also includes some phosphorus analogues.

## **8.3.1. Preparation of Pyrazinecarbonyl Halides (***H* **260)**

In this category, only the chlorides have been used recently. Their usual preparative route *from pyrazinecarboxylic acids* has been discussed in Section 8.1.2. However, some 1/4-piperazinecarbonyl chlorides have been made by direct introduction or displacement, as illustrated in the following examples:

1-Methylpiperazine (**121**) gave 4-methyl-1-piperazinecarbonyl chloride (**122**)  $(COCl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, <5°C, 2 h: 78%$  as hydrochloride).<sup>148</sup>



1,4-Bis(trimethylsilyl)piperazine (**123**) gave 1,4-piperazinedi(thiocarbonyl) dichloride (**124**) (CSCl<sub>2</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>,  $-23 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C: >95%).<sup>350</sup>

Piperazine gave 1,4-bis(dichlorophosphinyl)piperazine (125) (POCl<sub>3</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, Et<sub>2</sub>O,  $-20 \rightarrow 0^{\circ}$ C, 3 h; then 20°C, 30 min: 60%).<sup>1357</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>623,1055</sup>



**8.3.2. Reactions of Pyrazinecarbonyl Halides (***H* **264, 275)**

The conversion of such *acyl halides into esters* has been covered in Section 8.2.1. They also undergo other important reactions, illustrated in the following examples:

## **Conversion into Pyrazinecarboxamides or Pyrazinecarbohydrazides**

- 6-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonyl chloride (**126**) and 2-pyrazinamine gave 6-chloro-*N*-(pyrazin-2-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (127) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, PhH, 20°C, 30 min:  $85\%$ ).<sup>505</sup>
- 2-Pyrazinecarbonyl chloride gave 2-(aziridin-1-ylformyl)pyrazine (**128**) [HN(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, PhH—PhMe,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}C$ , 2 h: 66%; analogues likewise).<sup>8</sup>



- Methyl 3-chloroformyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**129**) gave methyl 3-carbamoyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (130) [HN(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $0^{\circ}$ C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 90 min; then residue from evaporation,  $H_2O$ , reflux, 30 min: 75%. Note survival of the ester grouping under these conditions].<sup>1185</sup>
- 1,4-Piperazinedi(thiocarbonyl) dichloride (**131**) gave 1,4-bis[morpholino(thioformyl)]piperazine (132) [neat  $O(CH_2CH_2)NH$ , warmed briefly:  $>95\%$ ].<sup>350</sup>



- 2-Pyrazinecarbonyl chloride gave *N*-methyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**133**) [MeHNNH<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O,  $-35 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, slowly: 36%; the *N'*-methyl isomer (134) can be obtained from methyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate (see Section 8.2.2)].<sup>1265</sup>
- 1,4-Bis(dichlorophosphinyl)piperazine (**135**) gave 1,4-bis[*P*-chloro-*P*-(cyclohexylamino)phosphinyl]piperazine (136,  $R = Cl$ ) [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>(4 mol), MeCN,



 $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 88%] or 1,4-bis[bis(cyclohexylamino)phosphinyl]piperazine  $(136, R = \text{NHC}_6H_{11}) [\text{C}_6H_{11}\text{NH}_2 (8 \text{ mol}), \text{MeCN}, 20^{\circ}\text{C}, 12 \text{ h}: 70\%]$ <sup>.1357</sup>

Also other examples.148,477,506,973,1055,1094,1196



## **Conversion into Pyrazine Ketones**

*Note:* Several different methods are exemplified here.

2-Pyrazinecarbonyl chloride  $(137, R = H)$  gave 2-chloroacetylpyrazine  $(139, R)$  $R = H$ ) via the uncharacterized Arndt–Eistert type<sup>1717</sup> intermediate (138,  $R = H$ ) (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O—PhH, <5  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 12 h; then HCl gas  $\downarrow$  until N<sub>2</sub>  $\uparrow$ ceased:  $87\%$ );<sup>150</sup> 6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarbonyl chloride (137, R = Ph) likewise gave 2-chloroacetyl-6-phenylpyrazine  $(139, R = Ph)$  ( $>80\%$ ).<sup>1015</sup>



- 3-Chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonyl chloride  $(140, R = Cl)$  and *N*-(cyclopent-1-en-1yl)pyrrolidine gave 2-chloro-3-[2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)cyclopent-1-en-1-ylcarbonyl]pyrazine (141) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\sim -40$ °C, N<sub>2</sub>, 2 h: 63%).<sup>382</sup>
- Methyl 3-chloroformyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (140,  $R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me$  and *p*-dimethoxybenzene gave methyl 3-(2,5-dimethoxybenzoyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (142) (SnCl<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 5<sup>o</sup>C  $\rightarrow$  reflux, 22 h: 41%).<sup>1123</sup>
- $2$ -Pyrazinecarbonyl chloride  $(140, R = H)$  gave  $2$ -(ethoxycarbonylacetyl)pyrazine (143) [HO<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et, BuLi, 2,2'-bipyridine (bpy) (catalyst), THF,  $-70 \rightarrow -10^{\circ}$ C; substrate  $\downarrow$ ,  $-70^{\circ}$ C: 91%].<sup>1399</sup>



2,3-Pyrazinedicarbonyl dichloride  $(144)$  and cyclohexyl isocyanate gave  $3-\alpha$  $chloro-\alpha$ -(cyclohexylimino)acetyl]-2-pyrazinecarbonyl chloride (145) (PhH, 20°C, 1 h; then  $60^{\circ}$ C, 45 min: 54%).<sup>523</sup>

Also other examples.275,1091



## **Miscellaneous Reactions**

- 2-Pyrazinecarbonyl chloride (**146**) with benzophenone oxime gave the ester-like intermediate  $(147)$  (pyridine, no details:  $>75\%$ ) and thence, by irradiation in benzene, 2-phenylpyrazine (148) ( $h\nu$  but no details: 73%);<sup>1436</sup> irradiation in pyridine gave a mixture of 2-(pyridin-2-yl)-, 2-(pyridin-3-yl)-, and 2-pyridin-4-yl)pyrazine.1436
- 3-(Pyrrol-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarbonyl chloride gave the corresponding azide [substrate (made *in situ*), NaN<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—AcMe, 0°C, 2 h: 21% overall].<sup>94</sup>



# **8.4. PYRAZINECARBOXAMIDES, PYRAZINECARBOXAMIDINES, AND RELATED DERIVATIVES (***H* **275, 305)**

Although they are important in their own right, such derivatives of pyrazine have assumed added interest on account of the antitubercular activity of 2-pyrazincarboxamide (pyrazinamide) and the antihyperglycemic activity of glipizide (see Section 5.6). Thus the X-ray structure of 2-pyrazinecarboxamide has been redetermined in several laboratories, $887,1004,1157$  the X-ray analyses of several other quite complicated pyrazinecarboxamides have been reported, $1232,1733$  and a variety of glipizide analogues has been prepared.705,706,1050

#### **8.4.1. Preparation of Pyrazinecarboxamides and the Like (***H* **275, 305)**

Several routes to such derivatives have been covered already: *by primary synthesis* (Chapters 1 and 2), *from halogenopyrazines by displacement* (Section 4.2.9), *from pyrazinecarboxylic acids* (Section 8.1.2), *from pyrazinecarboxylic esters* (Section 8.2.2), and *from pyrazinecarbonyl halides* (Section 8.3.2). The remaining methods of preparation are illustrated in the following examples:

## **By Homolytic Carbamoylation**

- Pyrazine gave 2-pyrazinecarboxamide (149) (HCONH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>,  $H<sub>2</sub>O$ , 60 $\degree$ C, 4 h: 96%, allowing for some recovered substrate).<sup>356</sup>
- 2-Benzyl-5,6-dimethylpyrazine (**150**) gave 3-benzyl-5,6-dimethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**151**) (HCONH<sub>2</sub>, Bu<sup>*t*</sup>O<sub>2</sub>H, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, 10<sup>o</sup>C, ? h: 31%).<sup>1462</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>503</sup>



#### **From Pyrazinecarbonitriles**

- *Note:* Pyrazinecarbonitriles give pyrazinecarboxamides by H<sub>2</sub>O addition, pyrazinecarbothioamides by H2S addition, and pyrazinecarboxamidines directly (or indirectly via carboxamidic esters) by the addition of ammonia or amines.
- 5-Oxo-4,5-dihydro-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**153**) gave 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2,3 pyrazinedicarboxamide (**152**) (10 M HCl, 20°C, 3 h: 30%) or 3-carbamoyl-6 oxo-1,6-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**154**) (2.5 M NaOH, reflux, 10 min: 58%; or 10%  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , reflux, 8 h: 26%).<sup>85</sup>



