

// A STUDY OF SOME OF THE REACTIONS INVOLVED IN THE SYNTHESIS OF

THE 1 4 BENZODIAZEPINES. //

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## FOREWORD

"Cogito, ergo sum". This is perhaps the appropriate statement to start with, as work has been done.

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## ABSTRACT

The initial aim of this work was to synthesise both Diazepam ( 7 chloro- 1,3 dihydro- 1 methyl- 5 phenyl 2H 1,4 benzodiazepin-2-one) and Oxazepam ( 7 chloro- 1,3 dihydro- 3 hydroxy- 5 phenyl- 2H 1,4 benzo-diazepin-2-one)

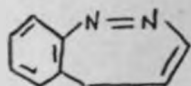
However due to the failure to obtain, in good time, commercial supplies of the intermediate 2- amino- 5 chloro- benzophenone ( 2 amino- 5 chlorophenyl- phenyl methanone ) it was not possible to synthesise the benzodiazepine nucleus.

Hence this work mainly covers the synthesise of the 2 amino- 5 chloro benzophenone intermediate employing those chemicals that were available.

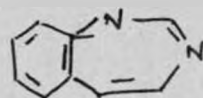
## INTRODUCTION

The benzodiazepines are bicyclic, heterocyclic compounds having a benzene nucleus, fused to a seven membered ring containing two nitrogen atoms.

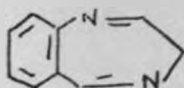
There are six classes of benzodiazepines whose synthesis and reaction differ considerably.



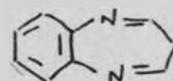
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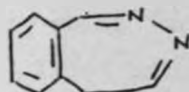
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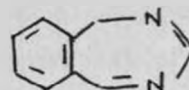
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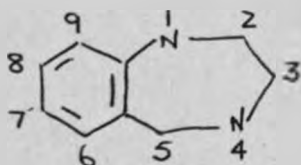
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Only members of the I4 benzodiazepine class have shown sufficient pharmacologic activity to be useful clinically.

The benzodiazepines are numbered as shown below.



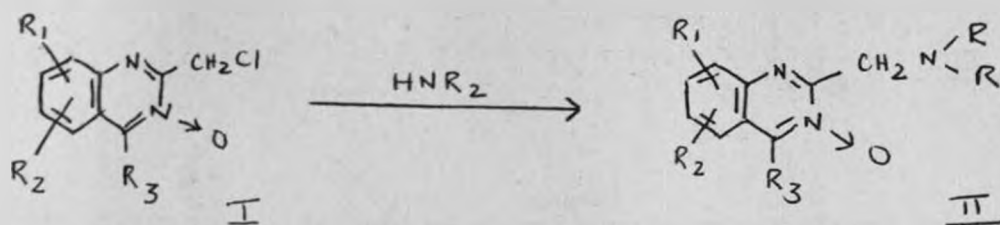
Starting at the position adjacent to the carbocyclic ring regardless of the position of the nitrogen atoms.

The term benzodiazepine implies a maximum degree of unsaturation i.e 3 double bonds in the seven membered ring. The position of the odd hydrogen atom even if occupied by another mono- or di-valent substituent is indicated by the term 1H, 2H, 3H, etc.

## LITERATURE REVIEW:

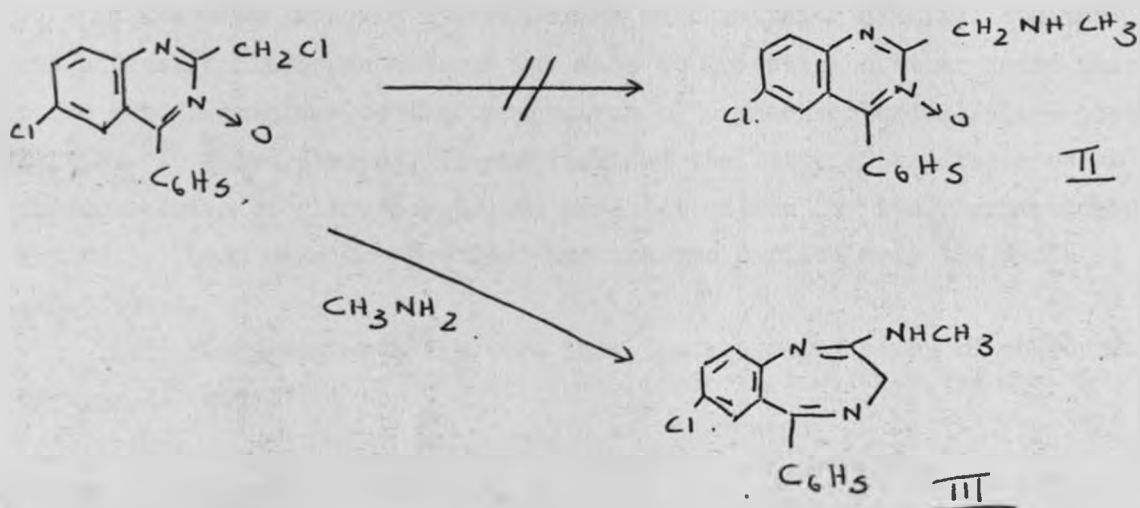
### HISTORY

The benzodiazepines were introduced clinically in 1960 as a novel structural class of anti-anxiety agents. In a study aimed at developing new central nervous system (CNS) structures Sternbach<sup>I</sup> et al synthesised a number of quinazoline N oxides represented by the general formula I and transformed them by treatment with various amines. Secondary amines gave the expected substitution products of type II.

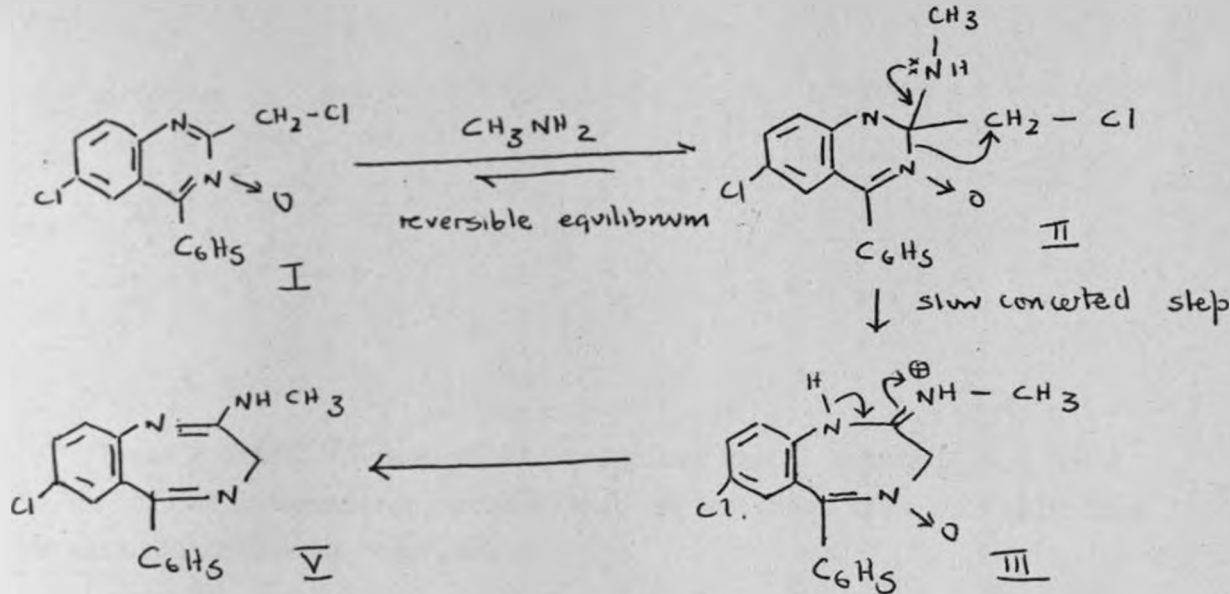


The reaction occurred with ease yielding products that crystallised well but these had poor pharmacologic activity.

The results were however quite different with primary amines. When a primary amine or ammonia was used in the reaction with compounds of type I. The first product of this type was obtained on treatment of the quinazoline derivative III with methylamine. The physical and chemical properties of this product indicated that it was not a substituted quinazolin-3-oxide of formula III containing, but had the structural formula III containing a novel 7 membered heterocyclic ring.



The formation of the compound was postulated to occur by the following mechanism reaction sequence.



The methylamine instead ~~of~~ attacking the quinazoline N oxide molecule in the 2 position.

The methylamine did not replace the reactive chlorine atom as might be expected but attacked the quinazoline N oxide in the position 2 causing the formation of an intermediate of type II which is ultimately transformed via III into the I4 benzodiazepine derivative V

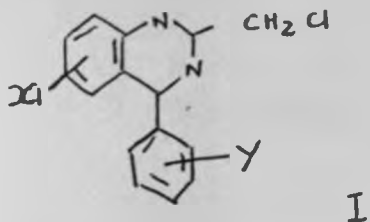
The I4 benzodiazepine derivative V ( Chlordiazepoxide ) was in the course of general screening shown to have anticonvulsant and sedative properties. A thorough study of its pharmacology and after completion of the toxicological studies and clinical investigation, the efforts culminated in its introduction in 1960 under the tradename LIBRIUM.

As the water soluble hydrochloride used in thier clinical studies was extremely bitter, an attempt was made to investigate other forms that could lend themselves to the preparation of a pharmacologically acceptable elixir. In these studies, it was realised that some of the features so characteristic of chlordiazepoxide were not needed for its pharmacological activity. These were the N oxide function and particularly the basic substituent.

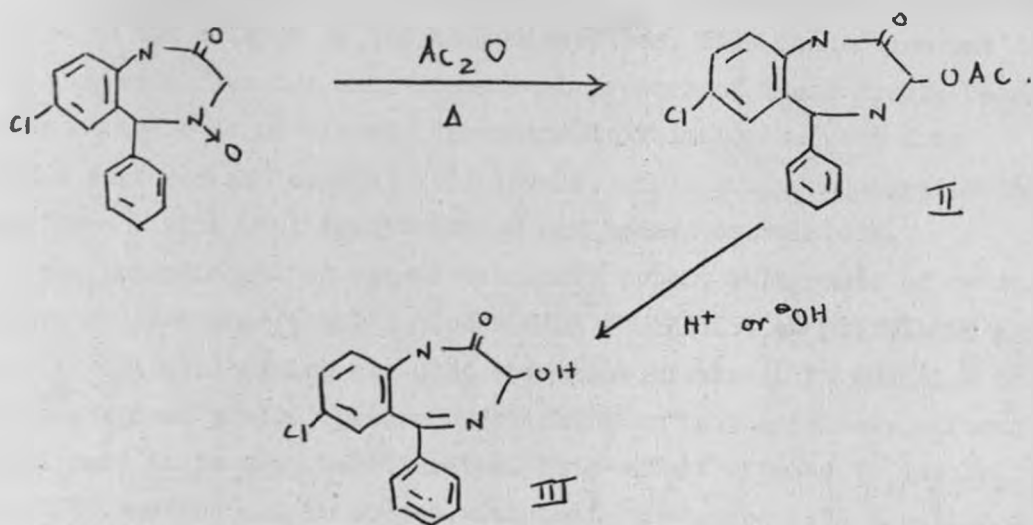
Their subsequent studies were into the intensive study of compounds of type III and IV



The N oxides of the type III were most readily accesible by treatment with alkali of 2 chloro-methyl- quinazoline N oxides of the type I.



These N oxides in general did not prove useful but they were noted to undergo an interesting rearrangement on treatment with acid chlorides or acid anhydrides as shown below.

