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Foreword

Scope

Heterocyclic compounds are those which have a cyclic structure with two, or more, different kinds of atom in the ring. This work is devoted to organic heterocyclic compounds in which at least one of the ring atoms is carbon, the others being considered the heteroatoms; carbon is still by far the most common ring atom in heterocyclic compounds. As the number and variety of heteroatoms in the ring increase there is a steady transition to the expanding domain of inorganic heterocyclic systems. Since the ring can be of any size, from three-membered upwards, and since the heteroatoms can be drawn in almost any combination from a large number of the elements (though nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur are the most common), the number of possible heterocyclic systems is almost limitless. An enormous number of heterocyclic compounds is known and this number is increasing very rapidly. The literature of the subject is correspondingly vast and of the three major divisions of organic chemistry, aliphatic, carbocyclic and heterocyclic, the last is much the biggest. Over six million compounds are recorded in *Chemical Abstracts* and approximately half of these are heterocyclic.

Significance

Heterocyclic compounds are very widely distributed in Nature and are essential to life; they play a vital role in the metabolism of all living cells. Thus, for example, the following are heterocyclic compounds: the pyrimidine and purine bases of the genetic material DNA; the essential amino acids proline, histidine and tryptophan; the vitamins and coenzyme precursors thiamine, riboflavine, pyridoxine, folic acid and biotin; the B₁₂ and E families of vitamin; the photosynthesizing pigment chlorophyll; the oxygen transporting pigment hemoglobin, and its breakdown products the bile pigments; the hormones kinetin, heteroauxin, serotonin and histamine; together with most of the sugars. There are a vast number of pharmacologically active heterocyclic compounds, many of which are in regular clinical use. Some of these are natural products, for example antibiotics such as penicillin and cephalosporin, alkaloids such as vinblastine, ellipticine, morphine and reserpine, and cardiac glycosides such as those of digitalis. However, the large majority are synthetic heterocyclics which have found widespread use, for example as anticancer agents, analeptics, analgesics, hypnotics and vasopressor modifiers, and as pesticides, insecticides, weedkillers and rodenticides.

There is also a large number of synthetic heterocyclic compounds with other important practical applications, as dyestuffs, copolymers, solvents, photographic sensitizers and developers, as antioxidants and vulcanization accelerators in the rubber industry, and many are valuable intermediates in synthesis.

The successful application of heterocyclic-compounds in these and many other ways, and their appeal as materials in applied chemistry and in more fundamental and theoretical studies, stems from their very complexity; this ensures a virtually limitless series of structurally novel compounds with a wide range of physical, chemical and biological properties, spanning a broad spectrum of reactivity and stability. Another consequence of their varied chemical reactivity, including the possible destruction of the heterocyclic ring, is their increasing use in the synthesis of specifically functionalized non-heterocyclic structures.

Aims of the Present Work

All of the above aspects of heterocyclic chemistry are mirrored in the contents of the present work. The scale, scope and complexity of the subject, already referred to, with its

correspondingly complex system of nomenclature, can make it somewhat daunting initially. One of the main aims of the present work is to minimize this problem by presenting a comprehensive account of fundamental heterocyclic chemistry, with the emphasis on basic principles and, as far as possible, on unifying correlations in the properties, chemistry and synthesis of different heterocyclic systems and the analogous carbocyclic structures. The motivation for this effort was the outstanding biological, practical and theoretical importance of heterocyclic chemistry, and the absence of an appropriate major modern treatise.

At the introductory level there are several good textbooks on heterocyclic chemistry. though the subject is scantily treated in most general textbooks of organic chemistry. At the specialist, research level there are two established ongoing series, 'Advances in Heterocyclic Chemistry' edited by Katritzky and 'The Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds' edited by Weissberger and Taylor, devoted to a very detailed consideration of all aspects of heterocyclic compounds, which together comprise some 100 volumes. The present work is designed to fill the gap between these two levels, i.e. to give an up-to-date overview of the subject as a whole (particularly in the General Chapters) appropriate to the needs of teachers and students and others with a general interest in the subject and its applications, and to provide enough detailed information (particularly in the Monograph Chapters) to answer specific questions, to demonstrate exactly what is known or not known on a given topic, and to direct attention to more detailed reviews and to the original literature. Mainly because of the extensive practical uses o heterocyclic compounds, a large and valuable review literature on all aspects of the subject has grown up over the last few decades. References to all of these reviews are now immediately available: reviews dealing with a specific ring system are reported in the appropriate monograph chapters; reviews dealing with any aspect of heterocyclic chemistry which spans more than one ring system are collected together in a logical, readily accessible manner in Chapter 1.03.