5,6-Diphenyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**155**) gave 3-cyano-5,6-diphenyl-2 pyrazinecarboxamide (156)  $(H_2O_2, Na_2MoO_4, H_2O$ —EtOH—AcMe, 60°C, 4 days:  $80\%$ );<sup>752</sup> 3-amino-6-methyl-5-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile gave the corresponding carboxamide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O—AcMe, 20°C, 12 h: 81%, a classical Radziszewski reaction).<sup>941</sup>



- 3-Butylamino-6-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (157, R = CN) gave the corresponding carboxamide  $(157, R = CONH<sub>2</sub>)$   $(A<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)$ 20 $\degree$ C, 24 h:  $>95\%$ ).<sup>1298</sup>
- 5-Cyano-3-diethylamino-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**158**) gave 3-diethylamino-5 thiocarbamoyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (159) (NH<sub>4</sub>SH, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 5<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h: 75%; homologues likewise).<sup>510</sup>



- 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**160**) gave 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2 pyrazinecarboxamide oxime (161) (H<sub>2</sub>NOH, MeOH,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 86%).1296
- 3-Amino-6-chloro-5-dimethylamino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**162**) gave the unisolated carboximidate (**163**) (MeONa, MeOH, 20°C, 30 h), and thence 3-amino-6-chloro-*N*-cyano-5-dimethylamino-2-pyrazinecarboxamidine (**164**)  $(H_2NCN, 20^{\circ}C, 5 h: \sim 40\%$  overall).<sup>611</sup>

Also other examples.<sup>243,262,503,608,747,811,858,1010,1068,1669</sup>





H<sub>2</sub>NCN N  $Cl \setminus N \setminus C$ (=NH)NHCN NH<sub>2</sub>  $Me<sub>2</sub>N$ 

## **By Miscellaneous Methods**

- 2-Pyrazinecarbonyl azide (**165**) gave 2-pyrazinecarboxanilide (**166**) (PhNH2, MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 20°C, <12 days: 86%).<sup>1130</sup>
- 1-Methylpiperazine (**167**) gave 4-methyl-1-piperazinecarboxamide (**168**) (KOCN, AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 20°C, 4 days:  $\sim$ 40%, characterized as its methiodide $624$
- $2,2,3,3$ -Tetramethyl-1,4-piperazinediol  $(169, R = H)$  gave  $2,2,3,3$ -tetramethyl-1,4-bis(phenylcarbamoyloxy)piperazine  $(169, R = \text{CONHPh})$  (PhNCO, PhH, reflux, 15 min: 94%).702

Also other examples.<sup>488</sup>





## **8.4.2. Reactions of Pyrazinecarboxamides and the Like (***H* **279, 306)**

Two important reactions in this category have been covered already: *Hofmann degradation to pyrazinamines* (Section 7.3.1) and *hydrolysis to pyrazinecarboxylic acids* (Section 8.1.1). The remaining reactions of pyrazinecarboxamides and related derivatives are illustrated in the following examples:

## **Thiation to Pyrazinecarbothioamides**

- 6-Chloro-5-propyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**170**) gave 6-chloro-5-propyl-2 pyrazinecarbothioamide (**171**) [Lawesson's reagent (Chapter 5: formula 43), PhMe,  $110^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 79%]; homologues likewise.<sup>511</sup>
- 3-Amino-*N*-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**172**) gave 3-amino-*N*-methyl-2 pyrazinecarbothioamide  $(173)$  (Lawesson's reagent, OP(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 120<sup>o</sup>C, 12 h:  $15\%$ ).<sup>654</sup>
- *Note:* Phosphorus pentasulfide has also been used for such thiations.<sup>1137</sup>



## **Dehydration to Pyrazinecarbonitriles**

- *Note:* The dehydration of pyrazinecarboxamides may be accomplished with a variety of reagents as exemplified here.
- 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxamide (**175**) gave 3-cyano-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**174**) [SOCl<sub>2</sub> (1 mol), Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 45 $^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 51%]<sup>474</sup> or 2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**176**) [SO<sub>2</sub>Cl (excess?), Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO,  $< 0 \rightarrow 20$ °C, (?), 2 days: 32%;<sup>1668</sup> or  $MeO<sub>2</sub>CNSO<sub>2</sub>NEt<sub>3</sub>$  (Burgess reagent), THF, reflux, A, 3 h:  $90\%$ ]<sup>889</sup>



2-Pyrazinecarboxamide (177) gave 2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (178) (neat POCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 $^{\circ}$ C, 90 min: 85%);<sup>509</sup> 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide gave 5-chloro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**179**) (likewise: 72%; note additional conversion of the oxo into a chloro substutuent);<sup>1681</sup> and 6-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxamide gave 6-amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(POCI<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 50°C,$ 45 min: 55%).38



4-Benzyl-1-piperazinecarboxamide (**180**) gave 4-benzyl-1-piperazinecarbonitrile (**181**) (Et<sub>3</sub>N, NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O–CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, then CHCl<sub>3</sub> slowly,  $20 \rightarrow 35 \rightarrow 20$ °C:  $31\%$ ).<sup>972</sup>



## **Miscellaneous Minor Reactions**

- 5-Propyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(182, R = H)$  gave 5-propyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (182,  $R = NH_2$ ) (H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O; for details see original).<sup>1137</sup>
- 2,3-Pyrazinecarboxamide gave 2,3-pyrazinedicarboximide (183) (SOCl<sub>2</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>N-CHO, 75°C, 3 h: 30%; minimal detail).474



- 2-Pyrazinecarboxamide underwent nuclear reduction to 2-piperazinecarboxamide (184) (H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C, H<sub>2</sub>O—EtOH, 50°C,  $\sim$ 3 atm, 2 h: 64%).<sup>1355</sup>
- 2-Pyrazinecarboxamide underwent Mannich alkylation to afford *N*-(dibenzylaminomethyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (185) [HN(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>O; for details see original<sup>967</sup> or N-acylation to give *N*-acetyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide  $(186)$  (Ac<sub>2</sub>O: for further details, see original).<sup>1234</sup>
- $3$ -Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamide oxime  $(187, R = H)$  gave *N*-ace $toxy-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarboxamidine (187, R = Ac) (neat Ac<sub>2</sub>O,$  $20^{\circ}$ C, 4 h: 70%).<sup>1115</sup>

The N-heteroarylation of 2-pyrazinecarboxamide has been reported briefly.<sup>1729</sup>



## **Typical Cyclizations**

3-Amino-*N*-methyl-6-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (**188**) gave 3-methyl-6 phenyl-4(3*H*)-pteridinone (189) [neat HC(OEt)<sub>3</sub>, 145°C, open flask, 6 h: 78%; homologues likewise].<sup>1522</sup>



*N*-Acetoxy-3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxamidine (**190**) gave 3-(5-methyl-1,2,4 oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-pyrazinamine (**191**) (AcOH, reflux, 90 min: 72%) that underwent isomerization to 3-acetamido-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyrazine (**192**) (EtONa, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, reflux, 1 h:  $60\%$ ).<sup>1115</sup>



2-Pyrazinecarbothioamide (193) and  $\alpha$ -bromo- $p$ , $p'$ -dimethoxydeoxybenzoin (**194**) gave 2-(4,5-bis-*p*-methoxyphenylthiazol-2-yl)pyrazine (**195**) (MeCN, 60°C, 50 min: 42%).108

Also other examples.144,343,823,978,997,1141,1151,1595



# **8.5. PYRAZINECARBOHYDRAZIDES AND PYRAZINECARBONYL AZIDES (***H* **243)**

Satisfactory treatment of these pyrazine derivatives is precluded by paucity of recent data. However, the brief notes that follow may prove of some use.

PREPARATION. Pyrazinecarbohydrazides have been made *by primary synthesis* (see Chapters 1 and 2), *from pyrazinecarboxylic esters* (see Section 8.2.2), *from pyrazinecarbonyl halides* (see Section 8.2.3), and *by transamination of pyrazinecarboxamides* (see Section 8.4.2).

Pyrazinecarbonyl azides have been made *from pyrazinecarbonyl halides* (see Section 8.3.2) but more usually *from pyrazinecarbohydrazides with nitrous acid* as exemplified here.