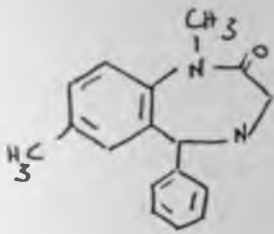


This transformation ( POLONOVSKY rearrangement ) results in the ~~trans~~ formation of the 3 acetoxy derivative III.

The hydroxy derivative III which resembles chlordiazepoxide in its activity was introduced in 1965 . It bore the generic name oxazepam and is marketed under the trade names SERAX, ADUMBRA and PRAXITEN. The simple benzodiazepines without N oxide oxygen however were ~~not~~ pharmacologically more interesting than their N oxides I or their rearrangement products III , and were therefore more intensively studied. The search for alternative synthesis of this relatively simple compounds resulted in the various routes leading with good yields, to the desired products.

One of the first benzodiazepines which showed a very high biological activity and an interesting pharmacological profile is the methyl derivative. It was synthesised in 1959 and after the appropriate toxicological and clinical studies was marketed under the tradename VALIUM, Its generic name being Diazepam.





Diazepam

Pharmacology

The benzodiazepines have like the barbiturates, anticonvulsant, sedative and hypnotic effects. In addition the benzodiazepines possess the ability to reduce anxiety and aggression. They have a lower addictive potential than the barbiturates but have become common drugs of abuse.

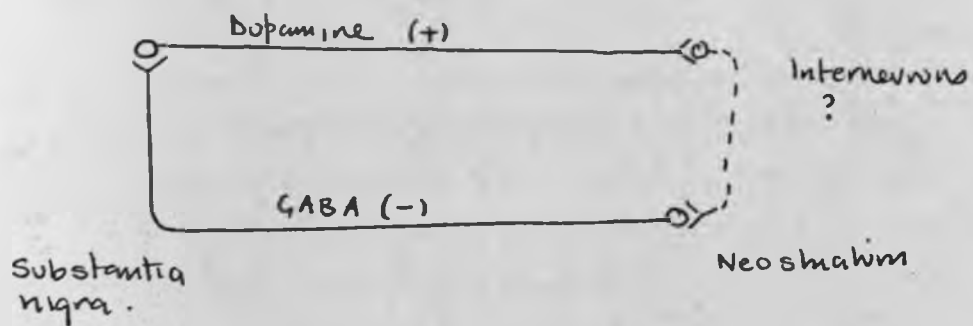
Current evidence suggests that GABAergic systems have an important role in the effects of the benzodiazepines. This connection was initially made from the anti-convulsant property of these drugs. Despite the fact that there is no clearly demonstrable relation between drug induced seizures and central GABA levels, ample evidence suggests that interference with GABA transmission can induce convulsions.

The benzodiazepines are particularly potent antagonists of seizures induced by isoniazid ( which blocks GABA SYNTHESIS), ~~and~~ picrotoxin and pentylentetrazol (which are GABA receptor blockers). In addition the benzodiazepines prolong presynaptic inhibition in the primary afferent spinal cord as do the barbiturates. This effect appears to involve GABAergic neurons and in accord with that conclusion, GABA blocking agent prevents this action of the benzodiazepines.

With GABA acting as an inhibitory transmitter in the dopaminergic nigrostriatal pathway, facilitation of GABA ~~transmission~~ should produce a decrease in dopamine turn over - as schematically illustrated

This model has been supported by evidence that bicuculline reduces the inhibitory effect of chlordiazepoxide on striatal dopamine turn over - a similar mechanism may be proposed for noradrenaline and 5 hydroxy-tryptamine .

A



Schematic representation of possible GABA involvement in the dopaminergic nigrostriatal pathway.

Although, the precise neurochemical mechanisms are far from clear there is some evidence that the anti-anxiety effects of benzodiazepines may involve serotonergic systems. This conclusion is born from;

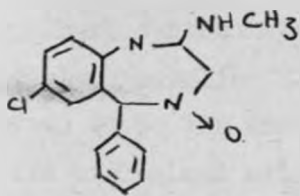
firstly p- chlorophenyl- alanine an inhibitor of 5HT synthesis also alters the suppressive effects of chlordiazepoxide in animal models of anxiety while the presumed 5 HT antagonists Methysergide and cinanserin both reduce anxiety in these models and add to the effects of benzodiazepines and secondly the benzodiazepines reduce the turnover of 5 HT in some brain regions with a total change in content.

These studies suggest that at least in part the antianxiety effects may result from the reduction of serotonergic activity.

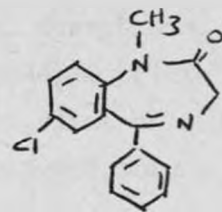
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MB; It has been postulated that 5HT is involved in the punishment system and that reduction in the activity of that system diminishes the anxiety of potentially harmful situations.

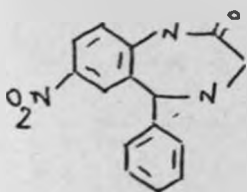
Metabolism



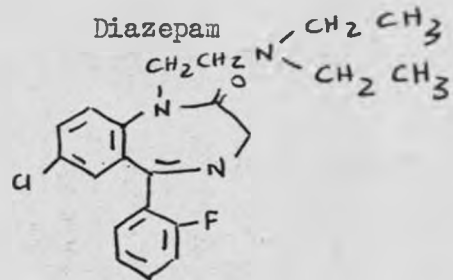
Chlordiazepoxide



Diazepam



Nitrazepam



Flurazepam

Those with alkyl function at position 1 undergo N de-alkylation resulting in compounds which retain biologic activity.

Those with aliphatic N also undergo N de-alkylation at those position

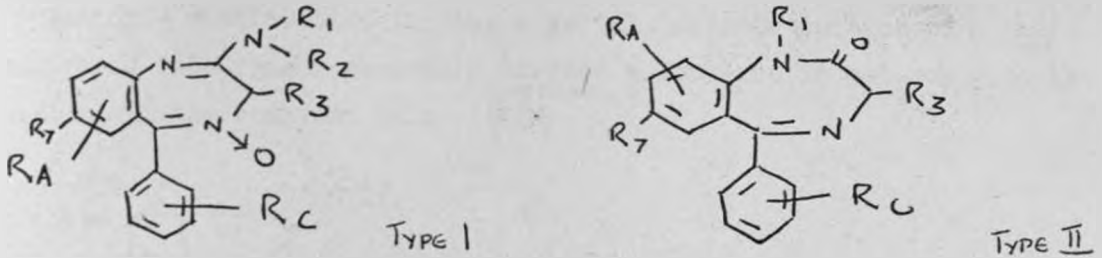
The benzodiazepines without a carbonyl group at position 2 often obtain one by undergoing oxidation at position 2 to form an analogous lactam.

The lactams are readily hydroxylated at position 3 and subsequent glucuronidation at this position leads to rapid urinary excretion of these metabolites.

Many of the above reactions involve liver microsomal enzymes and changes in the activity of this enzymatic system do alter the rate of benzodiazepine metabolism. However the benzodiazepines per se do NOT induce the microsomal enzyme oxidising system.

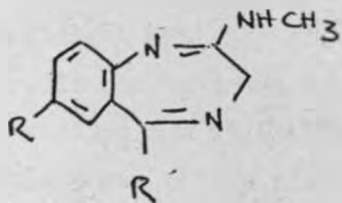
Structure activity relationships.

We limit ourselves to the most intensively studied structures of the benzodiazepine ( I4 benzodiazepine ) derivatives types I and II.



Compounds of type I ( 2 amino 3H I 4 benzodiazepine- 4 -oxides )

This group includes chlordiazepoxide which because of its valuable psychotropic properties has gained <sup>broad</sup> ~~wide~~ clinical acceptance. Compound of this type were synthesized by treatment of the appropriately substituted 2 chloromethyl quinazoline N oxide with a primary amine chlordiazepoxide was determined to be the most potent of this group and only a few derivative approach its biological activity



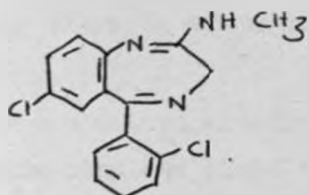
~~Structural~~ <sup>Structural</sup> changes in the methyl amino substituent revealed that replacement of the methyl group by hydrogen reduced over-all potency to same extent while on the other hand the exchange of hydrogen for methyl did not alter the activity of the parent compounds.

The acetyl derivative of chlorodiazepoxide <sup>retained</sup> ~~retained~~ original potency and similarly conversion of the weakly active butylamino- homolog to the corresponding acetyl derivative did not alter the biological properties.

Lengthening or branching of the substituent on the exocyclic nitrogen in position 2 as well as introduction of a heavier substituent invariably produced less active compounds.

Substitution in position 3 of the ring B had an unfavourable effect on pharmacological activity replacement of the chlorine in position 7 of ring A by hydrogen or methyl group lowered overall activity while the effect of a bromo or a nitro group in that position was less pronounced. The trifluoromethyl compound essentially maintained muscle relaxant and taming effects of the parent compound but showed stronger anticonvulsant properties.

Multiple substitution in ring A as well as introduction of a substituent into ring C generally <sup>caused</sup> carried a decrease in potency with the exception of the compound below.



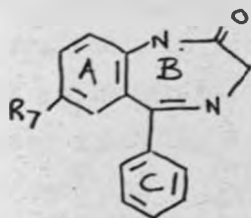
Bearing a chlorine in the 2' position of the C ring which retained most of its activity.

Replacement of ring C by hydrogen, methyl, cyclohexyl or ~~heterocyclic~~ <sup>heterocyclic</sup> groups greatly reduced the biological effects.

Generally while many derivatives of chlordiazepoxide approach the overall biological activity of chlordiazepoxide none has proved to be superior. However, it can be noted that

- Increasing the size the substituent in position 2 lowers the potency.
- Replacement of the phenyl group in position 5 by other substituents results in decreased activity.

Compounds of type II ( 13 dihydropyridin-2-ones 14 benzodiazepin-2-ones)



This group includes diazepam, oxazepam and nitrazepam which all achieved clinical importance.

## SUBSTITUENT IN RING A

Various compounds bearing a variety of substituents in various positions in ring A can be synthesized from the appropriately substituted aminobenzophenone. Groups in ring A were found to influence significantly the activity,

an electron withdrawing substituent in position 7 had the most pronounced enhancing effect on the activity. The stronger the electron withdrawing the greater the potency.

$\text{NO}_2 > \text{CN} > \text{Br} > \text{Cl} > \text{F} > \text{H}$

Electron releasing groups had the opposite effect however, this rule is not without exception as compound bearing the electron releasing mercapto group in position 7 have substantial activity.

Substantial activity was also displayed by the methyl derivative but an increase in size of the methyl substituent caused a decisive fall in potency. Corresponding sulfoxides and sulfones in which the substituent has strong electron withdrawing properties showed a significant decrease in activity.

A large electron withdrawing group in the 7 position e.g (phenyl) resulted in complete loss of activity.

Single substitution in other position of ring A had an unfavourable effect.

## Substitution in ring C

Compound bearing substituents in position 7 which imparted maximum activity were used in most cases and both the nature and position of the substituent in ring C were varied.

Substituent in 2' position gave the most significant results. Halogens generally increased the overall activity but other substituents into the 2' position usually resulted in a decrease in activity. This effect was mainly influenced by the size of the substituent and did not depend on its electroinductive properties.

A substituent in the 3' or 4' position had an unfavourable effect. The presence of two or more substituents in ring C resulted in almost complete loss of activity.

