

Reactions of 3-Chloropropeniminium Salts with Aminopyridines. Synthesis of *N*-Pyridylpyridinium and Pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrimidinium Salts*

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N-(Pyridyl)pyridinium salts **7** and **8** as well as 4-phenylpyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrimidinium salts **4** and **12** have been prepared by reactions of 3-aryl-3-chloropropeniminium salts **5** with aminopyridines (**6**) using glacial acetic acid as solvent. 2-Phenylpyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrimidinium salts **2** are formed when ethanol is used as the solvent. The condensation of 2-aminopyridine (**6a**) with 3-chloro-2,3-dehydromorpholino-2-carbiminium salt **13** is described. The HSAB principle of Pearson is discussed to explain the different regioselective ring closure reactions.

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