- 2-Pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**196**) gave 2-pyrazinecarbonyl azide (**197**) (dilute HCl, NaNO<sub>2</sub>,  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: ?%).<sup>1130</sup>
- 3-(Pyrrol-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**198**) gave 3-(pyrrol-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarbonyl azide (199) (AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, NaNO<sub>2</sub>, 20<sup>o</sup>C, 20 min: 32%).<sup>94</sup>



*N*-(Hydrazinocarbonylmethyl)- (**200**) gave *N*-(azidoformylmethyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxamide (201) (dilute HCl, NaNO<sub>2</sub>,  $0^{\circ}$ C, 1 h: 775).<sup>488</sup>

REACTIONS. Pyrazinecarbohydrazides have been *converted into pyrazinecarbonyl azides* (see preceding paragraph). They also undergo minor reactions illustrated by the following examples:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n\begin{pmatrix}\nN \\
N\n\end{pmatrix} & \text{CONHCH}_2\text{CONHNH}_2 & \text{HNO}_2 \\
\begin{pmatrix}\nN \\
N\n\end{pmatrix} & \text{CONHCH}_2\text{C} = \text{O} \text{N}_3 \\
\begin{pmatrix}\n200\n\end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix}\n201\n\end{pmatrix}\n\end{array}
$$

3-Amino-6-methyl-5-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**202**) gave 3-amino-*N* isopropylidene-6-methyl-5-phenyl-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**203**) (AcMe, reflux, 4 h:  $> 73\%$ ).<sup>941</sup>



2-Pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**204**) gave *N*-[*N*-phenyl(thiocarbamoyl)]-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (205) (PhNCS, for details see original:  $>35\%$ ; also analogues likewise). $1145$ 



2-Pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**204**) and 4-ethoxymethylene-2-phenyloxazolin-5 one (**206**) gave *N*,*N*-bis(2-pyrazinecarbonyl)hydrazine (**207**) and 4-benzamidopyrazolin-3-one (**208**) (dioxane, reflux, 30 min: 90%; the mechanism of hydrogen removal is discussed).<sup>1605</sup>



3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide (**209**) and benzamidine gave 3-(1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)-2-pyrazinamine (**210**) [PhCl, reflux, 48 h (?): 66%].1480

Also other examples.1009,1184,1187,1227,1257,1265,1633



Pyrazinecarbonyl azides may be *converted into pyrazinamines* (see Section 7.3.1) or *into pyrazinecarboxamides or pyrazinecarboxanilides* (see Section 8.4.1). In addition, two molecules of 3-(pyrrol-1-yl)-2-pyrazinecarbonyl azide (**211**) in warm water for 15 min have been reported to give *N*,*N*-bis[3-(pyrrol-1-yl)pyrazin-2-yl]urea (212) in 32% yield.<sup>94</sup>



## **8.6. PYRAZINECARBONITRILES (***H* **288**)

Pyrazinecarbonitriles are important, especially as convenient intermediates for a variety of other pyrazine derivatives.

Recent general spectral studies of such nitriles include the vibration spectra of 2 pyrazinecarbonitrile and a  $(>99\%)$ <sup>15</sup>N-isotopic version;<sup>1172</sup> the mass spectra of 2,3pyrazinedicarbonitrile, its 5,6-diphenyl derivative, and 2,3,5,6-pyrazinetetracarbonitrile for comparison with those of analogous heterocyclic nitriles;<sup>1406</sup> and the <sup>15</sup>C NMR spectra of 2-pyrazinecarbonitrile and the like for correlation with their reactivities toward acetone enolate anions.251 The structure–activity relationship of pyrazinecarbonitriles as herbicides has been reported.1048

## **8.6.1. Preparation of Pyrazinecarbonitriles (***H* **288, 308)**

All the major routes to pyrazinecarbonitriles have been discussed already: *by primary synthesis* in Chapters 1 and 2; *by cyanolysis of halogenopyrazines* in Sections 4.2.8 and 4.4; *by deoxidative cyanation of pyrazine N-oxides* in Section 5.5.2.4; *by the rare cyanolysis of nitropyrazines* in Section 7.1.2; *by cyanolysis of trimethylammoniopyrazine salts*: no recent examples; *by dehydration of pyrazinecarboxamides* in Section 8.4.2; and *by passenger introduction of a cyano group* in a variety of ways, for example, by cyanoalkylation.

In addition, 1-benzyl-4-methyl-2-piperazinol (**213**) reacted with trimethylsilyl cyanide and boron trifluoride etherate to give 1-benzyl-4-methyl-2-piperazinecarbonitrile (**214**) (72% after separation from an isomer), which underwent partial dehydrogenation by *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid to afford 1-benzyl-4-methyl-1,4,5,6 tetrahydro-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (214a) in 53% yield;<sup>822</sup> also, the oxime, 3-amino-6-hydroxyiminomethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile 4-oxide (**215**) underwent

dehydration (and other reactions) on treatment in phosphoryl chloride-dimethylformamide at  $0 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C during 12 h to afford 3-chloro-5-dimethylaminomethyleneamino-2,6-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**215a**) in 46% yield.775



**8.6.2. Reactions of Pyrazinecarbonitriles (***H* **290, 308)**

Reactions of pyrazinecarbonitriles already discussed include *photochemical alkanelysis* (Section 3.2.1.3), *reduction to aminomethylpyrazines* (Section 7.3.1), *hydrolysis to pyrazinecarboxylic acids* (Section 8.1.1), *alcohol addition to afford pyrazinecarboximidic esters* (and thence hydrolysis to regular esters) (Section 8.2.1), and *conversion into pyrazinecarboxamides or the like* (Section 8.4.1).

Other reactions of pyrazinecarbonitriles are illustrated in the following classified examples:

#### **Hydrogenolysis**

- *Note:* This reaction is usually done by one-pot hydrolysis to the corresponding carboxylic acid and decarboxylation thereof.
- $2-(\alpha$ -Cyanobenzyl)pyrazine (216) gave 2-benzylpyrazine (217) (60% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, reflux, 3 h:  $64\%$ ).<sup>69</sup>



5-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**218**) gave a separable mixture of 5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)- (**219**) and 6-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2 pyrazineecarbonitrile (220) ( $h\nu$ , Et<sub>3</sub>N, MeCN: 80% of a 6:1 mixture);<sup>1372</sup> also analogous reactions.570,1072,1372,1703



## **Conversion into Pyrazine Ketones**

- *Note:* This reaction is usually done with a Grignard or lithium reagent but oxidative displacement of extranuclear cyano groups may be used in appropriate cases.
- 2-Pyrazinecarbonitrile (**222**) gave 2-acetylpyrazine (**221**) [MeMgI (made *in situ*), Et<sub>2</sub>O, 0°C, 1 h: 40%; homologues likewise],<sup>509,1220</sup> 2-benzolypyrazine (223) [PhMgBr (made *in situ*), Et<sub>2</sub>O—PhH, 5–10°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 12 h: 70%],<sup>181</sup> or 2cyclopropylformylpyrazine (224) [LiCH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (made *in situ*), Et<sub>2</sub>O,  $-30^{\circ}$ C, A, 3 h, then  $20^{\circ}$ C, 12 h:  $60\%$ <sup>1566</sup>
- $2-(\alpha$ -Cyanobenzyl)pyrazine (225) gave 2-benzoylpyrazine (223) (NaH, THF, 20°C, 5 min, then  $O_2$  until colorless: 93%;<sup>309</sup> or NaOH, PhCH<sub>2</sub>Et<sub>3</sub>NCl, PhMe—H<sub>2</sub>O, open to air,  $20^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 93%].<sup>1518</sup>



## **Formation of Complexes**

- Association constants have been measured for the 1:1 complexes formed from 2,3,5,6-pyrazinetetracarbonitrile and 15-crown-5, 18-crown-6, benzo-15 crown-5, dibenzo-18-crown-6, or dibenzo-24-crown-8 ethers. $475$
- Spectral data have been reported for the charge-transfer complexes formed from 2,3,5,6-pyrazinetetracarbonitrile and each of 29 benzene derivatives bearing alkyl, alkenyl, halogeno, or alkoxy substituents.771

## **Typical Cyclizations**

3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (**226**) gave 3-(5-phenyl-2*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)- 2-pyrazinamine  $(227)$  [BzHNNH<sub>2</sub>, Ph<sub>2</sub>O, reflux,  $\leq 6$  h (TLC monitored): 35%], and thence 2-phenyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*c*]pteridin-5(6*H*)-one (**228**) (neat EtO<sub>2</sub>CNH<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 24 h: 50%).<sup>1589</sup>



- 5,6-Diethyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**229**) gave 2,3-diethyl-5,6-bis(tetrazol-5 yl)pyrazine (230) (NaN<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, LiCl, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 110<sup>o</sup>C, 3 days: 76%);<sup>533</sup> several analogues and homologues were made similarly.<sup>363,533,1181</sup>
- 2-Pyrazinecarbonitrile was converted into crude methyl 2-pyrazinecarboximidate (**231**), and thence with 3,4-pyridinediamine (**232**) into 2-(pyrazin-2 yl)imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridine (**233**) [MeONa, MeOH, 20°C, 5 h: intermediate; then  $(232)$ , MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, reflux, 6 h: 15%, as hydrochloride].<sup>710</sup>



2,3-Pyrazinedicarbonitrile  $(235, R = CN)$  gave pyrazino $[2,3-d]$ pyridazine-5,8diamine (234) (H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, AcOH, 75°C, 3.5 h: 56%);<sup>1118</sup> 3-chloro-2pyrazinecarbonitrile  $(235, R = Cl)$  gave  $1H$ -imidazo $[3,4-b]$ pyrazin-3-amine (236) (H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, EtOH, reflux, 90 min: 53%).<sup>1115</sup>