## Substituents in ring B

The substituent in position I has pronounced effects on molecular activity and is easily manipulated from the chemical point of view.

Compounds which had activating substituents in position 7 and also in the 2' position were <sup>the</sup> subject of investigation. Introduction of a methyl group into position I caused in most an increase in potency

Compounds with the electron releasing dimethyl amino group on a trifluoromethyl or nitro group in position 7 had remarkable effects.

Introduction of an acetamido group into position 1 in the 7 chloro-series considerably reduced the muscle relaxant and taming properties whereas the anti-Convulsant effects remains unaffected.

Replacement of phenyl group in position 5 generally caused a significant decrease in potency only the pyridyl derivatives displayed remarkable activity. The Tetrahydro derivatives of the 1,4 benzodiazepinones are generally less active than their unsaturated precursors. Two thiones obtained from corresponding 1,4 benzodiazepin-2-ones by treatment with phosphorous pentasulfide are considerably less active than the corresponding 2 carbonyl derivatives.

The 1,4 benzodiazepinones of type II are the most potent of all 1,4 benzodiazepines studied. Only a few other general rules retained their validity concerning the two types of <sup>1,4</sup> benzodiazepines discussed.

They can be summarised as follows;

- 1) Electron withdrawing substituents in position 7 had a positive effect on the potency.
- 2) Hydrogenation of the double bond in the 4,5 position caused a significant decrease in activity.
- 3) A phenyl group in position 5 conferred highest activity.
- 4) Substituents larger than methyl group in position 1 or 3 had an unfavourable effect on activity.

#### CLINICAL APPLICATION OF THE BENZODIAZEPINES.

As hypnotics, the benzodiazepines are effective hypnotics influencing sleep in several ways.

- I) Shortening the period required to attain sufficient depth of sleep.
- II) Increasing the total duration of sleep.
- III) Reducing the frequency of interruption of sleep.
- IV) Improving the subjectively experienced quality of sleep- the amount of REM sleep is hardly influenced and minimal REM rebound occurs on withdrawal.

The benzodiazepine derivatives Flurazepam and Nitrazepam find exclusive use as hypnotics in treating all kinds of sleep disorders as difficulty in getting to sleep, restless sleeping and early awakening. In this respect, the benzodiazepines are more useful than barbiturates as

- I) They are of lower toxicity.
- II) They hardly suppress REM sleep and have a much lower REM rebound on withdrawal.

iii) They are less quickly addictive.

As anti-convulsants in status epilepticus, diazepam IV is very effective.

As muscle relaxant, the benzodiazepines can be used in conditions of increased muscle tonus whether of myogenic or central origin.

As anxiolytics the benzodiazepines can be used to reduce acute tensions e.g. Before operation diazepam iv is useful. The preoperative administration of benzodiazepine has a dual advantage. By calming the anxious patient smaller doses of anesthetic would be required.

The benzodiazepines are also useful in post-operative agitation and restlessness as a means of managing alcohol abstinence. The benzodiazepines and more specifically chlorodiazepoxide and diazepam are useful in the treatment of delirium tremens and its prevention after acute withdrawal of alcohol. Other withdrawal symptoms e.g. anxiety, motor unrest and somatic manifestations as nausea and emesis also commonly show a favourable response to the benzodiazepines.

In psychiatric use the benzodiazepines like all psychotropic drugs require individualised doses. The optimal dose of a given compound can vary in different patients by as much as factor 10<sub>2</sub> the reason is unclear.

The basis for these individualised doses include:

- i) Nature of the syndrome
- ii) Characteristics of patients personality
- iii) Setting in which the compound is given
- iv) Patient - therapist expectations
- v) Complex of pharmacokinetic factors, which is perhaps the most important.

The effects of the benzodiazepines becomes apparent after one or a few days. The benzodiazepines have only slight side effects and are of low toxicity.

These side effects that have been reported include:

- i) Fatigue possibly due to hypotonia
- ii) Diminished ability to concentrate.

## SYNTHETIC ROUTES:

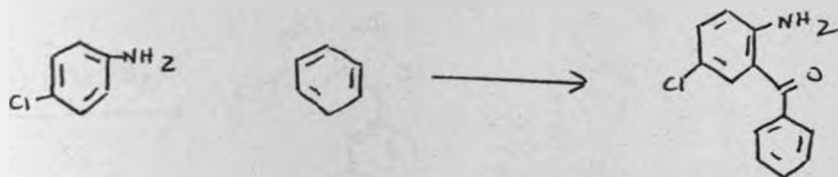
### a) Synthesis of 2 amino 5 chloro benzophenone.

#### Synthesis from anilines.

The synthesis of 2 aminobenzophenones from anilines are the most straight forward of all the methods and usually require the least number of reaction steps to accomplish.

This generally involves a Friedel-Craft acylation of an aniline. This acylation would normally result in para substitution to the amine group. If the para position is already substituted the group will be introduced ortho- to the amine group. Where the para- substituent is Chlorine or Bromine it can be removed by hydrogenolysis, to give the unsubstituted 2 aminobenzophenone.

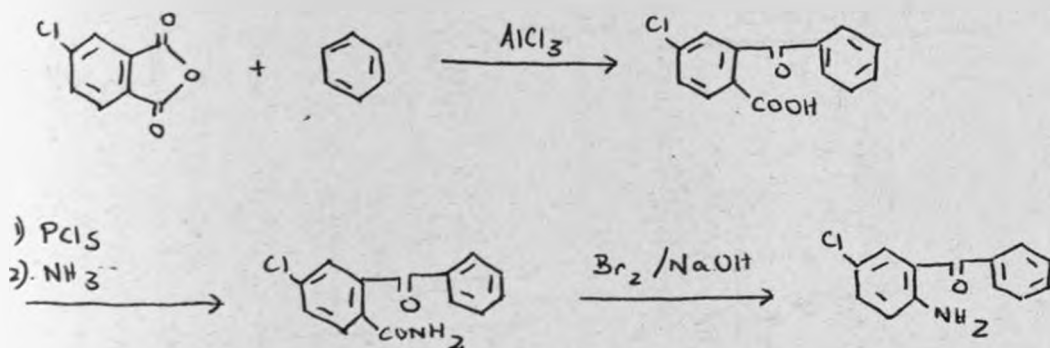
The conditions required for the Friedel-Craft reaction are quite vigorous and certain substituents ( e.g  $\text{OCH}_3$  ) are too labile for this procedure.



NB; removal of the 4 chloro substituent may be done by the following route.  $\uparrow$  reduction using  $\text{H}_2/\text{PdCl}_2$  with KOAc.

#### Synthesis from 2 benzoyl / benzoic acids

The synthesis of 2 amino 5 chloro benzophenones by this method involves a Hoffman rearrangement of an amide as shown below.

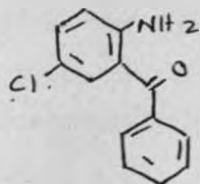
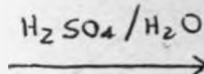
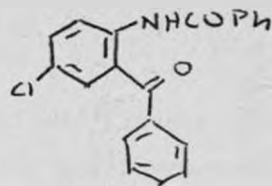
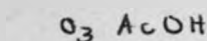
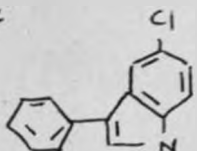
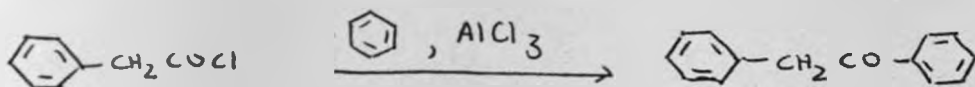


This procedure is limited by the availability of the substituted phthalic anhydride as starting material and by the regio-selectivity of the Friedel-Craft acylation.



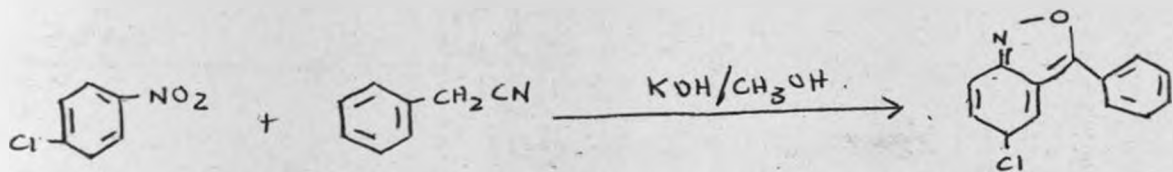
Synthesis from 3 aryl-indoles.

Starting with phenyl acetyl chloride.

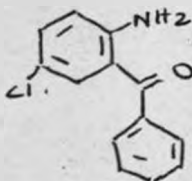


Synthesis: from benzo-isoxazoles.

The 2 amino 5 chlorobenzophenone is obtained by chemical reduction of 2 I benz-isoxazoles ( anthranils)



reduction

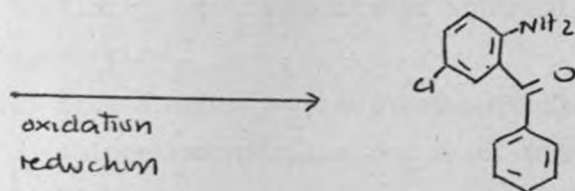
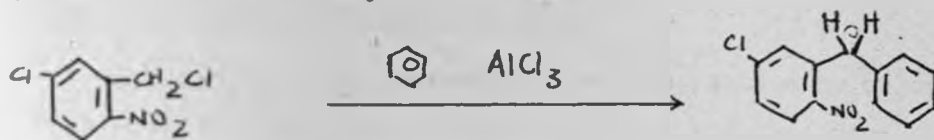


Synthesis from nitro-aryl substrates

This involves the Friedel-Craft reaction between a nitro-aryl substrate and benzene. The intermediate nitrobenzophenone is then reduced.

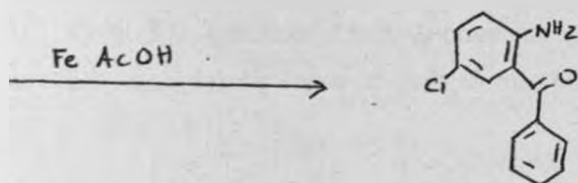
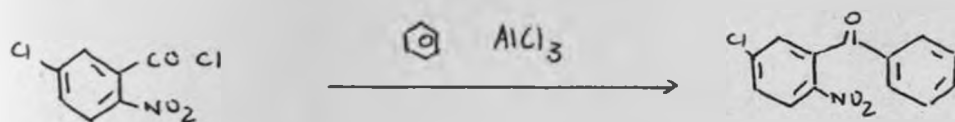
i) 5 chloro 2 nitrobenzyl chloride

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NB; The nitrobenzyl chloride is not a good substrate for the Friedelcraft reaction- probably due to detrimental complexation of the nitro group with the catalyst. However, if the 5 chloro 2 nitro- phenyl methane is obtained it can be converted to the benzophenone by use of an oxidising agent e.g.  $\text{KMnO}_4$ . The nitro - group may then be reduced chemically.

ii) 5 chloro nitro-benzoyl chloride.



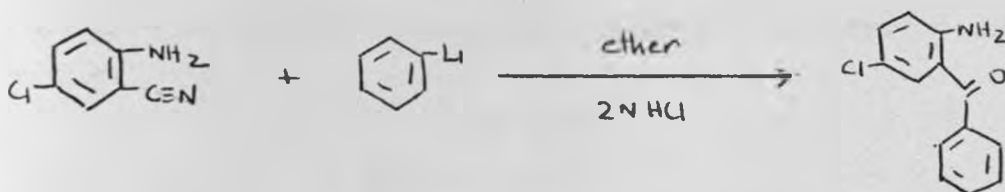
It may be possible to use 5 chloro 2 nitro benzoic acid, but this would most probably require activation of the acid group to permit Friedel-Craft acylation.