The approach and treatment throughout this work is as ordered and uniform as possible, based on a carefully prearranged plan. This plan, which contains several novel features, is

described in detail in the Introduction (Chapter 1.01).

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ACR	Acc. Chem. Res.	CSR	Chem. Soc. Rev.
AC(R)	Ann. Chim. (Rome)	CZ	ChemZtg.
ACS	Acta Chem. Scand.	DIS	Diss. Abstr.
ACS(B)	Acta Chem. Scand., Ser. B	DIS(B)	Diss. Abstr. Int. B
AF	ArzneimForsch.	DOK	Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSSR
AG	Angew. Chem.	E	Experientia
AG(É)	Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.	EGP	Ger. (East) Pat.
AHC	Adv. Heterocycl. Chem.	EUP	Eur. Pat.
AJC	Aust. J. Chem.	FĖS	Farmaco Ed. Sci.
AK'	Ark. Kemi	FOR	Fortschr. Chem. Org. Naturst.
ANY	Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci.	· FRP	Fr. Pat.
AP	Arch. Pharm. (Weinheim, Ger.)	G	Gazz. Chim. Ital.
APO	Adv. Phys. Org. Chem.	GEP	Ger. Pat.
ΑX	Acta Crystallogr.	Н	Heterocycles
AX(B)	Acta Crystallogr., Part B	HC	Chem. Heterocycl. Compd.
В	Biochemistry		[Weissberger-Taylor series]
BAP	Bull. Acad. Pol. Sci., Ser.	HCA	Helv. Chim. Acta
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	Chem. Sci.	IC	Inorg. Chem.
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BBR	Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.	IJC(B)	Indian J. Chem., Sect. B
BCJ	Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.	IJS	'Int. J. Sulfur Chem.
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BJ	Biochem. J.	IZV	Izv. Akad. Nauk SSSR, Ser. Khim.
BJP	Br. J. Pharmacol.	JA	J. Am. Chem. Soc.
BRP	Br. Pat.	JAP .	Jpn. Pat.
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CA	Chem. Abstr.	JCS	J. Chem. Soc.
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CCC	Collect. Czech. Chem. Commun.	JCS(F1)	J. Chem. Soc., Faraday Trans. 1
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CHE	Chem. Heterocycl. Compd.	JG U	J. Gen. Chem. USSR (Engl.
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CI(L)	Chem. Ind. (London)	JHC	J. Heterocycl. Chem.
C1C-	Can. J. Chem.	JIC	J. Indian Chem. Soc.
CL	Chem. Lett.	JMC -	J. Med. Chem.
CPB	Chem. Pharm. Bull.	JMR	J. Magn. Reson.
CR	C.R. Hebd. Seances Acad. Sci.	JOC	J. Org. Chem.
CR(C)	C.R. Hebd. Seances Acad.	JOM	J. Organomet. Chem.
•	Sci., Ser. C	JOU	J. Org. Chem. USSR (Engl.
CRV	Chem. Rev.	• *	Transl.)
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JPC	J. Phys. Chem.	PIA	Proc. Indian Acad. Sci.
JPR	J. Prakt. Chem.	PIA(A)	Proc. Indian Acad. Sci., Sect. A
JPS	J. Pharm. Sci.	PMH	Phys. Methods Heterocycl. Chem.
JSP	J. Mol. Spectrosc.	PNA	Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA
JST	J. Mol. Struct.	PS	Phosphorus Sulfur
K	Kristallografiya	OR	Q. Rev., Chem. Soc.
KGS	Khim. Geterotsikl. Soedin.	RCR	Russ. Chem. Rev. (Engl. Transl.)
LA	Liebigs Ann. Chem.	RRC	Rev. Roum. Chim.
M .	Monatsh. Chem.	RTC	Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas
MI	Miscellaneous [book or journal]	\mathbf{S}	Synthesis
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OPP	Org. Prep. Proced. Int.	UP	Unpublished Results
OR	Org. React.	UŞP	U.S. Pat.
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4.16.1 INTRODUCTION

Isoxazole (1), 2-isoxazoline (2), isoxazolidine (3), 1,2-benzisoxazole (4) (sometimes termed indoxazene) and 2,1-benzisoxazole (5) (often referred to as anthranil) are numbered as shown. The chemistry of isoxazoles (79AHC(25)147, 63AHC(2)365, 62HC(17)1), isoxazolines (62HC(17)1, p. 95), isoxazolidines (77AHC(21)207, 62HC(17)1, p. 229) and benzisoxazoles