Pyrazinium-1-dicyanomethylide (**237**) with benzyne (generated *in situ*) gave pyrazino[2.1-*a*]isoindole-6-carbonitrile (**238**) ("diphenyliodonium-2-carboxylate monohydrate", MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe, 210°C, <2 h:  $19\%)$ ;<sup>1531</sup> also analogous reactions.<sup>582</sup>



5,6-Diphenyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (**239**) gave a cyclic dihydrotetramer, formulated as  $(240)$  [Mg, MgSO<sub>4</sub>, OC(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, trace (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>M<sub>0</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 270<sup>o</sup>C, 5 h; then demetalation of crude Mg complex by reprecipitation from  $96\%$  H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>: 47%].435



2,5-Bis(1,1-dicyanopent-4-ynyl)pyrazine (**241**) gave a separable mixture of 3-(1,1 dicyanopent-4-ynyl)-5,6-dihydro-7*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]pyridine-7,7-dicarbonitrile (**242**) and 3-(1,1-dicyanopent-4-ynyl)-5,6-dihydro-7*H*-cyclopenta[*c*]pyridine-7,7-dicarbonitrile  $(243)$  (PhNO<sub>2</sub>, 120<sup>o</sup>C, N<sub>2</sub>, 2 h: 53 and 35%, respectively) or 1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene-1,1,5,5-tetracarbonitrile (244) (PhNO<sub>2</sub>, 210<sup>o</sup>C, 25 h: 60%); each bicyclic product (**242, 243**) also gave the tricyclic product  $(244)$  (PhNO<sub>2</sub>, 210<sup>o</sup>C, 25 h: 68% from each). These reactions occurred via appropriate Diels–Alder adducts.361



#### **Miscellaneous Reactions**

2-Cyanoaminopyrazine (**245**) gave 2-(2-hydroxyguanidino)pyrazine (**246**) (H<sub>2</sub>NOH, MeOH, 20°C, 54 h: 43%).<sup>1116</sup>



4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinecarbonitrile (**247**) gave 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-*N*phenyl-1-piperazinecarboxamidrazone (248) ( $o$ -MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NHNH<sub>2</sub>.HCl, PrOH,  $110^{\circ}$ C, N<sub>2</sub>, 4 h: 75%).<sup>687</sup>



## **8.7. PYRAZINECARBALDEHYDES (***H* **294)**

Although most pyrazinecarbaldehydes are reasonably stable toward aerial oxidation, they are often stored or characterized only as their acetals, oximes, hydrazones, or semicarbazones.

## **8.7.1. Preparation of Pyrazinecarbaldehydes (***H* **294)**

Most of the usual routes to such aldehydes have been covered already: *by primary synthesis* in Chapters 1 and 2, *by oxidation of alkylpyrazines* in Section 3.2.4.1, *by oxidation of hydroxymethylpyrazines*, in Section 5.2.2, and *by reduction of pyrazinecarboxylic esters* in Section 8.2.2.

Pyrazinecarbaldehydes can of course be *recovered from their derivatives*: for example, the acetal, methyl 6-amino-5-cyano-3-diethoxymethyl- (**249**), gave methyl 6-amino-5-cyano-3-formyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**250**) in 85% yield by selective hydrolysis in dilute hydrochloric acid at  $20^{\circ}$ C during 12 h;<sup>773</sup> likewise, the extranuclear acetal, 2-(3,3-diethoxypropyl)-3-ethoxycarbonylmethylpyrazine, gave 2 ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3-(2-formylethyl)pyrazine in 92% yield on hydrolysis in aqueous alcoholic hydrochloric acid at  $35^{\circ}$ C during 2 h.<sup>1249</sup>

The only other preparative method used recently involved *direct C-formylation* by one means or another, as illustrated in the following examples:



#### **By Homolytic Formylation**

2-Methoxypyrazine (**251**) gave 3-methoxy-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**252**)  $(1,3,5\text{-trioxane}, 3\% \text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4, \text{FeSO}_4, 30\% \text{ H}_2\text{O}_2, 13\%)$ , confirmed in structure by X-ray analysis of its 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone (**253**).1216



#### **By Formylation of C-Metalated Substrates**

2-Fluoropyrazine  $(254, X = F)$  gave 3-fluoro-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde  $(255,$  $X = F$ ) [BuLi, HN(CMe<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, THF,  $-50 \rightarrow 0^{\circ}C$ , A, 20 min; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , -78°C, 5 min; then HCO<sub>2</sub>Et  $\downarrow$ , -78°C, 1 h: 90%];<sup>406</sup> 2 $chloropy$ razine (254,  $X = Cl$ ) gave 3-chloro-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde (255,  $X = Cl$ ) (broadly as before: 73%);<sup>220</sup> and 2-iodopyrazine (254,  $X = I$ ) gave  $3$ -iodo-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde  $(255, X = I)$  [lithiation as before; then  $HCO_2Et \downarrow$ , or Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO  $\downarrow$ , (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>NCHO  $\downarrow$ : 19, 26, or 30%, respectively $l.^{1613}$ 



1,4-Dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-2,5(1*H*, 4*H*)-pyrazinedione (256, R = H) gave 1,4-dimethyl-3,6-dioxo-2-piperazinecarbaldehyde  $(256, R = CHO)$  (MeONa, THF, 0°C, 5 min; then HCO<sub>2</sub>Et  $\downarrow$ , 0  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 1 h, then reflux, 3 h: 96%).<sup>760</sup> Also other examples.<sup>1455</sup>



## **By Formylation with a Vilsmeier Reagent**

2-(Pyrrol-1-yl)pyrazine (**257**) gave 2-(2-formylpyrrol-1-yl)pyrazine (**258**)  $(POCI<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>2</sub>)<sup>94</sup>$   $\rightarrow$  20  $\rightarrow$  100<sup>o</sup>C, 1 h: 56%).<sup>94</sup>



## **8.7.2. Reactions of Pyrazinecarbaldehydes (***H* **296)**

Reactions of pyrazinecarbaldehydes already discussed include *reduction to hydroxyalkylpyrazines* (Section 5.2.1) and *oxidation to pyrazinecarboxylic acids* (Section 8.1.1); no *Cannizzaro disproportionations* appear to have been reported recently.

Other reactions are typified by the following classified examples:

#### **Formation of Functional Derivatives**

- *Note:* Some categories of these derivatives are not well represented in the recent pyrazine literature.
- 5,6-Dicyano-3-methyl-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**259**) gave the Schiff base, 5 methyl-6-phenyliminomethyl-2,3-pyrazinedicarbonitrile (260) (PhNH<sub>2</sub>, A4 molecular sieves, AcOH, EtOH, 20°C, 4 h: ?%).<sup>1599</sup>



Methyl 6-amino-5-cyano-3-formyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 1-oxide  $(261, X = 0)$ gave the Schiff base, methyl 6-amino-5-cyano-3-(*p*-ethoxycarbonylphenyliminomethyl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 1-oxide  $(261, X = p\text{-EtO}_2CC_6H_4N)$ :  $(EtO<sub>2</sub>CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>-p, trace TsOH, PhMe, reflux, 1 h: 95%).<sup>773</sup>$ 



(**261**)

- 2-Pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**263**) gave the thiosemicarbazone, 2-thiosemicarbazonomethylpyrazine (262)  $[H_2NHNC(=S)NH_2, H_2O$ —EtOH: 78%).<sup>593</sup>
- 2-Pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**263**) gave the hydrazone, 2-hydrazonomethylpyrazine  $(264)$  (excess H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O, trace H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, 60°C, 3 h: ~80%).<sup>476</sup>

Also other examples.236,460,1216



## **Conversion into Pyrazinecarboselen- and Pyrazinecarbotelluraldehydes**

4-Methyl-1-piperazinecarbaldehyde (**266**) gave 4-methyl-1-piperazinecarboselenaldehyde (265) (Bu<sup>*i*</sup><sub>2</sub>AlH, Se, PhMe, reflux, A, 1 h: then substrate  $\downarrow$ , 65°C, 3 h: 64%) or 4-methyl-1-piperazinecarbotelluraldehyde (**267**) (Bu*<sup>i</sup>* 2AlH, Te, PhMe, reflux, A, 1 h; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , 25°C, 3 h: 49%); the active reagent appears to be a mixture of several compounds akin to  $(Bu^i_2 A I S e)_2$  or the Te equivalent.160



## **Alkylation to Pyrazine Ketones**

2-Pyrazinecarbaldehyde (268) gave 2-acetylpyrazine (269) [CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 20<sup>o</sup>C, until no substrate (TLC):  $10\%$ ].<sup>1220</sup>



## **Typical Cyclocondensations or Cyclizations**

- 2-Pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**270**) and 6-(2,3-diaminophenyl)-5-methyl-4,5-dihydro-3(2*H*)-pyridazinone (**271**) gave 4-(4-methyl-6-oxo-1,4,5, 6-tetrahydropyridazin-3-yl)-2-(pyrazin-2-yl)benzimidazole (272) (33%).<sup>686, cf. 1718</sup>
- 3-Ethoxycarbonylmethylthio-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**273**) gave ethyl thieno- [2,3-*b*]pyrazine-6-carboxylate (274) (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 2 h: 94%).<sup>1126</sup>



## **Conversion into (2,2-Dibromovinyl)pyrazines**

5-Isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2-methyl-2,5-dihydro-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde (**275**) gave 2-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-5-isopropyl-3,6-dimethoxy-2-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (276) (CBr<sub>4</sub>, PPh<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0°C, A, 30 min; then substrate  $\downarrow$ , 4 h:  $81\%$ ).<sup>528</sup>



## **8.8 PYRAZINE KETONES (***H* **297)**

Ketones are well represented in the pyrazine literature, both as final products and as intermediates.