## SYNTHESIS FROM ANTHRANILIC ACIDS.

Anthranilic acids are available from Isatins by oxidation with alkaline hydrogen peroxide. The synthesis of Isatins has been reviewed<sup>1,5</sup> and an additional procedure for the preparation of Isatins containing electron withdrawing substituents has been reported by Grausmann et al.<sup>6,7</sup> Similarly, most substituted anthranilic acid derivatives can be synthesised.

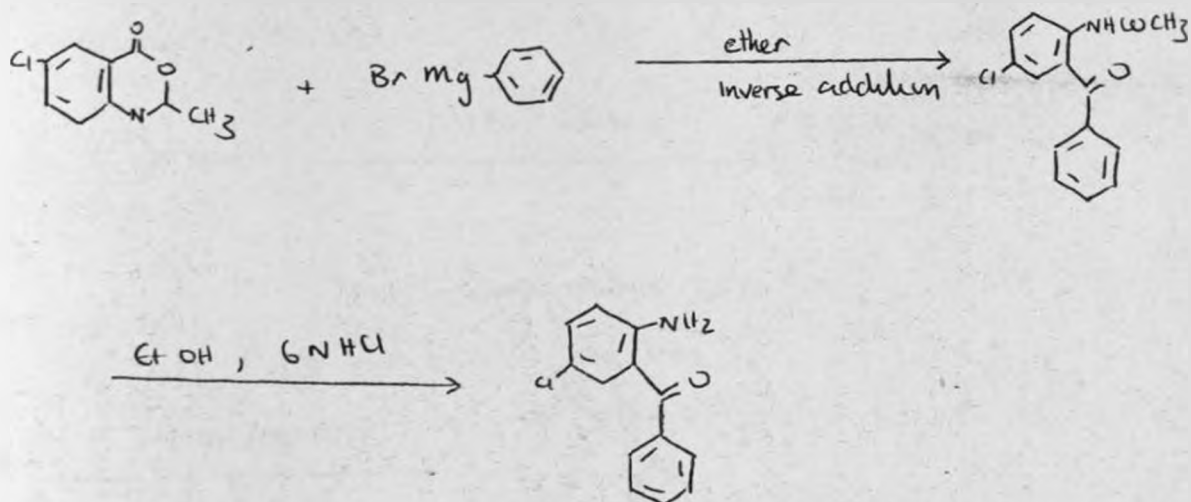
1) from 2 amino 5 chloro-benzonitrile.

2 amino-benzonitriles can react with Aryl Grignard reagents or organo-lithium reagents to give 2 aminobenzophenones.



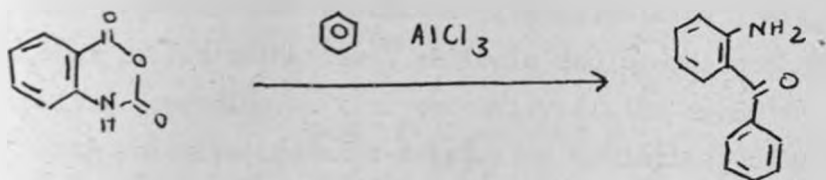
The drawback is the availability of 2 aminobenzonitriles for use as starting materials.

II) from 3 1 benzoxazines-4-ones prepared from anthranilic acids and acetic anhydride have a Grignard reagent inversely added onto them.

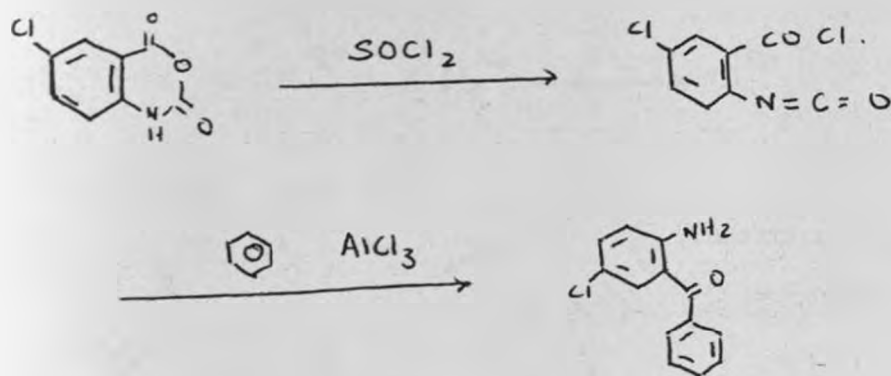


iii) from isatoic anhydrides.

Using an isatoic anhydride derivative as the acylating agent for the Friedel craft reaction, 2-amino-benzophenone has been synthesised.

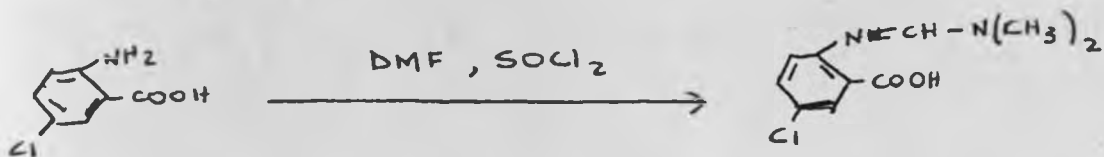


The method has been modified by first converting the isatoic anhydride to a 2-isocyanobenzoyl chloride which is then undergoes a Friedel craft reaction.

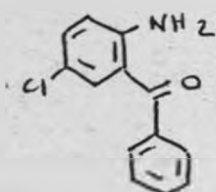


iv) from formamide.

The amino group in ~~protected~~ 5-chloro anthranilic acid is first protected by forming an amidine with dimethyl formamide. Then after forming an acid chloride in-situ it is able to undergo a Friedel-craft reaction.



- 1)  $\text{PCl}_5$
- 2)  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,
- 3)  $\text{NaOH} / \text{EtOH}$



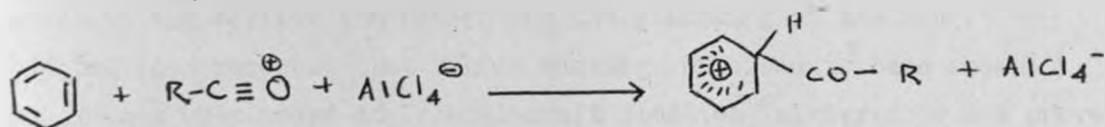
The methods described thus far involve, in most cases some kind of Friedel craft reaction. The electrophile either being generated from the N containing aromatic or in other cases from an appropriate benzoic acid derivative.

The Friedel craft reactions (i.e acylations ) are believed to occur by either of two mechanisms<sup>10</sup>, an ionic and/or nucleophilic substitution mechanism, depending on the reactivity of the aromatic substrate.

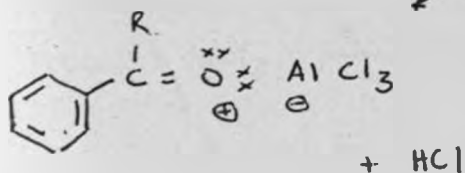
With reactive aromatic substrates acylation would occur by both processes simultaneously. The acylation of less activated hydrocarbons e.g toluene would proceed to a large extent by a substitution mechanism; and in the case of benzene exclusively so.

i.e aryl cations are sufficiently reactive to account for the rapid acylation of unreactive compounds.

Ionic mechanism;

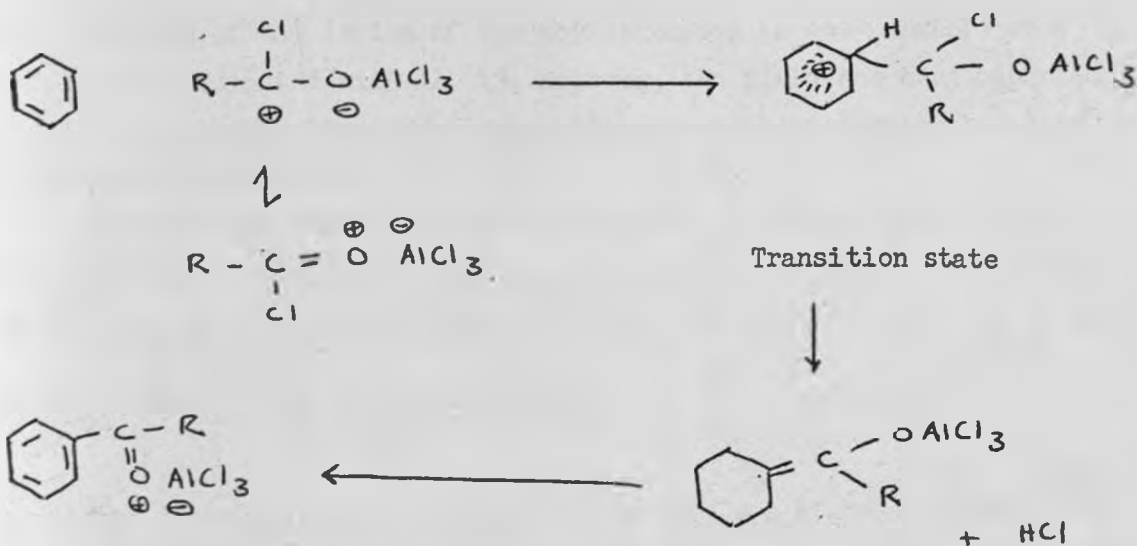


Transition state



Stable intermediate

Substitution mechanism;



Normal Friedel-craft acylation reaction with aromatic substrates of wide range of reactivities, probably proceed by this type of substitution mechanism. The ionic mechanism only becoming important under special circumstances.

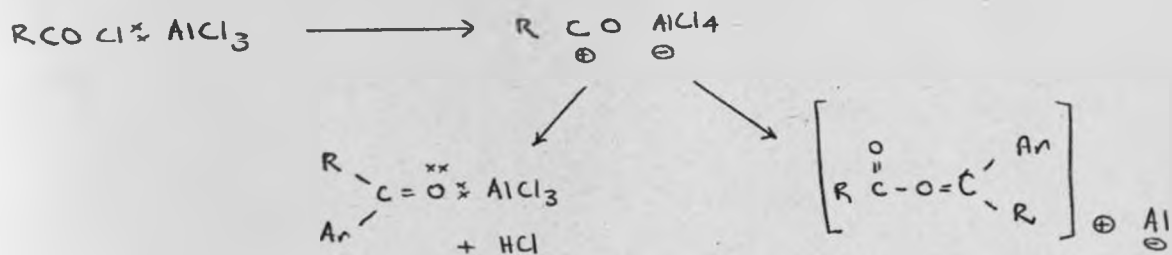
- When a sterically hindered acyl halide is used.
- When a sterically hindered position is being substituted.

A number of variables can be manipulated in Friedel-craft reactions these include, the catalyst, solvent, acylating agent and substrate.

Friedel-craft reactions (acylations) require somewhat more than stoichiometric amounts of electrophilic catalysts and many poor yields have been ascribed to insufficient amounts of catalyst. One of the factors necessitating the higher than stoichiometric amounts of the catalyst is the likely inhibition of the reaction by the product. The product may inhibit the reaction in one of the two ways;

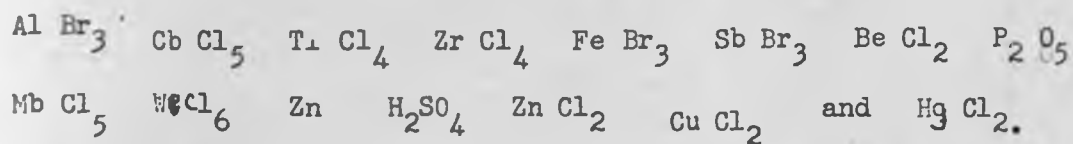
- Tie up the catalyst preventing ionisation of the acylating agent.
- Tie up the acylium ion preventing its attacking of the ring.

