DISCUSSION

On the Priority of the Study on the Reaction of Polychloronorbornenes with Pyridine

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We previously [1] discovered the reaction of polychloronorbornenes with pyridine in DMF, which led to the formation of the corresponding 1,2,3,4-tetrachlorocyclohexa-1,3-dienes as a result of cleavage of the dichloromethylene bridge.

M.S. Salakhov and co-workers, without citing our results, published later analogous results as novel [2, 3]. The scientific novelty of Salakhov's studies [2, 3], consisting of revealing cleavage of the dichloro-

methylene bridge in polychlorinated norbornenes and conditions of the reaction and isolation of the products, was literally identical to the data reported by us in [1].

Taking into account the above stated, the authors of [1] consider Salakhov's publications [2, 3] to be plagiarism which violates our author's rights.

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