A theoretical/NMR study of keto–enol tautomerism in 2-(2-methoxycarbonylacetyl)pyrazine (**277/278**) and other similarly substituted azines has been undertaken: the foregoing pyrazine exists in its enolic form (**278**) to the extent of 35% in deuterochloroform.411 1,4-Diacetyl-1,4-dihydropyrazine (**279**) gave the persistent radical cation (279)<sup>+</sup> on one-electron oxidation (cyclic voltammetry in MeCN- $Bu_4NClO_4$ ).<sup>167</sup>



## **8.8.1 Preparation of Pyrazine Ketones (***H* **297)**

Several major routes to pyrazine ketones have been covered already: *by primary synthesis* in Chapters 1 and 2, *by oxidation of aralkylpyrazines* in Section 3.2.4.1, *by oxidation of secondary hydroxyalkylpyrazines* in Section 5.2.2, *from pyrazinecarboxylic esters by the Claisen reaction* in Section 8.2.2, *from pyrazinecarbonyl halides* (using several methods) in Section 8.3.2, and *from pyrazinecarbonitriles with a Grignard* (or similar reagent) in Section 8.6.2.

The remaining routes to such ketones are illustrated in the following examples:

#### **By Homolytic Acylation**

- *Note:* This method is prone to a lack of regioselectivity and individual yields can be poor, especially when two or more isomers can be formed.
- Pyrazine (281) gave 2-propionylpyrazine (280) (EtCHO, Bu<sup>*i*</sup>O<sub>2</sub>H, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, FeSO4, H2O, 5–15°C, 75 min: 29%)1383 or 2-acetylpyrazine (**282**) [MeCOCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, AgNO<sub>3</sub>, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, H<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 40°C, 2 h: 54%].842

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N\n\end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{Me\dot{C}} = O \text{ (ex AcCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H)} & \begin{bmatrix}\nN \\
N\n\end{bmatrix} & C(=O)Me \\
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2-Pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**283**) gave 5-benzoyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid (**284**) (PhCHO, Bu'O<sub>2</sub>H, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>—AcOH—H<sub>2</sub>O, 50  $\rightarrow$  20°C, 1 h: 14%); also homologues likewise.<sup>217</sup>



3-Amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile gave 6-acetyl-3-amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile (285) [MeCOCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, AgNO<sub>3</sub>, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 40<sup>o</sup>C, 2 h: 74%]; analogues likewise.1506

Also other examples.55,226,1383

## **By Acylation of C-Lithiated Substrates**

2-Chloropyrazine (**286**) gave 2-benzoyl-3-chloropyrazine (**288**) via the lithiated substrate (287)  $[LiN(CMe,CH_2),CH_2]$  (made *in situ*), substrate  $\downarrow$ , THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, 20 min; then BzNMeOMe  $\downarrow$ ,  $-78^{\circ}$ C (?), 90 min: 51%]; analogues likewise.<sup>1564</sup>



2,5-Diethoxy-3-isopropyl-6-methyl-3,6-dihydropyrazine (**289**) gave 2-acetyl-3,6-diethoxy-5-isopropyl-2-methyl-2,5-dihydropyrazine (**290**) (BuLi, THF,  $-80^{\circ}$ C, 20 min; then AcCl  $\downarrow$ ,  $-80^{\circ}$ C, 2 h: 87%).<sup>371</sup>



2,5-Di-*sec*-butylpyrazine 1-oxide gave 2,5-di-*sec*-butyl-3-*p*-toluoylpyrazine 4 oxide (291) [LiN(CMe<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> (prepared *in situ*), THF,  $-78^{\circ}$ C, A, 20 min; then Me<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$ , -78°C, 20 min; then MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Me-*p* or

MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>COCl  $\downarrow$ , -78  $\rightarrow$  0°C, 17 h: 72 or 59%, respectively; several other procedures gave lower yields].316

Also other examples.832,1107,1388



## **By Acylation with Carbon Monoxide and Ethylene**

- *Note:* The Rh-catalyzed C-acylation of reduced pyrazines with carbon monoxide and ethylene appears to offer considerable potential for further development.
- 1-Methyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)piperazine (**292**) gave 1-methyl-3-propionyl-4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrazine (293) [Rh<sub>4</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>, PhMe, H<sub>2</sub>C=CH<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$  to 10 atm, CO  $\downarrow$  to 15 atm, 25°C, autoclave; then 160°C, 20 h: 85%]; several *N*alkyl/aryl homologues were made similarly.1404



1-Acetyl (or benzoyl)-4-methylpiperazine (**294**) gave 1-acetyl (or benzoyl)-4 methyl-2-propionyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrazine (**295**) (as in foregoing example: 71 or 89%, respectively).  $1536$ 



## **8.8.2 Reactions of Pyrazine Ketones (***H* **300)**

Reactions of pyrazine ketones, that have been covered already, include *reductive deoxygenation to alkylpyrazines* (Section 3.2.1.5), *reduction to extranuclear*  *hydroxypyrazines* (Section 5.2.1), and *oxidation to pyrazinecarboxylic acids* (Section 8.1.1).

Other reactions that have been used recently are illustrated in the following examples:

## **Formation of Functional Derivatives**

2-Benzoylpyrazine  $(296)$  gave its oxime,  $2-(\alpha$ -hydroxyiminobenzyl)pyrazine (297) (H<sub>2</sub>NOH.HCl, AcONa, EtOH, 20°C, 24 h: 94%).<sup>345</sup>



- 2-Acetylpyrazine gave its semicarbazone, 2-(1-semicarbazonoethyl)pyrazine (**298**) (H<sub>2</sub>NHNCONH<sub>2</sub>.HCl, AcONa, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 95<sup>°</sup>C, 15 min: 90%).<sup>1220</sup>
- 2-[2-(Pyrazin-2-yl)acetyl]pyrazine (**299**) and 2-hydrazinopyrazine (**300**) gave 2-[2-(pyrazin-2-yl)-1-(pyrazin-2-ylhydrazono)ethyl]pyrazine (**301**) (EtOH, reflux, 3 h:  $\frac{?}{6}$ ;<sup>730</sup> analogues likewise.<sup>730,731</sup>

Also other examples.283,866

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## **Conversion into Pyrazine Thioketones**

1-Benzyl-4-*p*-nitrobenzoylpiperazine (**302**) gave 1-benzyl-4-[*p*-nitro(thiobenzoyl)]piperazine  $(303)$  (P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>, pyridine, reflux, 2 h: 93%).<sup>502</sup>

*Note:* No thiations of regular *C*-acylpyrazines have been reported recently: The foregoing example may be viewed as the thiation of an amide that is a more commonly used procedure (see Section 8.4.2).



## **Photochemical Isomerizations**

2-Propionylpyrazine (304, R = H) gave 2-(1-hydroxycyclopropyl)pyrazine (305, R = H) (hv, BuOH-PhH, 4 h: 80%); 2-(3-methylbutyryl)pyrazine  $(304, R = Me)$  gave 2-(1-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylcyclopropyl)pyrazine  $(305,$  $R = Me$ ) (likewise:  $\sim$  90%).<sup>461</sup>



#### **Cyclocondensations**

2-Cyclopropylformylpyrazine (**306**) gave 2-(1-methylpyrroliden-2-yl)pyrazine (**308**), by a mechanism said to involve rearrangement of the intermediate (307) at some stage (MeHNCHO, MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 160°C, A, 18 h:  $\sim$ 1% after a lengthy purification).<sup>1566</sup>



2-(3-*o*-Bromophenylacryloyl)pyrazine (**309**) gave 2-(5-*o*-bromophenyl-1-phenyl-2-pyrazolin-3-yl)pyrazine (310) (PhNHNH<sub>2</sub>, Me<sub>4</sub>NOH, EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, ?<sup>o</sup>C, ? h: 90%); also analogues likewise. $881,1473$ 



# **8.9 PYRAZINE CYANATES, ISOCYANATES, THIOCYANATES, ISOTHIOCYANATES, AND CARBONITRILE OXIDES (***H* **301)**

With two exceptions, these categories of pyrazine derivative have been almost entirely neglected in recent years.

Examples have been given already of the *preparation of isothiocyanatopyrazines from halogenopyrazines* (Section 4.4) or *from pyrazinamines* (Section 7.3.2.4); also of the *reaction of isothiocyanatopyrazines with amines to give thioureidopyrazines* (Section 7.3.2.4).