It has been reported that halide exchange experiments<sup>8</sup> have shown that ketones when added to Friedel-craft reaction, mixtures do not prevent ionisation of the acyl halide hence, in the presence of substantial amounts of catalyst the action of the acylium ion rather than that of the catalyst is blocked.



NB: Inhibition of the action of the acylation ion is not possible when Ar COR is co-ordinated with Al Cl<sub>3</sub>. However, the yield has been reported to fall off rapidly, when more than optimum amounts of catalyst is used in the acylation reaction.

A number of Lewis acid catalyst can be used in Friedel-craft acylations. These Lewis acid catalysts include,

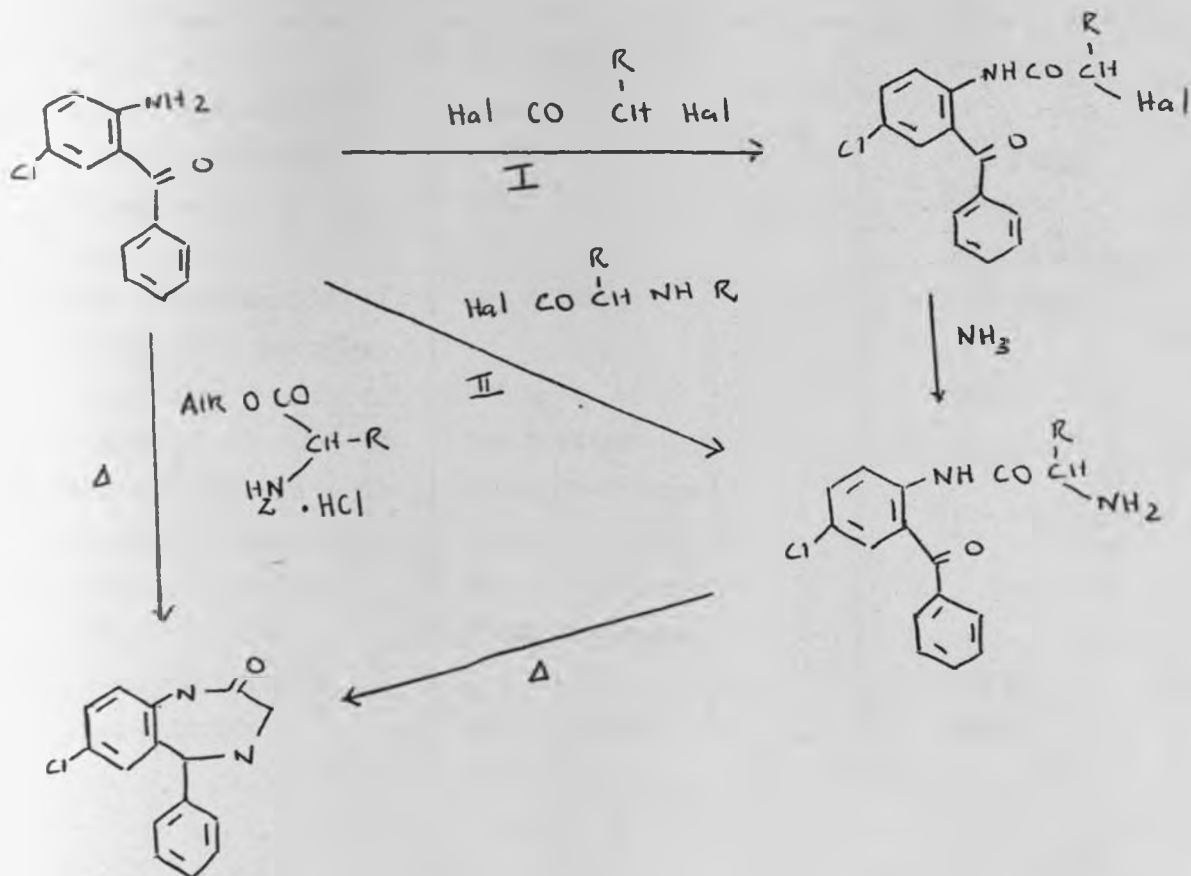


The latter three give good yields, without the use of a solvent, at elevated temperatures.

Aluminium chloride is the cheapest and most efficient, its purity is however important as it influences the yield of the product. Water is believed to have an activating influence on aluminium halides. This has been explained by the formation of hydrates of the type  $( Al X_3 OH ) H$  which can act as powerful sources of protons. Such acids would be expected to behave in a similar manner as other proton acids that can act as catalyst.

## Synthesis of 14 benzodiazepin-2-ones

Starting with the 2 amino benzophenones there are several synthetic routes for the synthesis of the 14 benzodiazepin -2-ones. The principal and most frequently used synthetic routes are:



These

~~This~~ reaction routes involve nucleophilic substitution reaction mechanisms in which the lone pairs of electrons on the nitrogen atoms attack the electro-deficient carbon atoms of the carbonyl moieties.

The first route is more versatile facilitating better yields ~70-80% despite the involvement of several steps in the reaction sequence.

The third route facilitates the synthesis of benzodiazepinones with substituents at position 3 since many ~~and~~ amino acids bearing additional substituents ~~at~~ on the  $\alpha$  carbon are commercially available.

Other routes of synthesis of the 7 membered ring often involve the use of intermediates possessing a protected or potential glycine moiety



CHEMICALS AND REAGENTS

CHEMICAL	SUPPLIER	GRADE
Benzoic acid	May & Baker	Lab; reag:
Benzoyl chloride	Merck	
4 Chloro-aniline	B D H	Lab; reag:
Chloroform	B D H	Analar
Diethyl ether	May & Baker	Analytical reag:
Dimethyl-formamide	May & Baker	Lab; reag:
2 4 Dinitro- phenyl- hydrazine	B D H	Analar
Glycerol	May & Baker	Lab; reag:
Ortho-phosphoric acid	Howse Mc George	
Phosphorous pentoxide	Merck	
Potassium hydroxide	Howse Mc George	
Sodium chloride	Howse Mc George	
Stannous chloride	B D H	Analar
Zinc chloride	May & Baker	Analar

REAGENTS

## 1) 2 4 Dinitro- phenyl hydrazine (4°/0 )

About 4g of 2 4 Dinitro- phenyl hydrazine was weighed out and dissolved in 100mls of N N Dimethyl formamide to obtain an approximately 4% solution of 2 4 Dinitro- phenyl hydrazine in N N Dimethyl-formamide.

## 2) Polyphosphoric acid

The polyphosphoric acid was prepared by stirring a mixture of 8 parts by weight of phosphorous pentoxide and 5 parts by volume of 90% ortho-phosphoric acid at 85°C for 30 min. This gave the resulting product of 82-85% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> content, consisting of 35% tri-polyphosphoric acid the remainder being phosphoric acid and other polyphosphoric acids.

EQUIPMENT

- 1) Pye unicam Ultra Violet spectrophotometer Model SP 800A
- 2) Perkin Elmer Infra red spectrophotometer Model 727B
- 3) Mettler H35A Analytical balance
- 4) Gallenkamp melting point apparatus

## THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE CRUDE PRODUCT

The single development ascending thin layer chromatographic technique was employed using Kieselgel GF<sub>254</sub> as adsorbent.

Preliminary studies were carried out on microscope slides to select a suitable solvent system. Various solvent systems were tried which included Benzene-methanol ( 17:3 ) Chloroform-ether (3:1) No separation was effected but a suitable R<sub>f</sub> value (0.5) was obtained with Benzene-Methanol (17-3) mixture as mobile phase.

Further TLC investigation was carried out on larger plates for each crude reaction product. The layers were prepared by spreading a slurry of 30g Kieselgel GF<sub>254</sub> in 60 mls of water with a Desaga spreader, to a thickness of 250  $\mu$ m. After drying at room temperature, the plates were activated by drying in an oven at 110°C for 1 hour. The mobile solvent system was placed into a developing chamber of size 21x6x21 cm lined with filter paper. The tank was allowed to equilibrate for at least an hour.

AN approximately 0.5% w/v solution of the crude product in ether was used for spotting. visualisation was performed using ultra violet light followed by spraying with a 2,4 Dinitro-phenylhydrazine solution in methanol. The plates were allowed to stand for 2-3 min until the spots developed maximum color intensity.

The R<sub>f</sub> values for the spots were obtained and calculated.  
NB; pure 2 amino- 5 chloro- benzophenone was not available for reference.

## EXPERIMENTAL WORK:

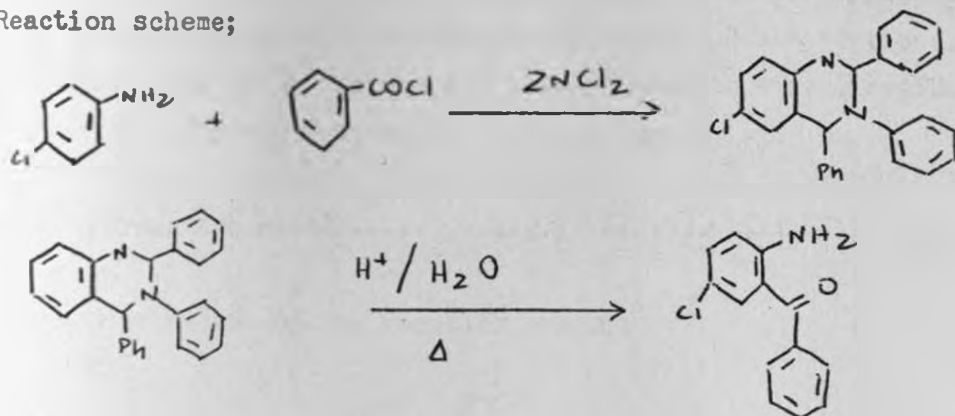
### SYNTHESIS OF 2 AMINO- 5CHLORO- BENZOPHENONE

METHOD I: Zinc chloride method.

Reactants 4 Chloro- aniline, Benzoyl chloride.

Catalyst Zinc chloride

Reaction scheme;



0.1724 moles (20 mls ) of Benzoyl chloride in a 500ml flask was heated in a glycerol bath saturated with sodium chloride. To the 0.1724 moles of benzoyl chloride heated to 120°C was added in portions with stirring 0.05644 moles 7.2g of 4 chloro-aniline. The mixture was then heated to 180°C and 0.06751 moles (9.2g ) of ZnCl<sub>2</sub> was added. The temperature of the reaction mixture was gradually increased to 220°C, during which the reaction mixture assumed a dark purple color, and kept there until HCl evolution had ceased. - This took about 45min.

The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to 125°C, afterwhich 20mls of water was cautiously added ,the reaction mixture swirled and heated to reflux. The hot water layer was decanted and the procedure repeated once.

The water insoluble blackish-purple mass that remained in the flask was dissolved in a mixture of 10mls Glacial acetic acid, 13mls conc; H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 7mls distilled water. The solution was then refluxed for 17hrs then allowed to cool.

The cooled reaction mixture was poured into a large amount of water ( 100mls at approx; 0°C ) The solution was then filtered through a sintered glass filter. The filtrate was extracted with two 40mls portions of ether seperating it from the acid insoluble 4 chloroaniline formed from II. The ether extracts were washed with an excess of alkali to remove benzoic acid then combined and reduced to a small volume using the rotatory flask evaporator The ethereal extracts was transferred to a conical flask and covered with a perforated aluminium foil and allowed to evaporate to dryness at room temperature i,e approx 20°C

A yellow residue was obtained which was heavily contaminated with dark colored matter. It could not be further purified by recrystallisation from

In an effort to extract the expected reaction product from this residue an acidic solution of the residue was made in 70mls HCl and filtered through Whatman paper grade 3 into a separatory funnel. The solution was then made distinctly alkaline to litmus paper, using potassium hydroxide pellets and an ether extraction performed using three 30mls portions. The ether portions were then combined and concentrated to a small volume then stored overnight to produce a yellow-brown residue.

Weight of reaction product.....00.6278g  
 Percentage yield..... 4.8 %

Characterisation of the reaction product

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TEST	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
Appearance	Yellowish-brown	-
Solubility in water	Does not dissolve	Compound has low polarity.
Melting point	Melts in temperature range 102- 106 <sup>o</sup> c	Compound is not pure.
2,4 Dinitro- phenyl hydrazine test	Yellow precipitate is formed	Confirms the presence of a carbonyl group.

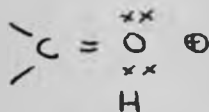
The ultra-violet and Infra-red spectra of the crude reaction product were obtained.

Interpretation of the spectra

Ultra-violet spectrum

This obtained for the ethanolic solution.

From the U.V spectrum, the R band at 387<sub>nm</sub> ( n-π\* transition) provides evidence of the existence of the carbonyl C=O group chromophore. This peak disappears in the acidic ethanolic solution as a result of electron localisation as shown overleaf.

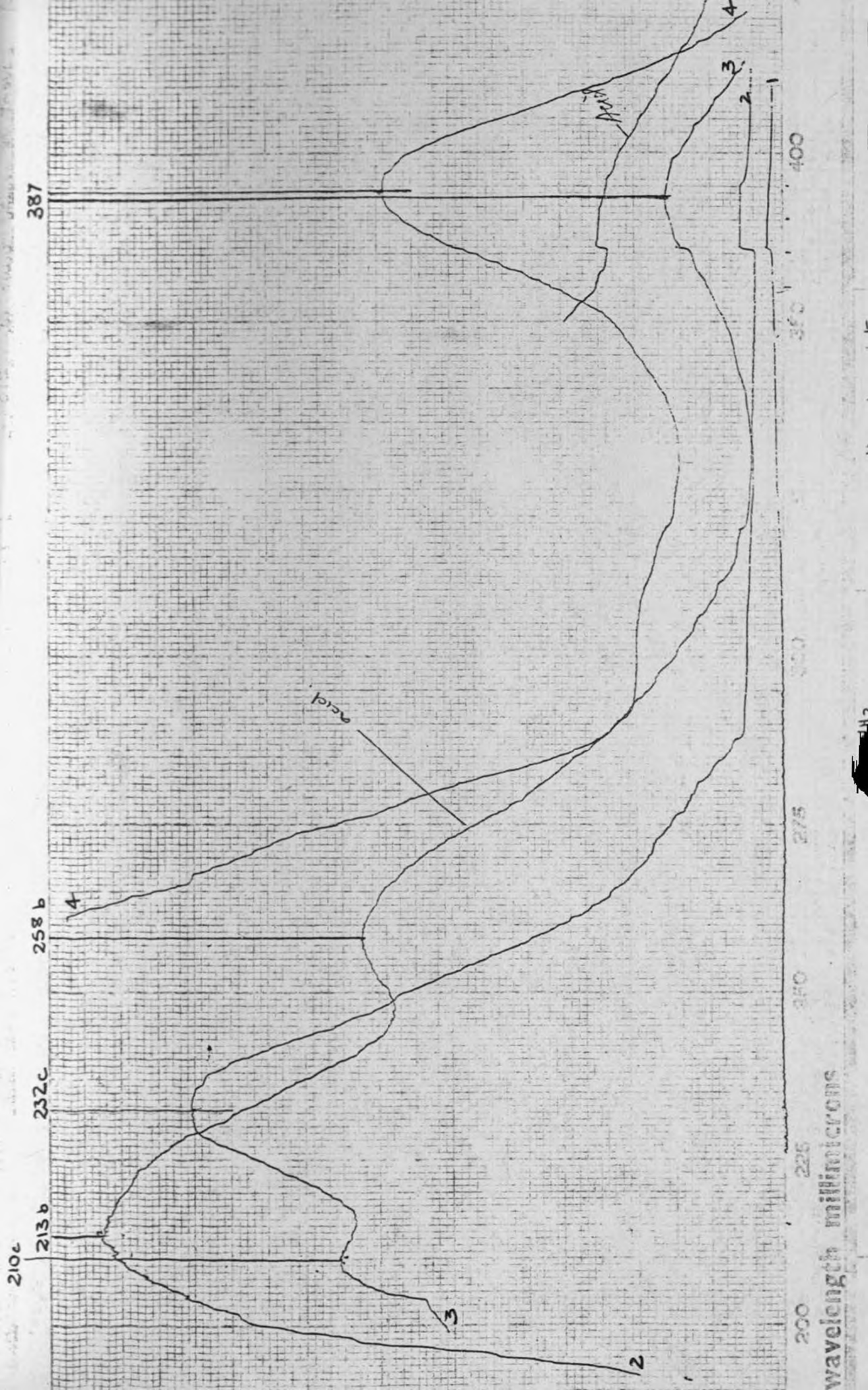


The K band ( $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions) can be attributed to the conjugated enone system. It undergoes a typical bathochromic shift to a longer wavelength as the solvent polarity is increased by acidification. This bathochromic shift presumably results from a reduction in the energy level of the  $\pi$  excited state accompanying dipole-dipole interaction and hydrogen bonding.

#### Infra-red spectrum

This was obtained in Chloroform as the use of Potassium bromide disks persistently produced poor spectra. From the I.R spectra the peak at  $1640\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be assigned to C=O stretching vibration of the carbonyl group. This peak provides evidence of acylation of the 4-chloro-aniline.

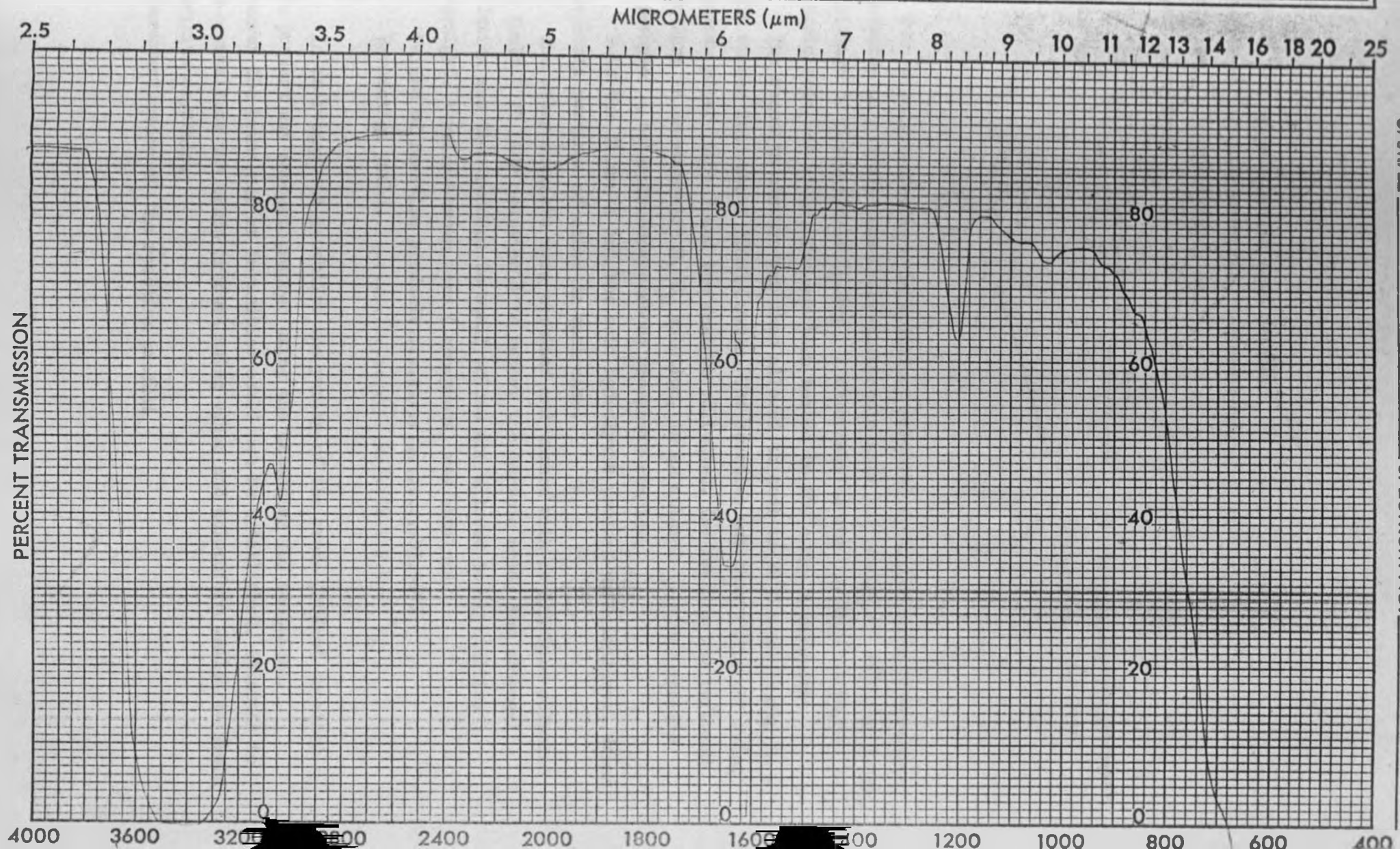
Assignment of the other peaks is made difficult due to the poor spectrum obtained. However the N-H stretching and C-H stretching vibrations occur at  $3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively. The N-H deformation vibration peak at  $1630\text{ cm}^{-1}$  has most probably been masked by the carbonyl C=O stretching peak at  $1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . However the peak at  $1200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to C-N stretching vibration is indicative of an aryl amine. ( Ar-NH<sub>2</sub> )



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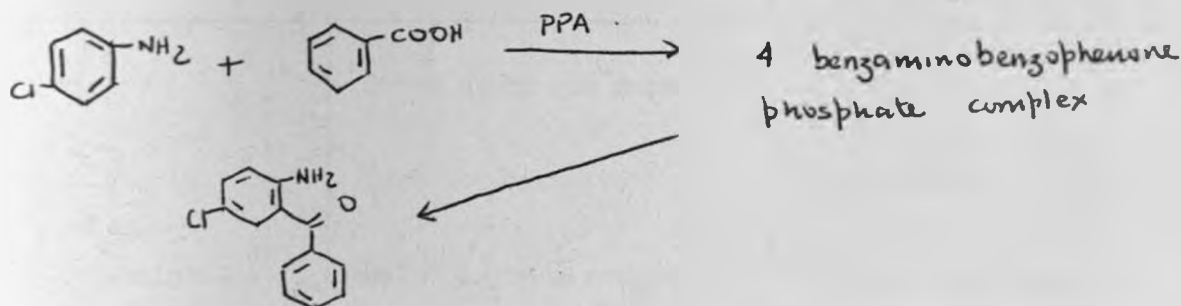
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METHOD 2: Polyphosphoric acid method.  
 Reactants 4 Chloro-aniline, Benzoic acid.  
 Catalyst Polyphosphoric acid  
 Reaction scheme;



To: a polyphosphoric acid solution, prepared by mixing 120g Phosphorous pentoxide with 75mls Conc Ortho-phosphoric acid and heated at 85°C for 30min, a mixture of 0.075253mole (9.60g ) 4 chloroaniline and 0.07615mole (9.30g ) benzoic acid was added. The was then heated to 200°C in a sandbath.