*Pyrazinecarbonitrile Oxides* are unstable but they can be generated from pyrazinecarbaldehyde oximes with *N*-chlorosuccinimide and then trapped immediately by appropriate dipolarophiles to afford cyclic adducts, as illustrated in the following examples:

Ethyl 3-amino-6-hydroxyiminomethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate (**311**) gave a solution of the carbonitrile oxide (**312**), and thence the cycloadduct, 3-(5-amino-6 ethoxycarbonylpyrazin-2-yl)-3a,4,5,6a-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-*d*]isoxazole (**313**) [*N*chlorosuccinimide, Me<sub>2</sub>NCHO, 60°C, N<sub>2</sub>, 3 h; then 2,3-dihydrofuran  $\downarrow$ , Et<sub>3</sub>N  $\downarrow$ ,  $2 \rightarrow 20^{\circ}$ C, 3 h: 55%).<sup>836</sup>





In a similar way, ethyl 3-amino-6-hydroxyiminomethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (**314**) gave ethyl 3-amino-6-(5-phenylisoxazol-3-yl)-2-pyrazinecarboxylate 4-oxide (315) (as before but using PhC=CH: 55%);<sup>836</sup> also many analogues for elaboration to pteridines.836

# APPENDIX

# **Table of Simple Pyrazines**

This table is intended as a comprehensive alphabetical list of simple pyrazines described up to the end of 2000. For each compound are recorded (1) melting and/or boiling point(s); (2) an indication of reported spectra or other physical properties; (3) any reported salts or simple derivatives, especially when the parent compound was un- or ill-characterized; (4) an indication of any complexes reported; and (5) direct reference(s) to the original literature from 1978 onward, preceded by any page(s) in parentheses, for example, (*H* 440), on which earlier published data have been reported in Barlin's *Hauptwerk*. 1686

To keep the table within manageable proportions, the following categories of pyrazines have been *excluded* on the grounds that they are not simple.

Fused or nuclear-reduced pyrazines.

- Pyrazines with a cyclic substituent other than an unsubstituted cycloalkyl, morpholino, phenyl, or piperidino group.
- Pyrazines bearing a substituent with more than six carbon atoms, except for an unsubstituted benzoyl or benzyl group.
- Pyrazines with two or more independent functional groups on a single substituent.

The following conventions and abbreviations have been used in the table:

MELTING POINT This term covers not only a regular melting point or melting range but also such variations as "decomposing at" or "melting with decomposition at". The use of the symbol  $>$  before a melting point indicates that the substance melts or decomposes above that temperature or that it does not melt or decompose below that temperature. When two differing melting points/ranges are given in the literature, they appear in the table as, for example, "89–92 or 98–100"; when more than two melting points/ranges are given, they are recorded in a form such as "193 to 205".

BOILING POINT Boiling points/ranges are distinguished from melting points /ranges by the presence of a pressure in millimeters of mercury (mmHg) after the temperature: for example, 100–104/1.5.



#### ABBREVIATIONS FOR PHYSICAL DATA

#### ABBREVIATIONS FOR SALTS, ASSOCIATED ANIONS, OR SOLVATES



#### ABBREVIATIONS FOR DERIVATIVES



OTHER NOTES The use of "cf." before a reference usually indicates some inconsistent or mildly relevant information therein. A query mark (?) indicates some reasonable doubt associated with a datum or reference. A dash (–) in the data column indicates that no new physical data were obtained from original references covered for this supplement.
# ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SIMPLE PYRAZINES, REPORTED TO THE END OF 2000







ALPHABETICAL LIST *Continued*

Pyrazine	Melting point $(^{\circ}C)$ , etc.	Reference(s)
2-Acetoxy-3-methyl-5-phenylpyrazine	70-71, IR, NMR, UV	1307
2-Acetoxy-5-methyl-3-phenylpyrazine	110-112, 134-138/1, IR, NMR, UV	57, 1307
3-Acetoxymethyl-5-phenyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone		(H 404)
5-Acetoxymethyl-3-phenyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H 404)
2-(1-Acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)-3-chloro- 5-isobutylpyrazine	113-123/2, NMR, UV	(H 443) 78
2-(1-Acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-chloro- 5-isobutylpyrazine	$125 - 135/8$ or $149/3$ , IR, NMR, UV	(H 443) 78, 79
2-(1-Acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-chloro- 5-isobutylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide	111-112, IR, NMR, UV	(H 452) 78
2-(1-Acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)-3-chloro- 5-isobutylpyrazine 1-oxide	145 – 150/3, IR, NMR, UV	(H 452) 78
2-(1-Acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-chloro- 5-isobutylpyrazine 4-oxide	175–180/3, IR, NMR, UV	(H 452) 78
2-(1-Acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)- 5-isobutyl-3-methoxypyrazine	liq, IR, MS, NMR	310
2-(1-Acetoxy-2-methylpropyl)- 5-isobutylpyrazine 1-oxide	42–43, IR, NMR, UV	(H 453) 78
3-Acetoxymethyl-2-pyrazinamine		(H 422)
2-Acetoxymethylpyrazine	MS	(H 402) 1425
2-Acetoxy-3-methylpyrazine	Crude, NMR	1575
2-Acetoxy-6-methylpyrazine	80/2, IR, NMR	1575
5-Acetoxymethyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid		(H 439)
2-Acetoxymethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide		(H 453)
2-Acetoxymethylpyrazine 1-oxide		(H 453)
2-Acetoxymethylpyrazine 4-oxide		(H 453)
2-Acetoxymethyl-3,5,6	$120 - 125/3$	$(H 404)$ 1293,
trimethylpyrazine		1340
2-Acetoxy-3-phenylpyrazine	Crude, NMR	1575
2-Acetoxy-5-phenylpyrazine	Crude, NMR	1575
2-Acetoxy-6-phenylpyrazine	135/2, IR, NMR	1575
5-Acetoxy-3-phenyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone	$175 - 178$ , NMR	1386, 1392
2-Acetoxypyrazine	$liq$ , IR	(H 402) 304
5-Acetyl-3-amino-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile	214, IR, NMR	1506
5-Acetyl-3-amino-2-pyrazinecarboxamide	231-232, IR, NMR	1506
1-Acetyl-3-benzyl-5-hydroxy- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone	$195 - 197$ or $197 - 198$ , IR, NMR	1158, 1525
2-Acetyl-5-butylpyrazine	$125 - 130/13$ , IR, NMR	509
2-Acetyl-5-tert-butylpyrazine	$45-47$ , $108-110/10$ , IR, <b>NMR</b>	509
2-Acetyl-3-chloropyrazine	46, NMR	220
2-Acetyl-5-chloropyrazine		1091
2-Acetyl-3,5-dichloropyrazine	liq, IR, NMR	1455
2-Acetyl-3,6-dimethoxy-5-methylpyrazine		(H 439)
2-Acetyl-3-dimethylaminopyrazine	liq, NMR	406
2-Acetyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine		(H392)
2-Acetyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine	85-87/16, IR, NMR	(H 392) 202
5-Acetyl-3,6-dimethyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H 439)
2-Acetyl-5,6-diphenylpyrazine		(H 392)















































ALPHABETICAL LIST *Continued*

Pyrazine	Melting point $(^{\circ}C)$ , etc.	Reference(s)
2-Benzylpyrazine	$107 - 108/1.3$ or	69, 199
	150/0.07, NMR	
5-Benzyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide	$137 - 138$	669
5-Benzyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide 4-oxide	$185 - 187$	669
Benzyl 2-pyrazinecarboxylate	$38 - 40$	651
5-Benzyl-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid 4-oxide	$165 - 167$	669
1-Benzyl-2,3 $(1H,4H)$ -pyrazinedione		(H 408)
2-Benzylpyrazine 1-oxide	$89 - 90$	199
3-Benzyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H 404)
1-Benzyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone 4-oxide	93-95, IR, NMR, UV	86
3-Benzyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone 4-oxide	231-234, NMR	86
2-Benzylsulfinyl-3,6-diisopropylpyrazine	148/0.08, IR, NMR	302, 308
2-Benzylsulfonyl-6-chloropyrazine		(H 446)
3-Benzylsulfonyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile		858
6-Benzylsulfonyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile		(H 442)
3-Benzylsulfonyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamide		(H 442) 858
2-Benzylthio-6-chloropyrazine		(H446)
2-Benzylthio-5-chloropyrazine 1-oxide	141-143, IR, NMR, UV	1565
3-Benzylthio-5-cyano-2-pyrazinecarb- oxamide	179-182, NMR	503
2-Benzylthio-3,6-diisipropylpyrazine	$105 - 112/0.04$ , NMR	302, 308
2-Benzylthio-3-(2-ethoxycarbonyl- vinyl) pyrazine	214-220/4, IR, NMR	1126
5-Benzylthio-3-guanidinocarbonyl-		(H 436)
2-pyrazinamine		
6-Benzylthio-N-hydroxy-2-pyrazine-		(H 442)
carboxamide		
6-Benzylthio-N-hydroxy-2-pyrazine-		(H 442)
carboxamidine		
2-Butylthio-3-isopropyl-5,6-dimethylpyrazine		1260
2-Benzylthio-3-methylpyrazine	133-138/3, NMR	1126
5-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinamine	72-74, IR, NMR, UV	1565
2-Benzylthiopyrazine		(H 409)
3-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde	97-98, IR, NMR	1126
6-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarbohydrazide		(H 442)
3-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile		858
6-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile		(H 442)
6-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarbothioamide		(H 442)
3-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarboxamide		858
6-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarboxamide		(H 442)
3-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid		858
6-Benzylthio-2-pyrazinecarboxylic acid		(H 442)
3-Benzylthio-2,5-pyrazinedicarboxamide		1233
2-Benzylthiopyrazine 4-oxide	114-115, IR, NMR, UV	1565
5-Benzylthio-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone	125-126, IR, NMR, UV	1565
6-Benzylthio-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone	161-162, IR, NMR, UV	1565
5-Benzylthio- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone 4-oxide	229-231, IR, NMR, UV	1565
2-Benzylthio-5-trimethylsiloxypyrazine	143/0.05, NMR	1565
2-Benzyl-3,5,6-trimethylpyrazine	91-93/0.04, MS, NMR	473
3-Benzyl-1,5,6-trimethyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone	liq, NMR	1452


































