The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to 80°C then poured in a thin stream into about 300mls water. The solution was then filtered using Whatman paper grade 3 and the residue collected. The residue was refluxed for 2hrs in an ethanolic H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution, in an attempt to hydrolyse the 4 ~~phosphate~~ 4 benzaminobenzophenone phosphate complex.

Both the filtrate and the acid hydrolysis product were extracted using two 80mls portions of ether in each case.

The ether extracts were combined and washed with an alkaline solution ( 80mls <sup>N/10</sup> KOH solution ) to remove the benzoic acid, The ethereal solution was then reduced to small volume and allowed to crystallise overnight. A yellow-brown mass ( amorphous) was obtained

Weight of reaction product.....01.5694g  
 Percentage yield..... 9.0 %

In an attempt to establish the purity of the crude product obtained the product was chromatographed using the ascending TLC technique. However the prescence of impurities could not be established. Attempts to re-crystallize the crude product using ether and chloroform failed to yield definite crystals.

Charecterisation of the reaction product



Characterisation of the reaction product

TEST	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
Appearance	Brown amorphous mass	-
Solubility in water	Does not dissolve	Compound has low polarity
Melting point	Melts in temperature range 101 - 106°C	Compound is relatively unpure
2,4-Dinitro-phenyl Hydrazine test	A yellow precipitate is formed	Confirms the presence of a carbonyl group

The ~~ultra-violet~~ and Infra-red spectra of the crude reaction product were obtained.

Interpretation of the Infra-red spectrum

The broad peak at 3000cm can be assigned to  $\text{-NH}_2$  stretching frequencies. The primary amine salt was probably isolated from the acidic reaction mixture. The broad peak combines the NH asymmetric, NH symmetric and the CH stretching vibrational peaks.

The NH deformation peaks 1600cm and the  $\text{NH}_2$  rocking frequency near 800cm are not easily discernible.

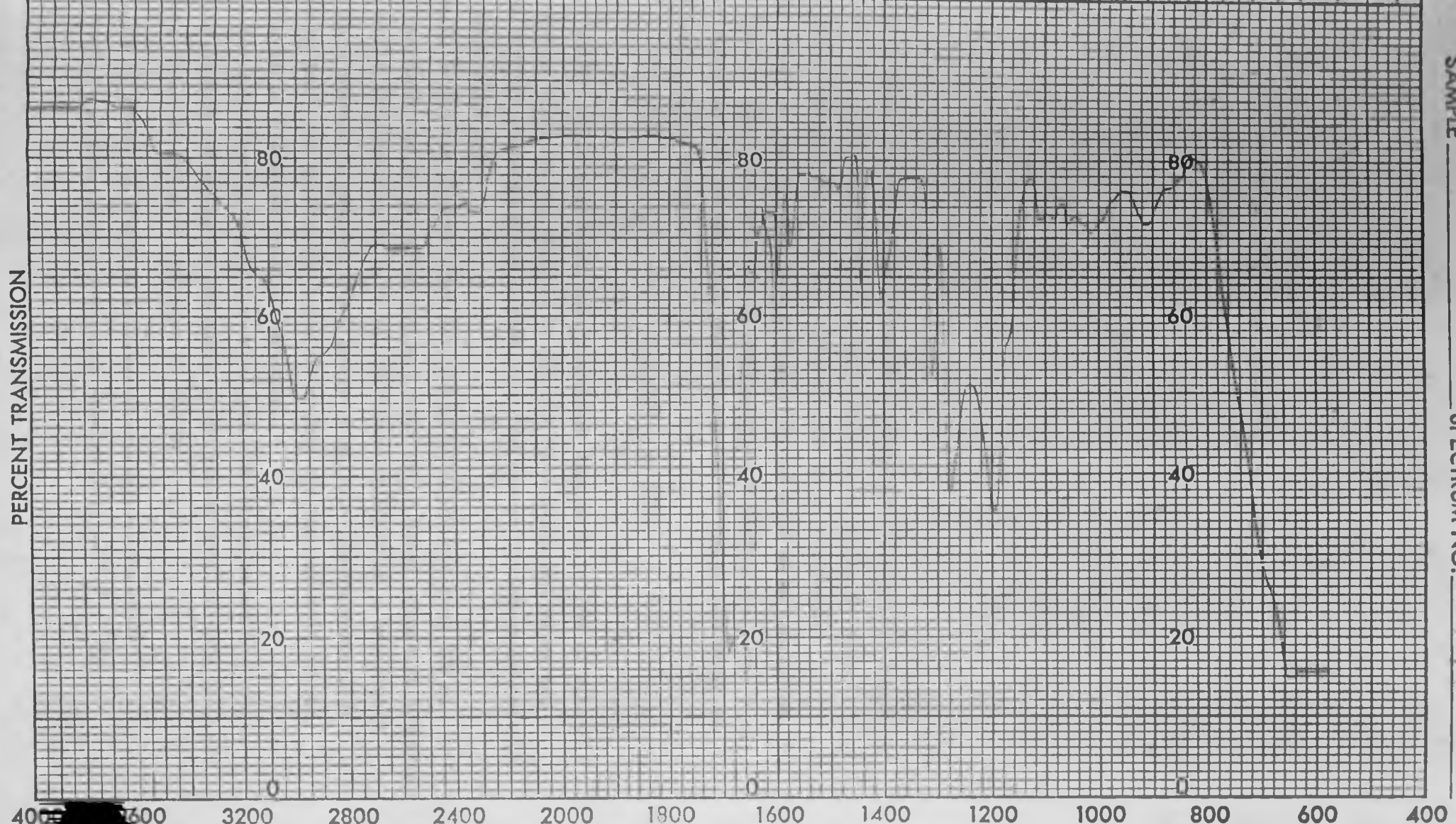
The peak at 1690cm can be assigned to C=O stretching of the carbonyl group whose presence is confirmed by the 2,4-Dinitro-phenyl hydrazine test.

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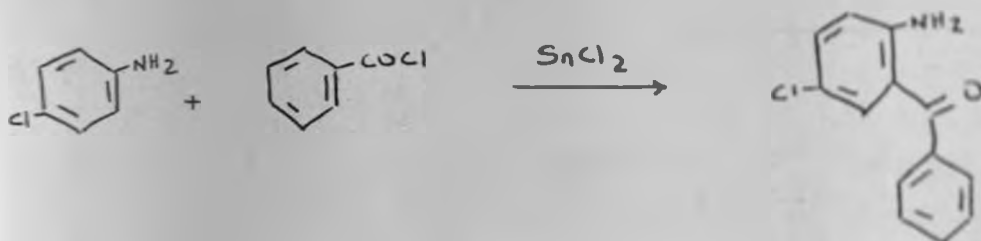
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METHOD 3: Stannous Chloride method.

Reactants 4 Chloro-aniline, Benzoyl chloride

Catalyst Stannous chloride

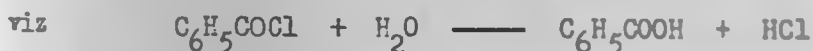
Reaction scheme;



To a mixture of 15.0900g (0.0669mole ) Stannous chloride and 4.0164g (0.0315mole ) 4 chloroaniline in a 250ml round-bottomed flask, 20ml (0.1724 mole) benzoyl chloride was added in two 10 ml portions.

The reaction mixture was then refluxed at 150°C in an oil bath for an hour during which the reaction mixture assumed a yellowish-brown hue.

The reaction mixture was then poured into 100 ml distilled water to destroy the benzoyl chloride.



The yellow solid mass that was formed was dissolved in 100 ml ethanol. The ethanolic solution was diluted to 500 mls with distilled water and filtered through sintered glass filter No. 4 to remove the stannous chloride that precipitated out.

The filtrate was divided into two 250 ml portions and each 250 ml portion was made distinctly alkaline to litmus paper using potassium hydroxide pellets while in contact with a 70 ml. Chloroform layer in a separatory funnel. This served to extract the 2 amino- 5 chloro- benzophenone from the aqueous into the chloroform layer retaining the benzoic acid in the aqueous layer as its water soluble benzoate.

The two chloroform extracts were combined and concentrated to a small volume and stored for hours in the dark. After yellow crystals were obtained which were noted to <sup>5</sup>darken on exposure to light.

Weight of reaction product.....00.7507g  
Percentage yield.....18.3 %

Characterisation of the reaction product

TEST	OBSERVATION	INFERENCE
Appearance	Yellowish-brown	-
Solubility in Water	Does not dissolve	Compound has low polarity.
Melting point	Melts in temperature range 110- 113° C	Compound is not pure.
2,4-Dinitro - phenyl hydrazine test	Yellow precipitate is formed	Confirms the presence of a carbonyl group.

The Infra-red spectrum of the crude reaction product was obtained. Interpretation of the Infra-red spectrum.

From the Infra-red spectrum obtained seven clear peaks are discernible. The first occurring at 3400 cm almost masks a peak occurring at 3475 cm. The two peaks can be assigned to the primary amine group, the peak at 3475 cm being due to symmetric NH stretching mode and the peak at 3400 cm being due to asymmetric NH stretching mode. That the peaks are related to each other is evident from fact that they obey the relation drawn up by Bellamy and Williams<sup>3</sup>