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Pyrazine	Melting point (°C), etc.	Reference(s)
2,6-Dibromo-3-phenylpyrazine		(H 401)
3,5-Dibromo-2-pyrazinamine	109 to 118, MS,	(H 421) 191,
	<b>NMR</b>	222, 782,
		1012, 1280,
		1677x
3,5-Dibromo-2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide	$135 - 136$ , NMR	782
3,5-Dibromo-2-pyrazinamine 4-oxide	$215 - 216$ , NMR	782
2,3-Dibromopyrazine		(H 401)
2,5-Dibromopyrazine		(H 401)
2,6-Dibromopyrazine		(H 401)
3,5-Dibromo-2,6-pyrazinediamine		(H 422)
5,6-Dibromo-2,3-pyrazinediamine		(H 421)
3,5-Dibromo-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H445)
N,N'-Dibutyl-3,5-bisbutylamino-2,6-		(H 416)
pyrazinedicarboxamide		
2,5-Dibutyl-3-chloropyrazine	$114 - 116/4$ , MS,	1314
	NMR, UV	
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3-chloropyrazine		(H 401) 234
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3-chloropyrazine 1-oxide	112/3, NMR, UV	1377
3,6-Di-sec-butyl-5-chloro-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H 445) 321
Dibutyl 3,6-diamino-2,5-	xl st	1659
pyrazinedicarboxylate		
2,5-Dibutyl-3,6-dichloropyrazine	132/4, MS, NMR, UV	1314
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3,6-dichloropyrazine		(H 401)
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3,6-dichloropyrazine 1-oxide	104-105, NMR, UV	1377
2,5-Dibutyl-3,6-difluoropyrazine		(H 401)
2,5-Dibutyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine		(H385)
Di-test-butyl 3,6-dimethyl-2,5-	133–134, NMR	300
pyrazinedicarboxylate		
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3-(1-hydroxypropyl)pyrazine	90/0.07, MS, NMR	316
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3-(1-hydroxypropyl)-	$145 - 150/1$ ,	316
pyrazine 4-oxide	MS, NMR	
3,6-Disic-butyl-1-hydroxy-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H 454) 247
3,6-Disic-butyl-5-iodo-2(1H)-pyrazinone	91-92, IR, NMR	321
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3-isovaleryl-6-	Crude, NMR	55
methylpyrazine		
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3-methyl-6-	Crude, NMR	55
propionylpyrazine		
2,5-Di-sec-butyl-3-methylpyrazine		55
3,6-Di-sec-butyl-5-phenylazo-2(1H)-	83–86/18, NMR	(H 446)
pyrazinone		
3,6-Di-sec-butyl-2-pyrazinamine		
2,5-Dibutylpyrazine		(H388)
		(H385)
2,5-Di-sec-butylpyrazine		(H385)
2,5-Di-tert-butylpyrazine	$105 - 107$ or $109 - 110$ ,	(H385) 580,
	IR, NMR; pic:	1352
	$99 - 100$	
2,6-Di-sec-butylpyrazine	$\overline{a}$	(H385)
3,6-Di-sec-butyl-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde	90–95/1, NMR; dnp:	316
	118–119, NMR	
3,6-Di-sec-butyl-2-pyrazinecarbaldehyde 1-oxide	150-155/3, NMR	316



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Pyrazine	Melting point $({}^{\circ}C)$ , etc.	Reference(s)
5,6-Dichloro-1,4-dimethyl-2,3(1 <i>H</i> ,4 <i>H</i> )-	$176 - 178$ , MS	164, 745
pyrazinedione	NMR, phosphorescence	
2,5-Dichloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide	$224 - 225$	(H 453) 80
2,5-Dichloro-3,6-dimethylpyrazine 1-oxide	116-117, MS, NMR, UV	(H 453) 80
2,3-Dichloro-5,6-diphenylpyrazine	$182 - 183$ or	(H 401) 1250,
	$190 - 191$	1272
2,5-Dichloro-3,6-diphenylpyrazine	159-160, MS, NMR, UV	(H 401) 82
2,6-Dichloro-3,5-diphenylpyrazine	$95 - 97$ or $100 - 101$ , NMR, UV	57, 1307
5,6-Dichloro-1,4-diphenyl-2,3 $(1H,4H)$ -		(H445)
pyrazinedione		
3,5-Dichloro-1,6-diphenyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone	218-220, IR, NMR	374
2,5-Dichloro-3,6-dipropylpyrazine	34, NMR, UV	1250
2,5-Dichloro-3,6-dipropylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide	147-149, NMR, UV	1250
2,5-Dichloro-3,6-dipropylpyrazine 1-oxide	114–120/8, NMR, UV	1250
5,6-Dichloro-3-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-	$109 - 111$ , IR,	1308
$2(1H)$ -pyrazinone	<b>NMR</b>	
5,6-Dichloro-3-ethoxy-1-phenyl-		(H445)
$2(1H)$ -pyrazinone		
2,3-Dichloro-5-ethylamino-		(H 437)
6-methoxypyrazine		
5,6-Dichloro-3-ethylamino-1-phenyl-		(H 437)
$2(1H)$ -pyrazinone		
5,6-Dichloro-1-ethyl-3-ethylamino-		(H 437)
$2(1H)$ -pyrazinone		
3,5-Dichloro-6-ethyl-1-methyl-2(1H)-	100, IR, NMR	1309
pyrazinone		
3,5-Dichloro-1-ethyl-6-phenyl-2(1H)-	157, IR, NMR	374
pyrazinone		
5,6-Dichloro-3-formamido-2-		(H 434)
pyrazinecarbaldehyde		
5,6-Dichloro-3-guanidinocarbonyl- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 432)
2,6-Dichloro-3-(1-hydroxyethyl) pyrazine	liq, NMR	1455
2,6-Dichloro-3-(1-hydroxy-2-	liq, NMR	1588
methylpropyl)pyrazine		
2,6-Dichloro-3-(1-hydroxypropyl)pyrazine	liq, NMR	1455
3,6-Dichloro-5-hydroxy-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H445)
2,6-Dichloro-3-iodopyrazine	89, NMR	1455
2,5-Dichloro-3-isobutyl-6-		(H 401)
isopropylpyrazine		
2,5-Dichloro-3-isobutyl-6-methylpyrazine	79-81/17, MS, NMR	295
2,5-Dichloro-3-isopropyl-6-methylpyrazine	67–68/4, MS, NMR	298
2,3-Dichloro-5-methoxy-6-		(H 437)
methylaminopyrazine		
5,6-Dichloro-3-methoxy-2-pyrazinamine		(H 436)
2,5-Dichloro-3-methoxypyrazine		(H445)
2,6-Dichloro-3-methoxypyrazine 4-oxide		(H 453)
2,3-Dichloro-5-methyl-6-phenylpyrazine	69-70, NMR, UV	(H 401) 1272
2,5-Dichloro-3-methyl-6-phenylpyrazine	76-79, NMR, UV	80







