$$\text{i.e. } \nu_{\text{sym}} = \frac{\nu_{\text{sym}} - 345.53}{0.876}$$

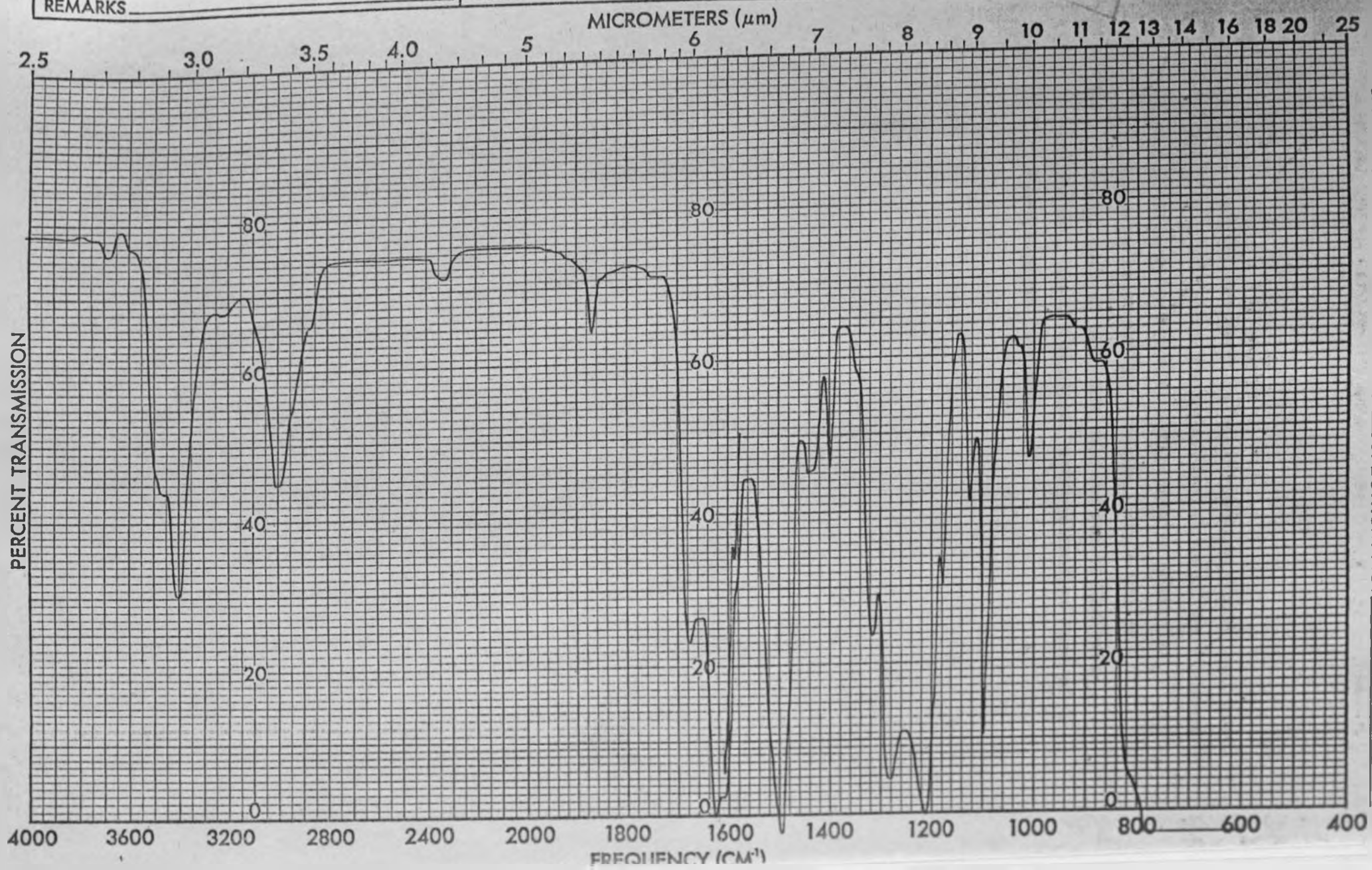
$$\nu_{\text{asym}} = \frac{3400 - 345.53}{0.876} = 3486.8$$

The strong peak at 1630 cm can be assigned to NH<sub>2</sub> deformation vibrational mode and the peak at 1280 cm due to C-N stretching of the aromatic amine. These peaks indicate the presence of a primary aromatic amine.

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The peak at 1680 cm may be assigned to C=O stretching vibrational mode suggesting the presence of a new group formed on acylation of the 4 chloro amine. The substitution pattern into the aromatic ring is possibly asymmetric by virtue of the peaks occurring in region 1225 - 950 cm

The CH str vibrational mode at 3000 cm only serves to indicate aromaticity just as the weak the CH overtone and combination band of CH out of plane bending absorption at 1870 cm

## DISCUSSION

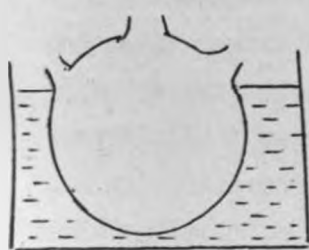
Friedel craft acylations provide the most obvious means of synthesizing 2 amino-5 chloro-benzophenone and indeed numerous benzophenone. Of the catalysts investigated  $\text{FeCl}_3$  caused a violent reaction forming dirty brown mass from which nothing meaningful was isolated. Cupric chloride ( $\text{CuCl}_2$ ) on the other hand failed to provide a product despite refluxing for an hour.

However,  $\text{ZnCl}_2$ , polyphosphoric acid and stannous chloride facilitated reaction between 4 chloroaniline and benzoyl chloride/benzoic acid. In all three cases elevated temperatures were required for the reactions to proceed. Achieving and maintaining the respective temperatures was rather unsatisfactory due to lack of the appropriate facilities. This was particularly so where temperatures required were in excess of  $180^\circ\text{C}$ . In the Friedel craft reaction employing  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  as catalyst the reaction temperature of  $220^\circ\text{C}$  was attained by employing a glycerol bath saturated with sodium chloride. This solution boils at  $220^\circ\text{C}$ .

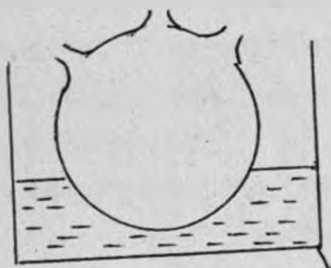
The use of the glycerol bath had several disadvantages firstly the attainment of the reaction temperature requires a protracted heating period under stable ambient condition

- achieved by employing the fume cupboard.
- secondly the reaction temperature was also the boiling point of the glycerol solution saturated with sodium chloride as a result vapouration of glycerol from the bath and its recondensation above the apparatus often messed up the experimental area. Hence when employing polyphosphoric acid as the catalyst an alternative means of achieving the elevated temperature was sought. In this case a sand bath was employed - the principle being that sand baths can be used to achieve elevated temperatures and as the reaction mixture was found to boil at this temperature a satisfactory arrangement would provide for the achievement and maintenance of  $220^\circ\text{C}$  for the required period.

The two round bottomed flask could be immersed in the sand bath to varying degrees the extremes of which are illustrated below.



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Arrangement II was more suitable as it did not result in charring of the reaction mixture as often as it did in arrangement I. As the sandbath was able to accumulate and retain heat. The heat supply was periodically reduced after attaining the reaction temperature.

The reaction employing stannous chloride  $\text{SnCl}_2$  as catalyst was able to proceed at lower temperatures which was achieved by the use of an oil bath.

The reaction conditions employed to synthesize 2 amino 5 chloro benzophenone by employing zinc chloride as catalyst was evidently harsh. As it resulted in formation of the purple addition product which Sternbach et al proposed be hydrolysed over a 17 h period. The hydrolytic ~~nucleo-~~ employed experimentally ( $\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) failed to significantly hydrolyse this purple addition product - the latter was observed to dissolve in hot acidic solution and precipitate out as fine particles on cooling. The particles contaminate the crude product obtained and could not be filtered through sintered glass filters.

However, yellow crystalline material contaminated/speckled with the purple particulate matters was eventually obtained by ether extraction. The only evidence that acylation had actually occurred were the peak at  $1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$  on the IR spectrum of the crude product and formation of a yellow 2,4 dinitrophenyl-hydrazone precipitate when the crude product was shaken with a 4% w/v 2,4 dinitrophenylhydrazine solution.

A lower reaction temperature would perhaps have been more suitable the optimal temperature being at which the zinc chloride is able to catalyse the acylation with a minimum of side reactions.

Polyphosphoric acid at  $200^\circ\text{C}$  as catalyst provided less drastic conditions however, it was noted that if the reaction vessel (round bottomed flask) was nearly wholly immersed in the sand bath the reaction vessel contents were easily charred. But at  $200^\circ\text{C}$  the reaction proceeded with the formation of a brown reaction mixture which Staskun attributes to a presumed 4 benzoino benzophenone phosphate complex.

The ethereal extracts of this reaction mixture formed yellowish brown amorphous crystals when allowed to crystallise. Re-crystallisation using ether or chloroform failed to produce yellow crystals. Proof of acylation was obtained from the IR spectrum of the crude product - the peak at  $1680\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to a carbonyl ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ) group of the benzophenone. The fact that the ether extraction was performed on the acidic reaction mixture gives credence to the differences in the IR spectra obtained.



For the crude product obtained here by the use of stannous chloride as catalyst as the ether extraction was from acidic solution the N-H stretching vibrational and CH stretching vibrational peaks of the primary amine have been found to give the broad NH stretching peak for  $\text{NH}_2$  centered at  $3000\text{cm}^{-1}$  notably the C-N stretching peak at  $1200\text{cm}^{-1}$  was not allowed through the NH deformation vibrational peaks fail to appear.

e.g at  $1500\text{cm}^{-1}$

Again the test for presence of carbonyl group employing 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine gave a positive result.

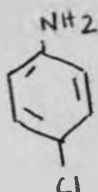
ie yellow precipitate of hydrazone was formed confirming the presence of a new group.

The synthetic route employing stannous chloride as catalyst was most convenient as the reaction conditions could be achieved and maintained satisfactorily. The synthetic route also provided the highest yield when compared to those involving the use of polyphosphoric acid on zinc chloride as catalysts respectively.

The methods employed to synthesize 2-amino-5-chlorobenzophenone are not the most satisfactory is evident from Walsh's review<sup>15</sup> of 2-amino-5-chlorobenzophenone synthesis. This reasoning is based on several reasons.

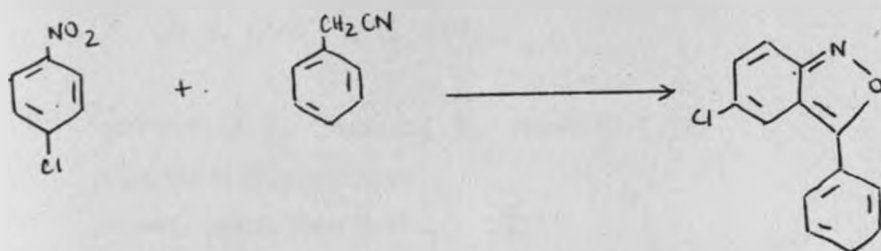
Firstly, the most appropriate catalyst for the Friedel-Craft acylation of 4-chloroaniline by benzoyl chloride is aluminium(III) chloride. Aluminium chloride is a part from being cheapest is the most efficient, its purity is important as this is believed to influence the yield of the product. Y. D. Kulkarni reports that  $(\text{BiCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O})$  Bismuth trichloride dihydrate as catalyst at  $90-140^\circ\text{C}$  for 15-20 minutes with a crystal of iodine to further accelerate. The reaction has been found to be useful. The whole variety of Friedel-Craft reaction catalysts would have to be assessed to determine which are more suitable catalysts.

Secondly this type of acylation of 4-chloroaniline may not be preferable because of the two substituents; the amino group and the chloro group both ortho-para directors. But the chloro group is deactivating as opposed to the activating influence of the amino group. No evidence obtained as yet indicates the relative activating/deactivating influences of either the amino or the chloro group respectively. However, it is suggested that the activating influence of the amino group greatly exceeds the deactivating influence of the chloro group leaving steric factors to determine the site of acylation and extent of acylation.



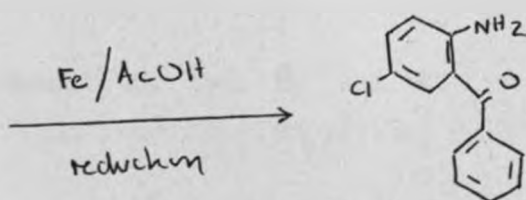
NH<sub>2</sub> ortho para director activating  
 Cl ortho para director deactivating

In most of the methods reviewed by Walsh the acylating agent in most cases is an aniline derivative which acylates/alkylates a benzene ring as opposed to benzoyl chloride / benzoic acid serving as acylating agent. This obviates the steric factors. Hindering acylation of the position ortho to the amino group and indeed by employing the route involving the synthesis from 2 I benzisoxazoles (anthranils) sharma et al<sup>9</sup> have obtained an overall yield of 55%. They employ a two step method outlined as follows.



yield 93%

3 phenyl 5 chloro anthranil.



yield 60%

This reaction route evidently does NOT involve a direct Friedel-Craft reaction however, note that the p-chloro nitrobenzene (a 4-chloroaniline derivative) is attacked by a nucleophile i.e. nucleophilic benzyl cyanide. c.f. Friedel-Craft acylations - electrophilic attack of 4-chloroaniline by acylium ion generated from either benzoic acid/benzoyl chloride.

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