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Pyrazine	Melting point $(^{\circ}C)$ , etc.	Reference(s)
3-(N-Ethoxycarbonyl-N-methylamino)-		(H435)
N-methyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-		
2-pyrazinecarboxamide		
2-Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-5,6-diphenylpyrazine	96–98, IR, NMR	1582
2-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-1-methylethyl)-		(H 397)
5-phenylpyrazine		
2-Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3-(2-formylethyl)-	$Et2$ acetal:	1249
pyrazine	128-134/0.3, IR, NMR	
2-Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3-methylpyrazine		(H 397)
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-diethylpyrazine	$115 - 120/2$ , IR, NMR,	1391
	UV	
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-	$(E)$ : 110-111, IR, NMR,	1391
diethylpyrazine 4-oxide	UV	
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-	127/132/1, IR, NMR,	1391
diisobutylpyrazine	UV	
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-	$(E)$ : 116-117, IR, NMR,	1391
diisobutylpyrazine 4-oxide	UV	
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-	129–133/2, IR, NMR,	1391
diisopropylpyrazine	UV	
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-	$(E)$ : 119-120, IR, NMR,	1391
diisopropylpyrazine 4-oxide	UV	
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-	120-123/2, IR, NMR, UV	1391
dimethylpyrazine		
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3,6-	$(E)$ : 142, IR, NMR, UV	
dimethylpyrazine 4-oxide		
2-(2-Ethoxycarbonylvinyl)-3, methyl-	135-140/1, IR, NMR	1126
thiopyrazine		
2-Ethoxy-3,6-dimethylpyrazine		(H405)
5-Ethoxy-3,6-dimethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile		(H 441)
5-Ethoxy-3,6-dimethyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile		(H 451)
$1/4$ -oxide		
2-Ethoxy-3,6-dimethylpyrazine 4-oxide		(H 454)
5-Ethoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H 408)
2-Ethoxy-3,6-diphenylpyrazine	78-79, MS, NMR, UV	82
2-Ethoxy-5,6-diphenylpyrazine	90-92, IR, NMR, UV	27
3-Ethoxy-5,6-diphenyl-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile	$148 - 150$ , IR	1127
2-Ethoxy-3-ethoxymethyl-6-methylpyrazine	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	(H 405)
2-(1-Ethoxyethyl)-3-ethylpyrazine		(H 405)
2-Ethoxy-3-ethylpyrazine		(H 405)
5-Ethoxy-1-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-2(1H)-		(H 454)
pyrazinone 4-oxide		
2-Ethoxy-3-hydroxymethyl-6-methylpyrazine		(H405)
2-Ethoxy-3-hydroxymethylpyrazine		(H 403)
2-Ethoxy-6-iodopyrazine	36-37, NMR	638
2-Ethoxy-3-isopropyl-5,6-dimethylpyrazine		1260
2-Ethoxymethyl-5-methylpyrazine		(H 405)
2-Ethoxymethylpyrazine		(H 403)
2-Ethoxy-3-methylpyrazine		(H405)
2-Ethoxy-6-methylpyrazine		(H 405)
6-Ethoxy-N-methyl-2-pyrazinecarboxamidine		(H 439)
2-Ethoxy-3-methylpyrazine 4-oxide		(H 454)










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Pyrazine	Melting point $(^{\circ}C)$ , etc.	Reference(s)
3-Formamido-2-pyrazinecarbonitrile		(H418)
2-(2-Formylethyl)-3-methylpyrazine	Et <sub>2</sub> acetal: $85 - 92/0.5$ , IR, NMR	1249
$2-(N'-Formylhydrazino)pyrazine 4-oxide$	186-188, IR, NMR	9
2-Formylmethyl-3,6-dimethylpyrazine	Me <sub>2</sub> acetal: 137 – 139/4, <b>NMR</b>	202
6-Formyl-5-methyl-3-methylamino- 2-pyrazinecarbonitrile	PhN=: 182-185, MS, NMR	1599
2-Formylmethylpyrazine	Oxime: 60-79(?), NMR	1593
5-Formyl-6-methyl-2,3-pyrazinecarbonitrile	$115 - 117$ , MS, NMR; PhN= $: 148 - 150$ , MS, NMR	1599
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5,6-dimethyl- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 414)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5,6-diphenyl- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 414)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-iodo-2-pyrazinamine		(H 432)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-iodo-2,6- pyrazinediamine	<b>NMR</b>	450
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-methoxyamino- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 414)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-6-methoxy- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 435)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-methyl-6-phenyl- 2-pyrazinamine	227, IR, NMR, UV	(H 414) 941
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-6-methyl-5-phenyl- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 414)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-methyl-		(H 414)
2-pyrazinamine 3-Guanidinocarbonyl-6-methyl-		(H 414)
2-pyrazinamine		
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-methylsulfonyl- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 436)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-methylthio- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 436)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-phenoxy- 2-pyrazinamine	192-193, NMR	713
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-5-phenyl-		(H 414)
2-pyrazinamine 3-Guanidinocarbonyl-6-methyl- 2-pyrazinamine		(H 414)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-2-pyrazinamine		(H 414)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide		(H 450)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-2,6-pyrazinediamine	<b>NMR</b>	(H 418) 450
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-2(1H)-pyrazinethione		(H443)
3-Guanidinocarbonyl-6-hydroxymethyl-		(H 423)
1-methyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone		
3-(C-Guanidino-C-iminomethyl)-		(H 414)
2-pyrazinamine		
3-Guanidinomethyl-2-pyrazinamine		(H388)































































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Pyrazine	Melting point $(^{\circ}C)$ , etc.	Reference(s)
2-Methyl-5-phenylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide	260–262, NMR, UV	80
2-Methyl-6-phenylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide	187-188, NMR, UV	1307
2-Methyl-3-phenylpyrazine 1-oxide	123–124, NMR, UV	1272, 1410
2-Methyl-3-phenylpyrazine 4-oxide	113-115, NMR, UV	1272, 1410
2-Methyl-5-phenylpyrazine 1-oxide	161-162, NMR, UV	80, 1410
2-Methyl-5-phenylpyrazine 4-oxide	$128 - 129$ or 131,	80, 245
	NMR, UV	
2-Methyl-6-phenylpyrazine 1-oxide	85-86, NMR, UV	290, 1307,
		1410
2-Methyl-6-phenylpyrazine 4-oxide	130–131, NMR, UV	1307, 1410
1-Methyl-5-phenyl-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone	132-133, IR, NMR, UV	22
3-Methyl-1-phenyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone	110–111, IR, MS, NMR	374
3-Methyl-5-phenyl-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone	$225 - 226$ or $227 - 228$ , <b>NMR</b>	(H 407) 57, 1307
5-Methyl-3-phenyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone	149-150, IR, NMR, UV	(H 407) 1307
5-Methyl-6-phenyl-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone	181-182, IR, MS,	544, 1272
	NMR, UV	
6-Methyl-1-phenyl-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone	193–194, IR, MS, NMR	395
6-Methyl-3-phenyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone	214, IR, MS, NMR,	(H 407) 80,
	$pK_a$ , pol, UV	183, 983
6-Methyl-5-phenyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone	$252 - 254$ , IR, MS,	(H 407) 424,
	NMR, UV	1432
3-Methyl-6-phenyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone 4-oxide	247, IR, NMR, UV	80
5-Methyl-1-phenyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone 4-oxide	183-184, MS, NMR	88
6-Methyl-3-phenyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone 4-oxide	257, IR, MS, NMR, UV	80
6-Methyl-5-phenyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone 4-oxide	264-265, NMR, UV	1272
2-Methyl-3-phenylthiopyrazine		(H 410)
Methyl 6-phenylthio-2-pyrazinecarboxylate		
		(H443)
2-Methyl-3-piperidinopyrazine		(H391)
2-Methyl-6-piperidinopyrazine		(H 391)
2-Methyl-6-pivaloylmethylpyrazine		(H 396, 398)
2-(2-Methylprop-1-enyl)pyrazine		(H 387)
Methyl 3-propionamido-2-pyrazinecarboxylate		(H 420)
2-Methyl-3-propionylmethylpyrazine	MS, NMR	352
2-Methyl-5-propionylmethylpyrazine	MS, NMR	352
2-Methyl-6-propionylmethylpyrazine		(H398)
2-Methyl-3-propylpyrazine	$84 - 86/18$	(H 387) 543
2-Methyl-6-propylpyrazine	liq, NMR	(H 387) 1567
1-Methyl-3-propyl-2(1H)-pyrazinone		(H 409)
5-Methyl-3-propyl- $2(1H)$ -pyrazinone		(H 407)
6-Methyl-3-propyl-2 $(1H)$ -pyrazinone		(H 407)
Methyl 6-propylthio-2-pyrazinecarboxylate		(H 443)
3-Methyl-2-pyrazinamine	169–171 or 174,	(H 388) 231, 1125
	IR, MS, NMR	
5-Methyl-2-pyrazinamine	$112 - 116$ or $120 - 121$ ,	(H 388) 693,
	IR, MS, NMR	1125, 1677ee
6-Methyl-2-pyraziamine	$124 - 125$ or $128 - 129$ ,	(H 289) 693,
	IR, MS, NMR	1125, 1677u
3-Methyl-2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide	205-207, NMR	1374
3-Methyl-2-pyrazinamine 4-oxide	175–177, NMR	1374
5-Methyl-2-pyrazinamine 1-oxide	221-223, NMR	(H 450) 1374


























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